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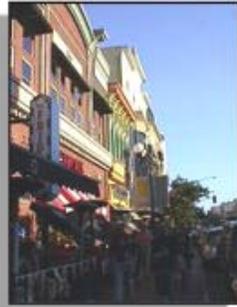
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City Sleuths — San Diego Program Overview

Are you familiar with scavenger or treasure hunts as team building activities? Well, **City Sleuths** is Team Craft's clever upgrade that is based on finding the answer to a series of riddles. This is a team building activity that works well for a group wanting a clever and engaging way to develop teamwork and relationships while participating in a less structured program format.



The standard program lasts from 2.5 to 3 hours. An extended version runs from 4 to 4.5 hours and includes a mid-point facilitated discussion to improve teamwork in a second round.

Riddles & Strategy

Each team is given a collection of riddles to solve. Teams are directed to a section of San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter to search out the answers. Figuring out each riddle leads them to a location where they'll find a little known humorous or curious fact related to local history, famous people, or artistic or creative aspects of the location – and score points. Teams working in the same section can compete to score the most points.



What makes this activity so unusual and fun is that written riddles given to each team require participants to identify curious and historic elements by working past the obvious and easy answers. Each riddle is designed to challenge assumptions and typical

ways of thinking, but also uses shared knowledge of general trivia and observation to generate the answer. To be successful teams need to be creative – think outside the lines - but still follow a logical thread. First impressions are typically wrong. So teams are encouraged to involve each member in sharing observations and ideas.

The riddles cleverly cloak the identity of the street a team needs to go to, the building to look for, and the information needed there. It requires effective communication, shared problem solving, and open minds - all important elements of successful teamwork.

Experience San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter

It may well be the most successful urban revitalization project of the 1990's. This old section of downtown San Diego is now the home to upscale shopping and dining amidst the history of the early days of the city. Participants discover kitschy and humorous work of newly settled artisans mixed with historic elements—from the city's oldest surviving house - a prefab structure purchased via mail order from Maine in 1850 - to the classy US Grant Hotel, among dozens of other entertaining curiosities. The program is like a speed tour of points of interest that participants experience in greater detail than most visitors.

Prior experience with the activity location is unnecessary – it can actually work to a group's detriment if participants make too quick an assumption.



Team Craft facilitators support teams as appropriate. We debrief the experience so teams can identify skills that were needed to be successful.

Each correct answer earns points relative to its difficulty. Highest scoring team members are each awarded an engraved gold teamwork medal on a ribbon. Everyone receives a memento of the experience.



Let us solve the riddle of what program to do for your upcoming meeting. City Sleuths is the answer you're looking for!

City Sleuths Characteristics

- **Groups** of from 6 to 60 people participate in 3 to 5 member teams.
- **Location:** San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter
- **Length:** Programs can last from two and one-half to four and one-half hours.

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