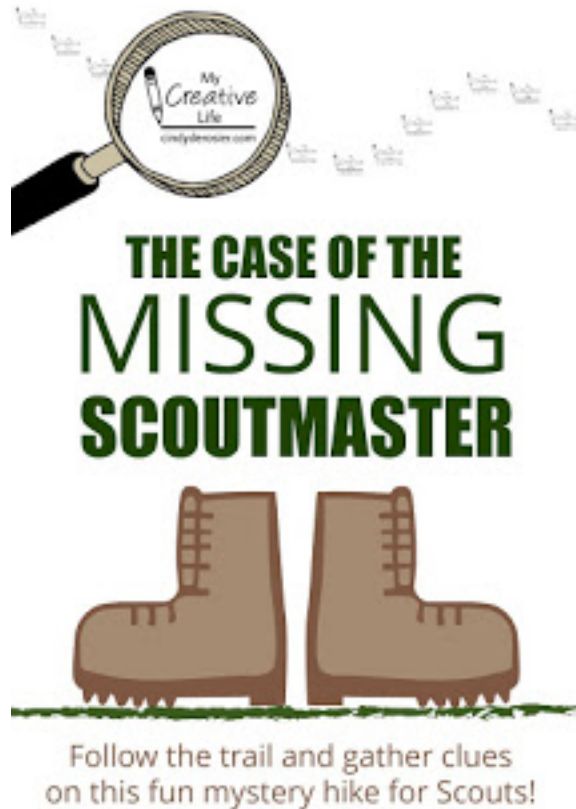


The Case of the Missing Scoutmaster - Mystery Hike Instructions

Your Troop Scoutmaster has gone missing! It's up to YOU to determine who among the six pairs of Scouts were the last to see him, what item you will need to rescue him, and where he can be found. Your journey will be long and only the sharpest Scouts will decode all of the clues and successfully find your Scoutmaster before the next troop meeting.



Before leaving home, prepare a day pack. While it's highly unlikely you will need all of the Ten Essentials during a short urban hike, some of them may be useful. Print the Detective's Notes and bring a writing implement to mark them off as you eliminate them. You may also wish to print out The Clues.

This hike starts and ends at [French Memorial Park Seymour, CT](#). As you hike, pay careful attention to the clues and use them to eliminate the Scout pairs, essential items, and Scout locations below until only one is left in each category. Good luck!

Detective Notes

The Last pair of scouts to see your Scoutmaster were:

- *The SPL and The ASPL
- *The Patrol Leader and The Asst. Patrol Leader
- *The Quartermaster and the Troop Scribe
- *The Den Chief and the Troop Historian
- *Scouts from the 'New' Patrol
- *Webelos from 'The Pack'

The location where your Scoutmaster is:

- *Oxford
- *Seymour
- *Derby
- *Ansonia
- *Shelton

Item that is crucial to the rescue of your Scoutmaster:

- *pocket knife
- *First aid kit
- *Trail mix
- *Water bottle
- *dry socks
- *extra gloves

The Clues

1, Start in the parking lot across from the American Flag that stands alone. Along the South East side of the parking lot, there are a row of boulders. If there are more than 25 boulders, eliminate the water bottle. If there are less than 25 boulders, eliminate dry socks.

2, At the base of the flag pole near the parking lot, there is a dedication plaque. Add the four digits of the year in which it was dedicated together, then use the Scout Law to determine which principle falls in that position. If it is Courteous, eliminate Seymour. If it is Cheerful, eliminate Oxford.

3, Head North, following the road. When you reach the end of the road; if the fence around the parking area is metal, eliminate Webelos from 'The Pack'. If it's wooden, eliminate the Den chief and the Troop Historian.

4, To the left of the Tennis courts there is a playground. The perimeter of the play area is marked off with railroad ties. How many straight lines are there to enclose the area? If it is an even number, eliminate the SPL and the ASPL. If it is an odd number, eliminate Scouts from the 'New Patrol'.

5, Stand with your back to the tennis courts at the southern most corner of that fence. There is a sign due south from where you are standing, go to that sign. From that sign, there are stairs to your east. If there are less than 10 stairs, eliminate pocket knife. If there are more than 10 stairs, eliminate dry socks.

6, In the field in front of you, are there any lights to light up the field? If there are lights for the field, eliminate Ansonia. If there are No lights for the field, eliminate Derby.

7, What number is on the sign located at the top of the bleachers? Use the Scout Law to determine which principle falls in that position. If it is Loyal, eliminate Shelton. If it is kind, eliminate Seymour.

8, What color is the scoreboard at the end of the field? If it is Yellow with blue lines, eliminate extra gloves. If the scoreboard is blue with yellow lines, eliminate First aid kit.

9, Standing directly in front of the scoreboard, look towards the South West. What kind of business can you see? If it is a bank, eliminate Trail Mix. If it is a McDonald's, eliminate water bottle.

10, Proceed to the Veteran's Memorial Grove; there you will find 5 memorials paying tribute to Seymour residents who fought during 5 different wars. Count all of the Honored Veterans with the surname of Smith, from all the wars. If there are less than 8, eliminate First Aid Kit. If there are more than 8, eliminate Extra Gloves.

11, How many cannons are around the monument 'In honored memory of the defenders of our country. 1861-1865'? If it is less than 4, eliminate the Quartermaster and the Troop Scribe. If it is more than 4, eliminate the Senior Patrol Leader and the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

12, Between the Veteran's Memorial Grove and the entrance to the park is a very small monument. On the plaque it reads that a tree was planted on the 100th anniversary of the Town of Seymour. If the tree was planted in 1950, eliminate The Senior Patrol Leader and the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. If the tree was planted in 1850, eliminate Scouts from the New Patrol.

13, Next to the entrance sign to French Memorial Park, there is a STOP sign. Including the STOP sign, how many total signs are on that 1 sign post? If it is less than 2, eliminate Derby. If it is more than 2, eliminate Shelton.

14, How many Flag poles are at the Veteran's Grove? If it is less than 4, eliminate pocket knife, if it is more than 4, extra gloves.

15, The cobblestone structure behind "Home Plate" on the baseball field is what shape? If it is cylindrical, eliminate The Patrol Leader and The Assistant Patrol Leader. If it is Spherical, eliminate WEBELOS from 'The Pack'

The last scouts to see your scoutmaster before he went missing were:_____

In order to rescue your scoutmaster, you will need to use:_____

Your scoutmaster is located:_____