

Official Rules

The Hunt for Good
Treasure Hunt
2023

Thehuntforgood.org

The Hunt For Good is a not-for-profit recreational organization dedicated to coordinating and conducting community treasure hunts to build a sense of community, raise funds for other non-profit organizations, and increase local philanthropy.

The Treasure Hunt is a Fundraising Event

Coordinated and Conducted by The Hunt For Good Trustees and Volunteers
solely for the benefit and support of the
non-profit organizations listed on their website at www.thehuntforgood.org

The Hunt For Good, Inc. is
a non-profit corporation Charitable Organization

The Hunt For Good is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization
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- 1. Eligible Participants:** Only individuals, age 18 and older who reside within the United States and complete the registration process by the deadline at thehuntforgood.org, including entering a working email address, paying the registration fee, and agreeing to the Terms and Conditions and these Official Rules, can be designated as a “Registered Hunter” in the event. A “Registered Hunter” is one individual person. Only individuals, age 18 and older who reside in the United States may purchase raffle tickets. Only Registered Hunters are eligible to win a chance of being awarded ‘The Hunt for Good’ treasure hunt’s cash

prize(s). All raffle ticket holders, including the hunt Official Winners, are eligible to win a raffle via a purchased raffle ticket.

Registration fees are not refundable unless the Hunt is cancelled and only then as outlined in Section 13. of these Official Rules. This is a fundraiser for non-profit organizations. Registration fees are a donation to charity, not a ticket to an event. Profits from each hunt/raffle are donated to the non-profit organization(s) listed on thehuntforgood.org website.

Hunt coordinators reserve the right to deny registration to any person known to be a professional treasure hunter or who is a member of such team and/or persons who have participated in previous treasure hunts at a high level of repeated success. Hunt coordinators reserve the right to deny anyone registration, access to clues, being declared a winner, and any participation in any future event who are disruptive, rude, reckless, or disrespectful of coordinators or other hunters. Such people compromise the quality of the event and the future success of this nonprofit mission-driven event.

2. Collaborators: All participants are encouraged to support this fundraising effort by paying the registration fee and thereby becoming a Registered Hunter. Only Registered Hunters can submit guesses to the online Armchair Hunt, find and claim the hidden container in the physical Boots on the Ground Hunt (BOTG), or be entered into a drawing for a key to a treasure chest containing a cash award. No one can act as a “proxy hunter” for a registered hunter, so registered hunters must physically be IN Warren County, Ohio and personally participate in the BOTG Hunt to check-in or win a key in that hunt.

Although all participants are encouraged to support this fundraising effort by registering, non-registered collaborators are allowed. A Registered Hunter may collaborate with associates in solving the clues and hunting virtually for items in the Armchair hunt(s), as well as for the location of the hidden container in the BOTG Hunt. A Registered Hunter can submit only one email with all clue answers in the Armchair Hunt. Only Registered Hunters can check-in at the BOTG Hunt. Only Registered Hunters can win a hunt or be in the drawing for a key.

A Registered Hunter can win only one hunt.

Responsibility for any sharing of awarded treasure to team collaborators is the total responsibility of the winning Registered Hunter.

3. Restrictions on All Participants: All participants, registered or not, are subject to the following:

A. *The Hunt for Good* coordinators, and anyone who has access to clue materials prior to the event, are prohibited from participating in *The Hunt for Good*.

B. Any person who gains knowledge of clue materials and/or hunt location(s) by any means other than the direct dissemination of clue materials from hunt coordinator(s) as scheduled during the event, is prohibited from participating in *The Hunt for Good* and will be disqualified as a Registered Hunter.

C. A Registered Hunter is limited to winning one hunt only. If declared the Official Winner of a hunt, the winning Registered Hunter can work with other Registered Hunters but cannot be declared the Official Winner of more than one hunt.

D. In keeping with the goal and mission of this community focused, fun-for-everyone event, The Hunt For Good coordinators can deny registration to any person known to be a professional treasure hunter or who is a member of such team and/or persons who have participated in previous treasure hunts at a high level of repeated success. Such people compromise the quality of the event and the future success of this nonprofit mission-driven fundraiser.

E. Hunt coordinators reserve the right to deny anyone registration, access to clues, being declared a winner, and participation in any future event who are disruptive, rude, reckless, or disrespectful of coordinators or other hunters.

4. Prohibited Behavior and Activity Restrictions: The following behaviors and activities are strictly prohibited during any and all *The Hunt for Good* hunts. Any participant, (registered or not) who engages in these, or similar actions, will lose eligibility to participate without a refund and may be banned from participating in future events.

a. Trespassing: The physical, Boots on the Ground, hunt hidden container is not on private property.

b. Vandalism: No structure, fence, wall, rock, or any property needs to be altered or moved to find the Boots on the Ground Hunt container. The container is not buried, so digging is considered vandalism. The container is within easy reach of a 5'4" adult, so climbing is considered vandalism.

c. Any Violation of Federal, State or Local Laws or Ordinances:

Any conduct that violates local, state, or federal law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to reckless driving, speeding, littering, damaging property, and trespassing.

d. Hunting in the dark and/or outside of hours of operation during a physical Boots on the Ground Hunt:

Official times of Dawn to Dusk are the only acceptable hours to hunt during a physical Boots on the Ground hunt. Hunters must also observe and obey all hours of operation at any and all locations they visit.

e. Other prohibited activities include:

Gaining access to information through hacking; any form of stalking or tracking fellow *The Hunt for Good* participants; collaboration with any individual who has not agreed to the Official Rules, or who is not following said rules.

5. Clue Dissemination: *The Hunt for Good* coordinators will make every attempt to provide access to clues to all Registered Hunters at the same time. *The Hunt for Good* coordinators will use the email provided by the Registered Hunter at time of registration to provide a link or send an email. Coordinators and The Hunt For Good will not be held responsible for internet or email delivery glitches, including clue dissemination emails being diverted to a Registered Hunter's "Spam"

or “Trash” inbox. The timing of clue delivery is not a valid basis for dispute.

- 6. Winners of Cash Awards:** Details regarding ways to hunt and win cash awards will be posted on the current website or Facebook Page. The Hunt For Good reserves the right to change the award model at any time and/or lower the cash amounts awarded if the number of paid registrations does not meet current hunt’s operating expenses. The cash awards and hunt models may be different from previously conducted hunts.

A Registered Hunter can win only one hunt. A Registered Hunter can win a maximum of two keys, but only by winning the BOTG Hunt.

Responsibility for any sharing of awarded treasure to team collaborators is the total responsibility of the winning Registered Hunter.

- 7. End of the Hunt:** In the unlikely event a hunt is still unsolved/unfound by the deadlines established, *The Hunt for Good* Coordinator will provide additional instructions and clues until a first place winner is declared.

- 8. Verification of winning Registered Hunters:** The eligibility status of a winning Registered Hunter will be verified prior to determining and awarding cash prizes. The names of all Registered Hunters who received treasure chest key(s) will be announced prior to the *Treasure Chest Opening Event* where the winnings will be determined and awarded.

If an official dispute is made as per these written rules, and an inquiry opened by the trustees, the payment will be made to the winning Registered Hunter within thirty days of the outcome of the inquiry, provided that the inquiry determines in favor of the eligible Registered Hunter who was originally declared the Official Winner. If the inquiry determines that the hunter was ineligible or violated any official rules, there will be no declared winner of the key(s) in dispute or question and the assigned award will be donated to The Hunt For Good in full.

9. **Treasure Chest Opening Reward Event:** All of the *Hunt's* Official Winners of keys will be invited to attend a *Treasure Chest Opening* event within ten (10) days after all hunts are successfully completed where the treasure will be awarded and the raffle ticket(s) drawn. Date will be established and posted as soon as possible following the final hunt. Any key winner who cannot attend, may participate virtually, or send a representative by contacting The Hunt For Good at least one (1) day prior to the event.

Details regarding key assignments and award determination will be posted on the current website and may change from one hunt to the next.

10. **Payment:** Payment of the awards will be made by check or bank transfer within thirty days of the *Treasure Chest Opening* event unless there is an open dispute.

11. **Official Disputes:** A dispute will be considered only in the Boots on the Ground Hunt (physical). If an eligible Registered Hunter other than the declared Official Winner of the BOTG physical hunt believes that the declared winning Registered Hunter was ineligible or violated one of the official rules, a dispute may be entered by emailing thehuntforgood@gmail.com with the subject line "THFG Official Dispute" within 48 hours of the time at which the name of the winner of the BOTG physical hunt is announced. Any official dispute not made within the form and timeline set forth herein shall be disregarded.

The email must include all known details regarding the dispute, and must include the name and phone number of the initiator of the dispute. Additional information submitted after, or outside of, the initial official dispute email will be disregarded.

The Hunt for Good Coordinator will acknowledge receipt of the official dispute within 24 hours and notify The Hunt For Good Board of Trustees. The dispute must be successfully received within 48 hours of the announcement of the identity of the Official Winner of the physical hunt.

When an official dispute is received, The Hunt For Good Board of Trustees will make an initial determination of the credibility and

potential validity of the dispute. If the dispute is deemed credible and potentially valid, the individual who initiated the dispute will agree to a third party to mediate and make a decision in the inquiry. The decision of the third party is final. If the final decision results in the declared Official Winner of the physical hunt being ineligible, all participants will be notified.

The opening of an inquiry does not necessarily mean that The Hunt For Good Board of Trustees suspect any wrongdoing, but rather that the Board of Trustees believe that the matter is worth investigation. If the dispute is not deemed credible and valid, an inquiry will not be opened, and the official dispute will be dismissed.

12. Contingencies:

a. **BOTG Physical Hunt Container Found by Non-Participant or a Registered Hunter Deemed to be Ineligible:** In either of these circumstances, The Hunt for Good Coordinators will offer a new hunt with new clues released at a designated time. The back-up hunt will not be as detailed as the initial hunt, and a fully digital hunt may be substituted. The rules of the back-up hunt may be different from these rules. No individual who is not officially and properly registered may qualify for any prize.

b. **BOTG Physical Hunt Container Destroyed or Otherwise Inaccessible:** In the unlikely event that the physical hunt container is destroyed by a non-human force, concealed or moved by natural elements, or is inaccessible for any reason, *The Hunt for Good* Coordinators may issue a revised set of clues to a new location, or may initiate a back-up hunt. The rules of the back-up hunt may be different from these rules.

13. **Cancellation of the Hunt:** Reasons for cancellation of *The Hunt for Good* treasure hunt event cannot be foreseen at this time, but may include (but not be limited to) circumstances such as natural disasters, digital communications disruptions, the hunt comprised by participants not adhering to the rules or mission of the hunt, etc. *The Hunt for Good* Coordinators or Board Trustees may cancel *The Hunt for Good* for any reason. In the event of the hunt event being cancelled, all registration fees, minus the current year's documented hunt expenses

and requested refunds, will be donated in equal portions to the non-profit organizations listed on the website describing the current year's participating charities. Only Registered Hunters who notify The Hunt For Good within ten (10) days of hunt cancellation to request a refund will be refunded their individual registration fee.

A raffle (if any) will not be cancelled, so no refunds will be made for the cost of raffle tickets. In the case of hunt event cancellation, the raffle ticket award will be determined year to year and made known the year of the event. No refunds or reimbursements will be made for any costs incurred by participating in the event other than the registration fee itself, and only then if requested within ten (10) days following cancellation. Registration costs are a donation to a non-profit, not a ticket to an event.

14. Decisions by *The Hunt for Good*: All decisions by *The Hunt for Good* Coordinators are final and binding by these official rules. In the case of an official dispute covered by these official rules, the decision made on that dispute by an agreed upon third party is final and binding.

15. Revision of Rules and Addition of Rules: *The Hunt for Good* Coordinators reserve the right to revise these rules, interpretate these rules, or add additional rules at any time, including during the hunt and after the treasure has been found, in the event of unforeseen behavior or circumstances.