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## Scavenger Hunt Handout

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Each year our family spent a week at the beach in a little town on the Oregon Coast. One of the things I did when the kids were growing up (and I still do today with the younger generation) is to send them on a scavenger hunt. Here are two different ways to do this, or feel free to create your own.

### **#1. Hidden Notes**

1. You can write little clues on notes and hide the notes all over the neighborhood.
2. Each note gives a clue to help them find the next clue (note).
3. The final clue leads them back to your house for a prize of your choosing.
4. Make sure to create a map (maybe even take a photo) of where the clues are hidden and create a copy of the clues so that if families get stuck you can help them.
5. If you choose this option for a Neighborhood scavenger hunt, make sure your instructions clearly say to put the note back once they've found it so that it's there for the next family.

#### **Example of Hidden Notes Scavenger Hunt:**

We invite you to enjoy a neighborhood scavenger hunt! Below is your first clue. This clue will lead you to a location somewhere in our neighborhood. If you arrive at the correct location, you will find another clue on a piece of paper. After you've read the clue, **please put it back where you found it before you proceed to the next location.** There will be a total of 10 clues. The last clue will lead you to your prize.

*Let's say you hide the second clue under a rock at the base of the big oak tree in front of the Johnson's yellow house.*

Clue #1) A mighty oak it's trunk I see, a yellow house, a hint for me.

### **#2 Cell Phone Photos Scavenger Hunt**

1. Prior to the scavenger hunt go walk around the neighborhood with your family and take cell phone photos of things around your neighborhood.
2. Make it somewhat challenging but not impossible.
3. An example might be an unusual downspout, yellow curtains or a certain type of common bird that is always in your neighborhood. I recommend about 20 items for this one.
4. Now go home, take a sheet of paper and list the 20 items you photographed with numbers 1 through 20.
5. Make the list colorful and fun.

#### **Example of Cell Phone Photos Scavenger Hunt:**

We invite you to enjoy a neighborhood scavenger hunt! Here is the list of items you must find. You can find them in any order. Once you find an item, take a photo of it with your cell phone to prove you found it. Once you find (and photograph) all 20 items come back to our house for an ice cream social. We have prizes for those of you that find all 20 items.

As neighbors return, have them show you photos of all 20 items then give them a prize and invite them to enjoy some ice cream.

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