

Poky Scavenger Explained

Objective...

A fun time solving puzzles and exploring a little bit of Pocatello, ID. The journey ends with a little happy locked away in a backpack.

Contents...

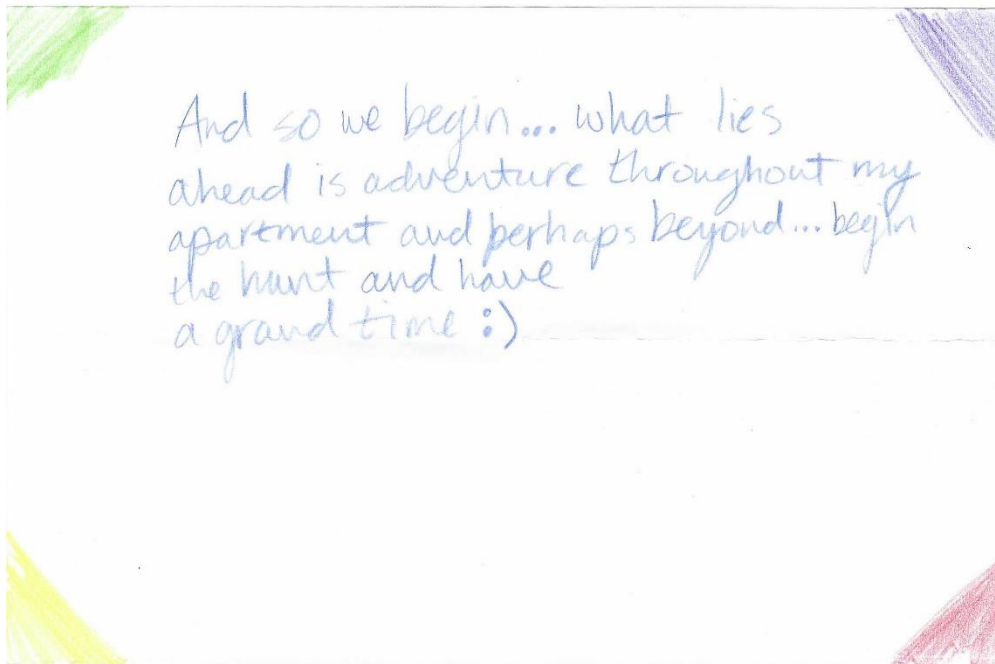
- Several printed graphics...
- DIY cipher wheels
- 7 3-digit combination locks
- Jaw steel lockout clasp
- Tool box with a lock hatch
- 5 letter cryptex
- Double zipper backpack
- Lock and key
- Pull to close pouch

The setup...

This is the third iteration of my little [games](#) of this kind following Scavenger and Escape. This one does not have any web components and was created for one person. I hid clues throughout my apartment and Pocatello. The clues throughout Pocatello were just printed pictures so as to not draw a lot of attention. This was put together rather quickly so mistakes were made, but the goal was still achieved of having fun and riding around.

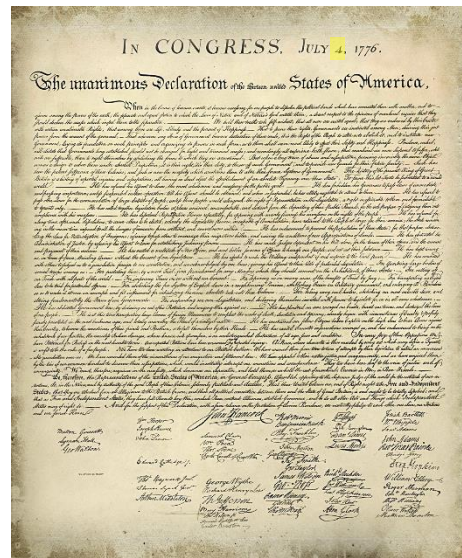
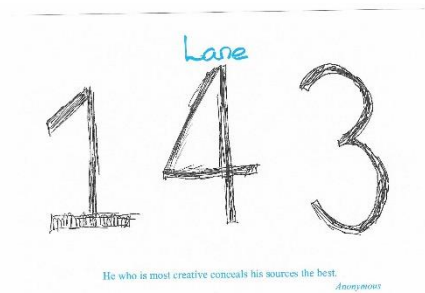
The journey within...

While clues were hidden in plain sight, the game didn't start until the first message was given:



"And so we begin... what lies ahead is adventure throughout my apartment and perhaps beyond... begin the hunt and have a grand time :)" Note the colors of the corners...

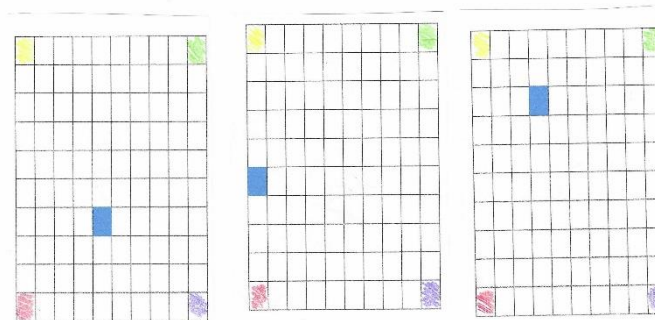
Looking around my apartment was encouraged and clues were quickly found...



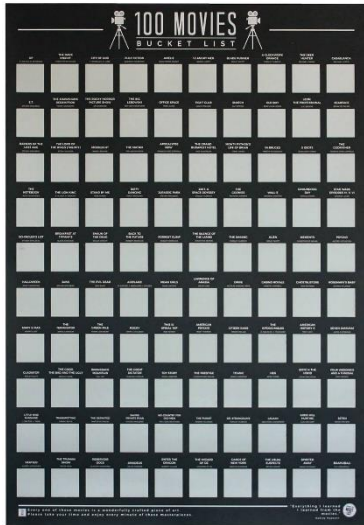
The left was left on my notepad and the right was rolled up in a vase on the dining table. Note the 4 highlighted on the right. The three-digit number was used to unlock one of the locks for the toolbox hidden in the closet with six locks on it.



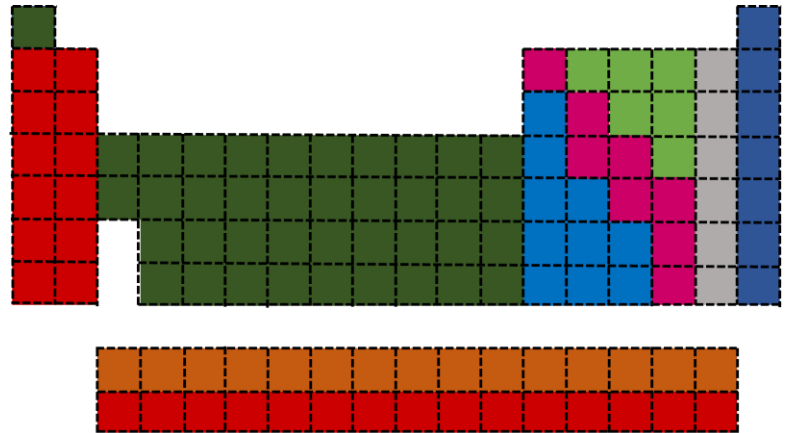
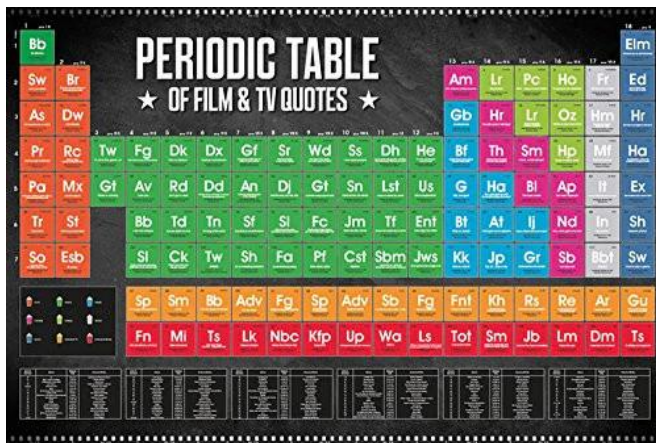
The above is two sides to a sheet of paper I taped to a wall. The left side are characters from movies that I have the DVD and the right will be used a little later. When finding the DVDs on the shelf and opening them, slips of paper are hidden...



The corners match with the first clue to help with orientation and the blue squares highlight the next step...



I did mess up this part with the squares lining up with specific movies, but was able to help solve this step anyway. The movies then pointed to another poster of movies with a slip of paper haphazardly hidden behind it on the wall...



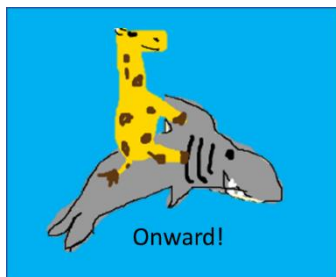
When you find the movies from the 100 Bucket List poster and match it with the printout on the right, the dotted lines suggest to cut out those 10 squares out. When those squares are cut out and lined up with the side of the paper from above with all of the animations the ones showing are:



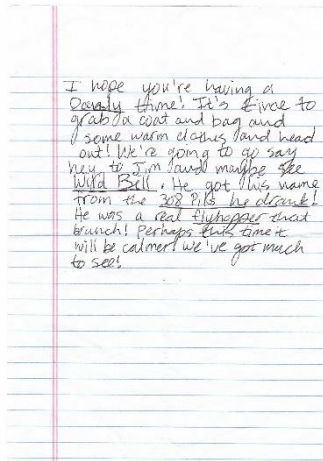
The icecube refers to the freezer. When that is explored a large block of ice is found with a key in the middle. The key goes to the storage room on the porch. In there is this graphic taped to the wall:



1. This scene from *National Treasure* involves the Declaration of Independence and Abigail and Ben discovering that they need two more things: heat in the form of a hair dryer and more lemons. When following these steps two more slips of paper are found with my hairdryer and the lemon juice in the fridge, both with 4 written on them to get a combination of 444 for a lock on the toolbox.
2. The play-doh refers to two packs I have in my linen closet. One of them contains a key to the lock that is on the toolbox.
3. The window refers to a slip of paper with another three digit combination taped to one of the windows in my apartment, 808 for a lock on the toolbox.
0. The turtle shell refers to a turtle backpack that has double zippers. The backpack has a 3-digit combination lock on it.
1. The document refers to the Declaration of Independence in the event the clue was not initially spotted.
1. The bubblegum bubble refers to art I have in my bathroom of animals blowing bubblegum bubbles. This is a nod to the hairdryer as well from the *National Treasure* clue.
4. The t-rex refers to a t-rex cookie jar I have on top of my fridge which contains a slip of paper with the combination 739 for a lock on the toolbox.
5. Finally, Mr. Potato Head refers to the same toy I have on my TV stand. He has a slip of paper with the combination 231 for a lock on the toolbox.
6. With these clues along with 143, the toolbox hidden in the living room ottoman locked with the six lock jaw steel lockout hasp is finally open to reveal its contents...



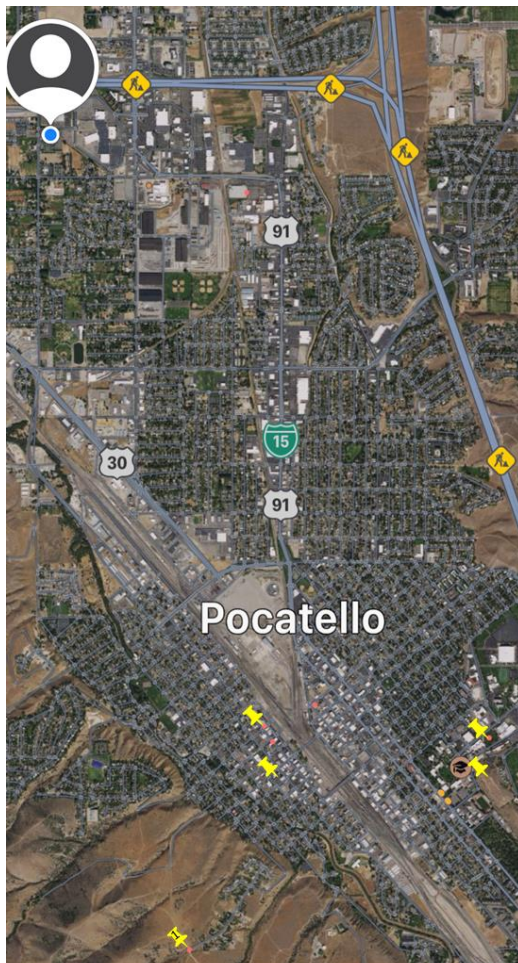
This image refers to a poster in my room. Another item is a pouch with a 3-digit combination lock on it. When the poster is inspected a note is tucked behind it...



"I hope you're having a Dandy time! It's time to grab a coat and bag and some warm clothes and head out! We're going to go say hey to Jim and maybe see Wild Bill. He got his name from the 308 Pils he drank! He was a real flyhopper that brunch! Perhaps this time it will be calmer! We've got much to see!"

The journey beyond...

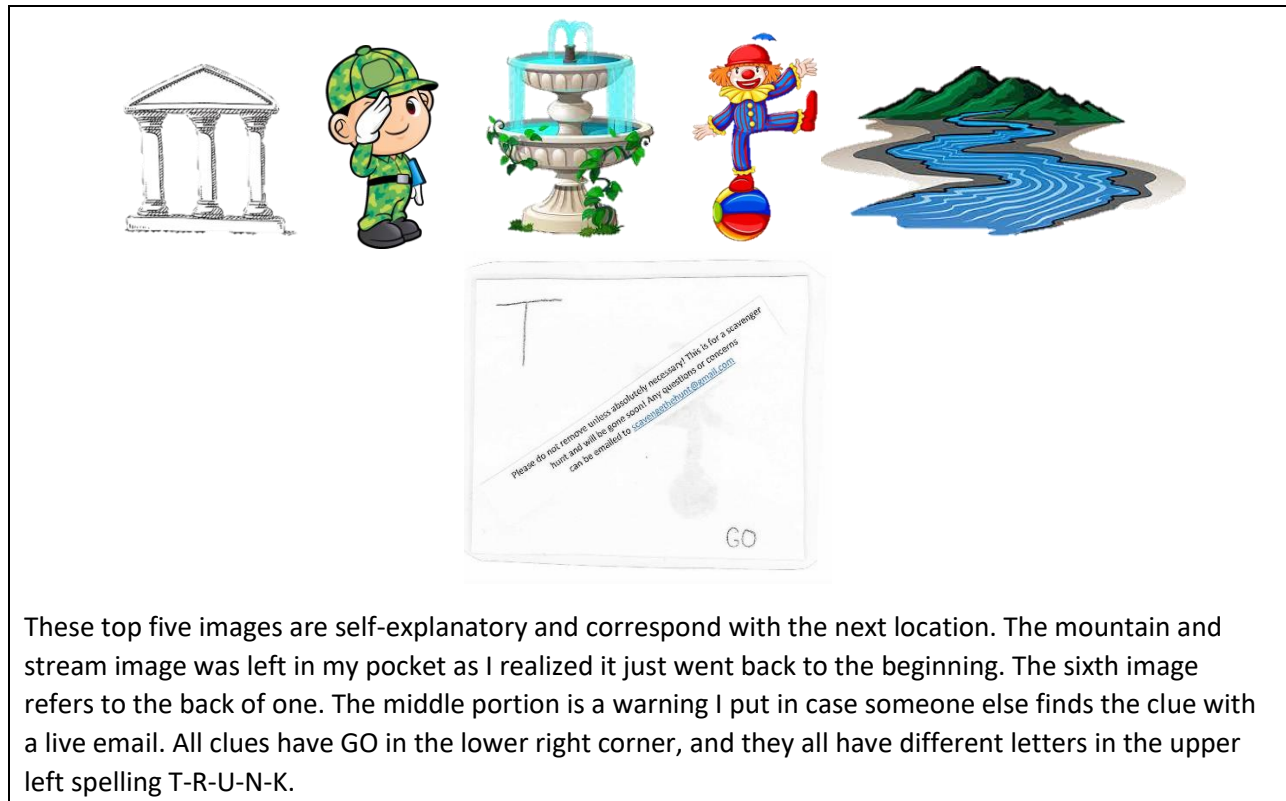
This takes the journey to Jim Dandy Brewing Co. for lunch and the next clue. The next part of the journey is mainly to show Pocatello so I was more so a guide to each clue. The beers for Jim Dandy include Wild Bill, 308 Pils, and Flyhopper and when you look at the alcohol content for each it gives the number 657 for the purple pouch. With in the purple pouch is a map...



There are five locations with the pin at the bottom being the beginning with a 1 on it. At each of these locations I taped a little graphic to lead to the next one. This is where I played guide since it was more to show Pocatello. I also sort of messed up on the graphics and had one in my pocket for the fifth one which we will get to.

The locations are as follows in order of navigating to:

- Upper City Creek Trails
- The Columns on the ISU campus
- Cadet Field on the ISU campus
- Simplot Square with a lovely water feature
- An activity area where the Farmer's Market is held in the warmer months with a funny art piece of a jester that has the face of Orlando Bloom



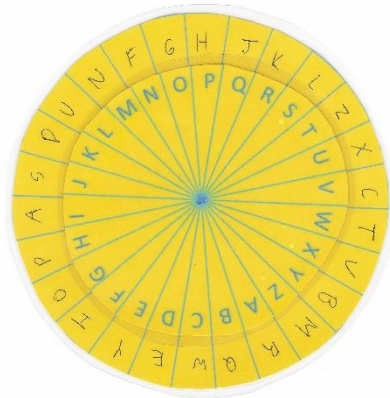
****The above section has been updated to an online version so that I do not have to leave physical clues in each location****

With the map as shown earlier, is a QR code leading to a [hosted page](#) with the clues in a similar format. Rather than finding a physical clue, you will need to investigate the surroundings for a keyword. The words are as follows:

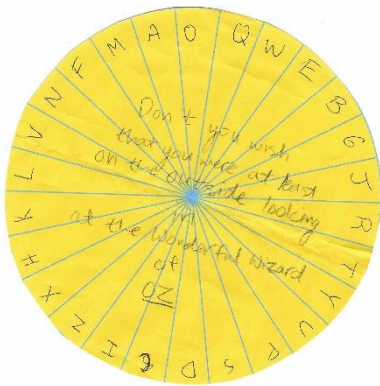
- Kinport
- Henderson
- Cadet
- Simplot
- Bloom

After entering 'Bloom' a final webpage simply has 'GO – WHAT'S THAT SPELL!?' to which you will need to back track if you didn't notice the top of the page had each letter to spell TRUNK...

In my car trunk is a five-letter cryptex and a DIY cipher wheel...



GO refers to lining up the two wheels. The G and O line up either way. When you spell TRUNK outside-in you get WALMR. This unlocks the cryptex for a shopping list and another outer cipher wheel...



“Don’t you wish that you wish that you were at least on the outside looking at the Wonderful Wizard of OZ”

That is the clue for lining up the wheels but the letters are still a mystery! The shopping list has the Walmart logo and motto “Save money. Live Better.”

Shopping List:

- Coffee
- Corona
- Cat Treats
- Women’s active wear – tops and shorts
- Batman digital watch
- Skee ball
- Christmas movie
- Coffee mug
- Car air freshener
- Seasonal candle
- Walking cane
- Flip pro cell phone

Finding all of these items and taking note of the aisle letter and number gets you the following:

- A9
- A35
- J14
- B4
- C3
- L26
- K24
- H19
- I21
- F1
- G2
- K10

When the letters are put in numerical order and then solved with the second cipher wheel you get:

W E N D Y S F R O S T Y

The finale...

Ordering two mini frosties comes out to be a total of \$2.10. This is the code to the lock on the turtle bag we have been carrying with us for a Christmas ornament and a bottle of champagne!

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