

Stanford Puzzle Hunt 2024

-----MISSION BRIEFING-----

Hello, puzzlers, and welcome. Our scouts in the field have gotten advance intel of some suspicious activities in the kingdom.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

Check-in outside Hewlett at 12 PM.

Opening Ceremony starts at Hewlett 200 at 1 PM.

What is a Puzzle Hunt?

Is this your first Puzzle Hunt? What's a puzzle, you ask? A puzzle can be anything; one moment, you'll be sleuthing for wordplay in a cryptic sentence; the next, you'll be pondering pop culture references; and then, you might find yourself knee-deep in a logic puzzle! The only similarity between puzzles is that you are indirectly clued to find an answer that is a singular English word or phrase. Many of these puzzles may appear intimidating at first glance – but figuring out what to do is usually a big part of the puzzle itself!

In this hunt, you'll be traveling across campus, racing to solve 4 rounds of original puzzles that the organizing team has written, to save the missing princess. **No prior experience is required, and our hunt is designed to be friendly for first-time puzzlers!** If you're interested in checking out prior years' puzzles, visit this [link](#) for last year's hunt!

When will the hunt be?

The hunt will be **Saturday, November 2, 2024**. Team check-in will open at **12:00pm at Hewlett**, and the opening ceremony will begin at 1:00pm. The hunt will go until approximately 5:00pm, and the closing ceremony (with prizes) will take place at 5:30pm. **And yes, there will be FREE boba from Ume Tea and FREE swag (courtesy of Jane Street and Bloomberg)!**

Who can participate?

Teams of up to 4 people are welcome! Anyone from the Stanford community is eligible to participate, but only Stanford students can receive prizes. If your team is smaller than 4 people, no problem – you can play as a team of any size below 4, or if you want, we can help you form a team with other willing participants.

What if I've never done a puzzle hunt before?

Even if you've never done a hunt before, don't worry! This year, we're splitting the hunt into two divisions- beginner, and experienced. Beginner teams will compete against each other for a separate

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prize pool than experienced teams. We ask that teams with contestants who have participated in puzzle hunts before sign up for the experienced division.

What are the prizes?

Thanks to our very generous sponsors, we're bringing even more prizes to you this year! The top 3 teams in both the experienced and beginner divisions will all be able to receive prizes. These include Nintendo Switches, Piranha Plant Lego Sets, Logitech MX Master 3S mice, JBL Clip 4 Eco speakers, Patagonia Refugio Backpacks, and...drumroll please...exclusive 2024 Stanford Puzzle Hunt Tshirts!!!!

This year, placement will determine prize selection ordering! The order will be: Experienced 1st, 2nd and 3rd, then Beginner 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. **Only teams composed completely of current Stanford students (including grad students) will be eligible for prizes.**

But really, the top prize for this year's hunt is the *great time you'll have solving our puzzles* - and you don't need to be top 3 to enjoy that! (Oh, and the boba.) 

Questions?

Email this year's Puzzle Hunt co-leads, Kristie (kristiep@stanford.edu) and Daniel (dansun@stanford.edu) with any questions!