

**Troop 277**  
**San Francisco Urban Hike XI - 2015**

This event promotes team building, problem solving, decision-making, Patrol unity, research and discovery, camaraderie, teamwork and leadership as well as positive visibility for the BSA.  
Not to mention it's tons of fun for the Scouts – and leaders too!

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**OVERVIEW**

- The object of the challenge is to have fun and collect as many points as possible while learning about using the public transportation system as well as some history and trivia of San Francisco, and seeing details and parts of The City that most folks, including residents, have never really seen.
- This is a Patrol activity. It is the Scouts' job to develop the travel route for their Patrol for the event.
- Earn points by taking pictures of your Patrol with subjects and at locations determined by solving Photo Safari clues.
- Earn points by collecting items and turning them in.
- Earn points by participating in Patrol activities and/or answering questions found at various locations.

**SCHEDULE & RULES**

1. Photo Safari Clues are distributed to Patrol Leaders prior to the event. Beginning at that time all Patrol members are encouraged to research Photo Safari locations (ONLY). No taking of photos until the official start time, unless noted.
2. Participants leaving Pleasant Hill on Friday evening will meet at PH BART at 5:30pm. Eat dinner before arrival and *bring bag lunch or lunch money for Saturday*. **DON'T BE LATE!**
3. Participants leaving Pleasant Hill on Saturday morning will meet at PH BART at 7:30am SHARP! *We plan to leave on the 7:52am train*. **DON'T BE LATE!**
4. **Event starts Saturday, April 25, 2014 at 9:00am near the monument in front of the Ferry Building in S.F.** where SF Friday campers will meet with the Saturday arrivals from Pleasant Hill. FINAL INSTRUCTIONS, PATROL FORMS AND MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PATROL LEADERS AT THAT TIME.
5. Collect your items, complete your activities and take as many safari photos as you can.
6. **Check In is at 5:00PM**, at the San Francisco Fisherman's Wharf Hostel, Fort Mason, Building 240 [(415) 771-7277.]

**NOTE ARRIVAL TIME ON YOUR SAFARI PICTURE LIST SHEET FROM THE CLOCK AT THE FRONT DESK AT THE HOSTEL.**

7. **Late Arrival Deductions.**

If you check in late, your Patrol will incur a cumulative point deduction penalty:

<u>Arrival Time</u>	<u>Points Deducted</u>	
5:01 – 5:15	100 points	
5:16 – 5:30	200 points	Total = 300 points
5:31 – Later	500 points	Total = 800 points ( <i>and you may miss dinner!!</i> )

8. Your Patrol packet will be considered officially "**Turned In**" when all of your **Items** collected, **Photo Safari, Patrol Activity & Items to Collect** sheets, **Safari Picture List**, and **Camera** (picture card) are turned in to the judges. Make sure your Patrol identification is noted on all paperwork!

Bring the following items with you to turn in to the judges [Mr. Brune or Mr. Hilton] at the Hostel.

- ☐ **Picture card** with all your safari pictures from your digital camera.  
(card will be downloaded and returned)
- ☐ **Photo Safari, Patrol Activity & Items to Collect** clue sheets.
- ☐ **Safari Picture List Sheet**– numbered and with description of pictures taken, **AND** check-in time.
- ☐ **All items collected.** (*do not expect these to be returned*)

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**RULES**

Read all your clues carefully — the closer you pay attention, the more points you can score.

**Travel & Patrol Rules**

1. All Scouts in Patrol must be wearing a Field Uniform Shirt during the entire event.  
(yes-buttoned too!) - Neckerchief is not required.
2. **Scouts must plan their travel route** – not the adult advisors.
3. You cannot team up with another Patrol to find/research photo clues – each Patrol is independent.
4. All Scouts must remain with their Patrol during the entire event.
5. Each Patrol must provide its own Digital Camera for use during the event.

**Photo Safari Rules**

- You may begin research [only] for Photo Safari locations immediately. **PATROL LEADERS:** All Scouts in the Patrol are highly encouraged to participate in the research to plan your Photo Safari route! Include them. Work together.
- You will take your pictures using a digital camera. **Cameras are not provided.**  
(bring extra batteries, a backup camera is encouraged—be prepared!)  
*BE SURE YOUR CAMERA MEMORY CARD IS CLEARED OUT PRIOR TO THE URBAN HIKE OUTING!!!*
- Figure out photo locations – plan your route to include your best number of point-scoring photo opportunities. Some photos will require some creativity. Have fun.
- Points for a given Photo Clue Location will be scored only once, unless multiples are noted as acceptable.
- Object of Photo Clue must be visible/readable (in the photo) along with Scouts for full credit.
- All pictures must be taken in a safe manner. Some clues require permission be asked. Be sure to do so.
- All Scouts in the Patrol must be in the picture – uniform shirts must be visible (unless weather dictates otherwise.)  
(the only exception is the Patrol photographer who must be identified on the paperwork)
- **Earn 100%** of the location point value if Photo Clue object and all of the Patrol members are in the picture and Field Uniform Shirt is visible (except as previously noted).
- Keep a Photo Safari List Sheet on the pad of paper provided with the photo clue number and descriptions.  
FOLLOW THIS FORMAT →      Picture # \_\_\_\_\_      Clue/Activity # \_\_\_\_\_      Description/Location of Photo  
    **example:**                      "Picture 16                      Clue 212                      Patrol playing beach volleyball"  
Be sure to keep this list current as you go. *Photos with no accompanying notation on the Photo Safari List Sheet will not be counted. Handwriting MUST be legible!!!*

**Item Collection/Short Answer Rules**

- You may not steal anything. You must ask permission to take an item.
- You may collect items from any legal source – be resourceful and creative.
- When turning in items you cannot use another Patrol's items, or reuse items for multiple clues.
- You must bring in the actual item called for, if requested. (you may have to figure out what it is...)
- Some Clues need a written answer. For those, write the answer where indicated. (again, handwriting must be legible)

**Misc. Rules**

- Feel free to ask questions. You may ask the people you encounter about your clues. Often residents will ask you if you need help and will freely offer assistance - as locals, they may know quite a bit of San Francisco lore and where stuff can be found. Remember, a Scout is Friendly.
- There will be some "BONUS POOLS". These points will be evenly divided among all Patrols that complete the task, find the location or bring in the item.
- Access to Photo Safari clue locations may have changed since clue preparation. If you cannot access the site safely, do your best to complete the clue and describe the conditions in your notes.
- If a collected item or picture needs explanation, write it down where applicable. Be clear – the more info means a better chance you will get full credit on your item or picture.
- **Scribes, Be neat when writing** – please print. If your notes can't be read clearly you may not get credit.
- *Turn in your Photos, answers and collected items to be scored according to #8 on the first page.*
- Any explanations at Turn In, or disputes during scoring may only be made by Scouts – Adults may not plead for you.
- Mr. Brune and Mr. Hilton are the judges and all rulings by them are final.

**PATROL POINT TOTALS AND FINAL RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.**

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**Adults/Patrol Advisors Notes and Comments**

This outing is an incredible amount of fun and a great learning experience for the Scouts and Adults too.

All usual BSA rules and regulations apply to this outing.

Make sure the Patrol members are all in uniform – see *Travel & Patrol Rules* for details.

**Please, please, please fight the urge to help the Scouts.** Let them work things out for themselves. That includes looking up locations on maps or on the internet and figuring out the route **they** will take. Guide them, but let them make the decisions (even if it is a wrong turn they will learn something.) By all means, encourage them to be successful. If you have the answer to things, make them draw it out of you, make them earn it.

**Remember you are not a Patrol member – you are an advisor.**  
**Your job is to keep them honest, alive, and out of jail.**

Bottom line is it doesn't really matter which Patrol wins. What matters is that the Scouts learn to solve the clues, use the transportation system, plan, research, investigate, discover, have fun and work together as a Patrol. That is the underlying purpose. If you help your Scouts too much, you are doing them a disservice.

It is important is they work together as a unit for a common goal and to have fun. Remember that "Fun with a Purpose" thing?

And hopefully when the event is done and over with the Scouts will have learned more about themselves, their abilities and the amazing number of places and things to see in San Francisco.  
(I see new stuff every time I visit S.F.)

**Stop and smell the roses. Take time to explore new places and experience new things. Enjoy taking your Scouts to places they (and maybe you) may have never been before - encourage and inspire them to learn something about what they see and where they go.**

There are some special Patrol activities to earn points. Strongly encourage them to participate as these activities promote Patrol unity and cooperation and make for some pretty great photos for the court of honor.

A valuable byproduct of this activity is putting the image of Scouting out into our community. We want this to be a positive reflection of Scouting. Your Scouts will be in uniform - encourage them to act appropriately.

**Scouting is alive and well and this is a great way to show and advertise it.**

Thank you for taking the time for your Scouts.

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