

Canonsburg America 250 Scavenger Hunt

Official Scoring Rules & Competition Guidelines

Purpose

This document outlines the official scoring system, rules, and expectations for the Canonsburg America 250 Scavenger Hunt. These rules are designed to ensure a fair, transparent, and engaging experience for all participants.

Grand Prize

Winners will be announced July 2nd 2026

The real TREASURE is the experience—exploring your community and making lasting memories with friends and family. But for the team that rises above the rest, there's more: 1st place earns \$2,500 and exclusive recognition in the Canonsburg 4th of July Parade, while 2nd and 3rd place teams each receive \$250. Compete for the memories—and the reward!

Event Duration

Start: Memorial Day 25 May 2026 12:00pm ET

End: July 1, 2026 11:59:59pm ET

1. Team Structure and Eligibility

- Teams must register as either:
 - At least 2 members or max 4 members
 - Family Households for more than 4 people
- The winning Team should be available to "ride in" the Canonsburg 4th of July Parade as Grand Prize.
- Teams must be **registered prior to the start of the event**.
- Registration Process:
 1. Complete Google Registration Form
 2. Scavenger Hunt Admin team will approve team registration and add team email to Eventzee whitelist
 3. Team Registers for Event on Eventzee App
- **Team member rosters are fixed** and may not be changed during the competition.
- All submissions must be made under the registered team account.
- Each team may only have **one Eventzee account and therefore one set of submissions**.

2. Photo Challenges & Time Bonus System

Standard Photo Challenges (10 Total)

Each challenge is assigned a difficulty level and a base points value:

- Easy (3 challenges): **100 points each**
- Medium (4 challenges): **200 points each**
- Hard (3 challenges): **300 points each**

Points are awarded upon **successful completion and verification** of each challenge. Challenges will lead teams to historically significant locations in Canonsburg or within immediate proximity to Canonsburg in the Canon-McMillan School District.

Challenges permit a **Single Submission Attempt** per team. So take your time, review the clues carefully, and gain confidence in your answers prior to submission. Some clues are very challenging and are designed to take time and careful consideration. Hint: Identify and focus on **key words** in the clues, and how they may relate to each other and Canonsburg's history.

Time Bonus System

Each standard photo challenge includes a time-based bonus to reward early completion and **correct** answers.

- Bonus is calculated as a percentage of the challenge's base point value
- Time is measured from the official release of each challenge
- Time bonuses will not drop below **30% of the base value**

Time Bonus Schedule:

Time After Release	Bonus %
Within 24 hours	+100%
Day 2	+90%
Day 3	+80%
Day 5	+60%
Day 7	+40%
Day 10+	+30% (minimum)

Example: A "Hard" challenge clue is released at 12:00 PM ET on Wednesday. A team submits a response at 1:30 PM on Thursday. If the response is correct, the team earns a base score of 300 points, plus a 270-point (90%) bonus for submitting on the second day after the clue's release. If the response is incorrect, the team receives 0 points for the challenge.



3. Challenge Series

There will be a "Challenge Series" where four (4) related challenges will be released simultaneously.

Scoring:

- Each challenge: **150 points**
- Completion of all four challenges: **+200 point bonus**

Park Series Time Bonus:

A bonus is awarded based on how quickly a team completes **all four park challenges**, measured from the official release time.

- Within 48 hours: **+200 points**
- Within 3 days: **+150 points**
- Within 5 days: **+100 points**
- Within 7 days: **+75 points**
- After 7 days: **+50 points**



4. Community Bonus Challenges (5 Total)

Community Bonus Challenges are designed to encourage engagement with local businesses and organizations.

- Each challenge: **125 points**
- If the business/vendor is clearly identified or tagged: **+25 bonus points**



5. Youth Participation Bonus

To encourage family participation:

Per-Challenge Bonus:

- **+25 points per *school age* team members under age 12 for correct answers (max of 2x team members may receive the bonus)**

Final Bonus:

- **+50 points per *school age* team member under age 12, awarded at the conclusion of the event. (max of 2x team members may receive the bonus)**

Eligibility Requirements:

- Youth participants must be listed on the original team roster
- Youth participants must appear in **at least 50% of submitted photos**
- Event organizers reserve the right to verify participation



6. Full Team Photo Bonus

- If **all registered team members** appear in a submitted photo:

- +50 points per challenge

All team members must be **clearly visible** in the photo to qualify.



7. Challenge Release Schedule

Challenges will be released sporadically over a 6-week period.
Teams may complete challenges **at any time after release** until the competition closes.



8. Submission Rules

- All submissions must be:
 - Original photos taken by the team (No AI)
 - **At least One Team Member must be clearly visible in a photo submission (either selfie or otherwise)**
 - Submitted through the official platform
 - Clear and relevant to the challenge prompt
- Submissions are scored based on:
 - Accuracy (At these historic locations, the original buildings may longer be there, but often there is a marker or signage or remembrance as to where these moments took place)
 - Completeness
 - Adherence to challenge instructions
- The **timestamp of submission** determines time bonus eligibility



9. Scoring & Verification

- All submissions are subject to **review and verification**.
- **Verification will be performed as quickly as possible by the event admin team and updated no later than midnight each day to maintain transparency and provide near real-time updates and leaderboards.**
- Points are awarded only after verification is complete
- Incomplete or unclear submissions may be rejected or scored at partial value at organizer discretion



10. Fair Play & Conduct

The following are prohibited:

- Multiple team accounts
- Use of stock images or non-original photos
- Misrepresentation of team members
- Interfering with other teams' participation

Violations may result in **point deductions or disqualification**

Participants acknowledge that they are voluntarily taking part in the Community Photo Scavenger Hunt at their own risk and agree that event organizers, sponsors, and affiliated partners shall not be held liable for any injuries, losses, damages, or claims arising from participation. All teams are expected to act safely and responsibly at all times, including obeying all laws and traffic regulations, avoiding distracted driving, and refraining from any dangerous activities such as climbing structures, entering restricted or unsafe areas, or trespassing on private property. Participants must only access publicly permitted locations and respect all persons, businesses, and property. By participating, teams agree to assume full responsibility for their actions and waive any right to pursue legal claims against the event organizers or sponsors.



11. Final Scoring & Winners

- Final scores will include:
 - All challenge points
 - Time bonuses
 - Bonus challenge points
 - Youth bonuses
 - Team photo bonuses
- The team with the **highest total score** at the end of the competition will be declared the winner



12. Final Authority

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- Event organizers reserve the right to:
 - Interpret rules
 - Resolve disputes
 - Make final determinations on scoring and eligibility

All decisions made by organizers are **final**

13. Guiding Principle

This competition is designed to be:

- Fun
- Inclusive
- Community-driven
- Competitive, but fair

All participants are encouraged to compete in the spirit of **good sportsmanship and community engagement**.

We're excited to see your creativity—good luck and have fun!