The 2012 University of Chicago Scavenger Hunt List

The University of Chicago Scavenger Hunt Organization Committee

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SCAV TEAMS AND THE RULES OF THE HUNT

1. Acquisition of Items. All items on the List can be obtained and performed legally. It may involve smooth talking, or it may involve something else, but it is all possible. The Judges take no responsibility for your getting thrown into the clink — be it local clink, state clink, federal clink, or Colonel Klink. If you end up there, it is your fault.

2. Fair Play. Sabotage is bad. We don’t like it, and we don’t want it in the Hunt. Sabotaging teams or their items can lead to immediate disqualification, and we may even lose the hounds of the Administration on you.

3. Contact with Judges. While we don’t want to complain and say that Judges have it so tough, Scav Hunt is always teetering on the edge of sheer chaos, and if we can avoid it, we should. As a result, please only communicate with the Judges if you are going to do it in a professional manner. Generally, just remember that the more people shout, the less will be understood. That seems like it makes sense, no?

4. Props. All props must continue to be mad props.

5. Points. Point totals are final. We ask you to do awesome things and expect awesome things to be done. If you do said awesome things, the Judge will accord to you Full Points, the highest number of points possible for any item. In rare cases, for example, if we ask for a car and you give us the Batmobile with both George Clooney and Adam West inside, we will consider giving you a special point. Maybe two. As far as point values, well, we used a dartboard, numberwarg, and Tibetan numerological methods in determining how much items were worth, so no complaining that “the lazy eye patch was worth more than the moonbounce made of guns!”

6. Items. Be aware that doing items nude when it’s not explicitly asked for will not get you more points. Nor will involving alcohol in items that don’t clearly call for alcohol. The same goes for nudity and alcohol’s redheaded, stepchild cousins, sex and drugs. Please note that few items explicitly call for nudity, alcohol, or either of the aforementioned redheaded variants. Lastly, we don’t like to harm large mammals that can make sad eyes at us, so please treat any non-humans involved in your items with care.

7. A Good Time. For a good time call (202) 762-1401.

8. Preliminary Events. The deadlines for the submission of items and performances are final as stated on the list or as announced by the Judges at the Captains’ Operatory. It is the Captains’ responsibility to make sure that they submit these in a timely manner. Items that do not have discrete time/place as stated on the list are not preliminary and therefore must occur at Judgment. If requested, we may, at our discretion, come to see an item at a time/place other than Judgment. Consider this a privilege, and use your “Come See Our Items” cards sparingly.

9. Captains’ Operatory. Paging Dr. Hunt. Dr. Scavvy Hunt, please report to the Operatory for a Code Four. I repeat, Dr. Scavvy Hunt to the Operatory for a Code Four. Check in your Caucus for its 07:45 pre-travel checkup with Dr. Risk Management before the Barnmobile sets forth on its search for healthy wellness. Resident Doctors should then report to the Hutchinson Operating Theater at approximately 08:45 for a discussion of this week’s continuing education text, The Fourdays Journal of Items and Pointerology. Any remaining topics for Continuing Scav Education projects will be assigned, and senior faculty will take you newbie Doctors on rounds to explain any of the complicated cases that arose last night. We know you’re tired after working a double shift back at County General HQ, but come prepared with questions— we’ll push the caffeine and issue all residents a bolus of doughnut. Better not arrive anytime later than STAT—we’ve got no time to waste, Doctor! Human points are at stake!

10. Road Trip. The Road Trip can be done without getting busted by the cops or breaking any rules. Please get it done that way. The destination point most distant from campus may not exceed 1,000 miles. Use of 15-passenger vans or trucks is prohibited.

Driver requirements:
a. Minimum age of 18 (If a rental car is used, the rental car company minimum age requirements apply).

b. Must have held a valid US driver’s license for at least two years, which must be in driver’s possession throughout trip.

c. Must possess valid passports, should the mischiefs of foreign intrigue beckon.

d. Must have more than 2,000 miles driving experience.

e. May not have received moving violations or convictions or court-ordered supervision.

f. Must be alcohol- and drug-free (it’s the way to be), including illegal, prescription, and non-prescription drugs that could impair driving function or are used for any reason other than their FDA-approved intent.

g. Must have valid automobile insurance.

Road Trip Management:

a. No one may operate a vehicle for more than three consecutive hours or six total hours in one day.

b. Total driving time may not exceed 16 hours within a 24-hour period.

c. No driving permitted between midnight and 6 a.m.

d. Another person must be awake in the seat next to the driver at all times.

Road Trip Rules:

a. Upon spotting a sign casting opprobrium upon various measures of birth control or the deliberate termination of a pregnancy, one must punch another occupant of the car and proclaim, “Foetus Boetus!”

b. Upon spotting an adult entertainment venue or advertisement, one must punch another occupant of the car and proclaim, “Moetus Boetus!”

c. Punches not in accordance with the above rules may be met with one equal or harder punch in retribution.

A Captain of each team must certify in advance to the Judges that the team understands and agrees to abide by these regulations.


Late Saturday night, the Judges will email the Captains with a list denoting which items are Road Trip. Prepare all Road Trip items for judging at 9:00 a.m. on Judgment Day. Regular items will be judged after the Showcase. The Showcase will be judged at the Showcase, which will be at 10:00 a.m. Furthermore, have a highlighted list of the items you’ve acquired ready so that when a Judge comes by to judge your page, there won’t be any time wasted with “do we have the particle accelerator?” questions. If an item is followed by †, it must be ready for judging as part of the Showcase, prior to regular page judging. Judges will hold up placards (really just sheets of paper with Sharpie™-ed numbers) denoting which pages they are ready to judge. Call over whichever Judge corresponds to the page you are ready to present. Here’s a tip: Organize your items based on which page they are on. In short, BE ORGANIZED.

12. Rules. Ain’t no rule says a dog can’t play Space Invaders. For elaboration on this point, see Item 291.

13. Prizes. Prizes are money and eternal glory. If you are not a house team, you may have to provide extra documentation in order to get your fat benjamins; ORCSA can hold your hand through this. If this is the case, you must provide such documentation to the Head Judge.


15. Final. See Decisions.
Scav Olympics

To be held half an hour before noon on Saturday, 12 May 2012, on or about the Eckhart Quad. For each competition, 30 points will be awarded for 1st place; 20 points for 2nd place; 10 points for 3rd place; 2 points for $(3 < x \leq 12)$th place.

1. Hey newcomer, you have a fine shopping cart! I don’t know where you stole it from, but... okay, how about challenging this shopping cart archery? Bring Link (played by your Scav Marksman), Navi, and Shoppona to the Quads with the skill to hit the bulls-eye while riding like the wind. It’s a dangerous sport, but it’s fun!

2. A reverse dog sled race. Dog must remain on sled solely though its own free will. Sleds that lose their dogs will be disqualified.

3. WWII homecoming kiss marathon. Last couple standing with lips locked and both bodies at 45° wins!

4. It’s Scav Olympics, and everyone we’ve invited is here! Also Zoidberg! Zoidbergs will scuttle sideways, with their knees in constant contact with their elbows, from Hull Gate to the Reg. Also, you’re not Zoidberg unless you have a rubber glove somehow attached to your face. Woooooopywoopwoopwoop!

5. “There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.” - Sir Winston Churchill. Though ye be both horse and man, let us mark your skill in the highest echelon of the equestrian arts: dressage. Please bring one two-man horse ready to demonstrate equine excellence with a 2-minute choreographed entry for the Scav Olympics Grand Prix Freestyle to Music. No rider is necessary, but please ensure that your horse comes dressed in the proper turnout: draped in a brown sheet with a mangy yarn mane and big horse-sized googly eyes.

6. Send one (1) literary bowler, of sufficient talent to supplant J.M. and join the Allahakbarries.

7. At Scav Olympics, keep the ball rolling! How round is your team’s victory ball (Item 304)? Show us that the ball will in fact keep rolling unaided. You can start the ball however you want, but it must stay in contact with the ground.

8. Strike a lighter. A Bic lighter. One hand. Team with the most consecutive strikes wins.
Items

1. ______ A copy of the 2012 University of Chicago Scavenger Hunt List. [1 point]

2. ______ This is my stapler. There are many like it, but this one is mine. My stapler is my best friend. It is my life. I must master it as I must master my life. My stapler, without me, is useless. Without my stapler, I am useless. I must bind my documents true. Bring your Swingline 747 Classic and one cleaning tool of your choice to Judgment, dismantle the stapler into eight pieces, present for inspection, reassemble, load a fresh clip, and put the finishing touch on Item 1. [7.47 points, plus 1 point for every minute under 5]

3. ______ Marksman, fall in! Over the next four days, your Scav Marksman will have an opportunity to demonstrate his or her skill and versatility with some of the most iconic foamarms and waterarms of the past twenty-five years. For in the end, there can be only one HasPro. [δ points]

4. ______ OMG <EQUITY> DES <GO> <PRINT> [5 points]

5. ______ Get precisely four out of five dentists to recommend each of the following: [10 points]
   a. Sugarless gum.
   b. Maybe using the gym every once in a while, huh?
   c. Starting with Led Zeppelin IV or Houses of the Holy.
   d. Not rushing it. You’re always going to remember your first time, make it special.
   e. A specialist.

6. ______ That’s the problem with this country—we used to be illiterate. Nowadays, even children can read signs, and it’s putting good American jobs at risk. To that end, please find a barber’s pole, an apothecary’s show globe, a tobacconist’s wooden Indian, and a pawnbroker’s three balls. [2 points each for pictures with one of your teammates, 15 points each if brought to Judgment]

7. ______ A magnet, at Judgment. [1 point for every 2 inches the magnet can attract a ball bearing]

8. ______ Using no kits, no electronics, no parts from other timepieces, and no more than $75 worth of purchased supplies (please provide receipts), construct a clock and deliver it between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. Sunday to the Ida Noyes library. There, you may make one calibration, but no one may touch your clock after 8 a.m. Clocks will be judged at noon. [60 points for accuracy to within 5 minutes at noon, 30 more points for accuracy to within one minute, and 10 more points if the clock could plausibly function accurately for more than three days]

9. ______ 62.11 2.7 163.21 31.14 274.4 1 115.8 348.15 3.6 248.2 182.13 [5 points]

10. ______ At Ulysses S. Grant’s wishing spittoon in Galena, IL, each member of the Caucus makes his, her, or Corn’s deepest wish, and throws a penny. [2 points, 5 bonus points for a penny that makes it in]

11. ______ Besides his many medals, his recruitment efforts for the Marines during WWII, and his warmhearted temperament that made so many post-war Americans reconsider the supposedly indelible aggression of his German heritage, “Tater” was also a prestigious patriarch. What was the name of the infamous magician who was both Tater’s grandson and great-grandson? [2 points]

12. ______ This item is hidden in a campus building on the Quads. [4 points]

13. ______ An origami crane of wingspan no more than 1 cm. [15 points]

14. ______ Parade swag from up to three identifiably different New Orleans krewes. Bonus points for an invitation to a krewe’s post-parade celebration. [2 points per krewe, 5 points for the invitation]

15. ______ A chess set, with board tiles made of 2–3” squares, to be judged on permanence, craftsmanship, and fanciful depiction of a classic struggle. [45 points]

16. ______ Somewhere in Chicago: ΣΙΑΤζ΢ΙΔΑΔΖΙΦ. [1 point]
17. Once, amidst a controversy over divestment, the Maroon published an article entitled “Is the Student Body Changing?” Far from discussing puberty, this article expressed worry about the normalization of the University of Chicago community. It voiced fear about the intrusion of jocks and frizzy haired blondes and also displayed a positively Persian distaste for Greek Life. On what date was this article published, and why was its timing ironic? [7 points]

18. A pen that has been used to sign a bill into law. [18 points]

19. At Judgment, or in a single-take video, perform as many of the cells of Swanson’s Pyramid of Greatness as you can in 30 seconds. [0.25 points per cell]

20. In Algona, the Caucus basks in the majesty of the World’s Largest Cheeto®. Corn takes a dangerously cheesy photograph. [5 points]

21. As Allied troops were approaching the city, Hitler gathered his top advisers and generals in his Berlin bunker. He flew into a tempestuous rage when told the one thing he simply could not bear to hear: Microsoft® Flight Simulator X lacked the full range of features he desired, or was it that he had been banned from XBox LIVE, or something about Kanye? Historical records offer contradictory accounts. Similar controversy exists about another moment in history that is really the same in every important respect: the historic conversation between Itchy, Malla, and Lumpy in their arboreal home. Provide video documentation of the content of their discussion. [6 points]

22. The 25-man roster of a baseball team that won the World Series in Strat-o-matic® cards, in their original printing. [17 points]

23. In his treatise Dreams of a Spiritseer, Immanuel Kant launches on a philosophical and historical investigation of popular stories of ghost sightings in order to defend his metaphysical system. Back then he used philosophy; today, he can avail himself of a much more powerful tool: reality TV. Produce a segment from Ghost Hunters: Ghosts Kant Stop Him. [5 points]

24. The biggest, most badass coaster that will fit in Leafy Lakes. \((\text{excitement} + \text{intensity} - \text{nausea}) / 2\) points. Coasters with intensity values over 10 will be awarded 0 points

25. For the first time in over 20 years, Chicago has a new mayor. It’s an election year, and it’s about time another tired symbol of the old regime also fell: mustard. At noon on Friday, go to Hot Doug’s dressed as the condiment of your choice. Distribute literature and try to convince the people of your worth. Disparaging rival condiments is encouraged. [15 points]

26. Worm Charming! Standard WWCC rules will be enforced, but feel free to substitute your fork and fiddle for a stab and rooping iron. Meet at the Point at 3:30 p.m. on Friday. [20 points for first place, 16 points for second 12 points for third, 8 points for fourth, 2 points for participation]

27. All I know is that every item has a story—and is worth some points. Send your appropriately clad Old Man, Rick, or Big Hoss (or even Chumlee) to the BSLC on Thursday at 8:00 p.m. for Scav Pawn Stars. Contestants will be presented with some item from Scav Hunts past, along with its description and year, and better be able to say how much it’s worth. They should also bring in one of their buddies who is an expert in this kinda thing. [v points]

28. At the statue of Pocahontas, Buddy Holly sings with all the voices of the mountains. [5 points]

29. Who would win in a fight: a Blue Hen or a Golden Gopher? A pugnacious Irishman or a beer and whiskey cocktail? Let’s find out! Create a superhero based on a four-year college of your choice, other than U of C. Send your level 8 heroes to Atlas Park on Justice at 10:30 a.m. on Friday for an academic smackdown. [3 points, 4 more points for winning]

30. TBA. [10 points]

31. Have two team members, appropriately attired, comment on the presentation of all the items on this page in the manner of the most vicious, incisive, yet also fair and balanced critics of our era: Statler and Waldorf. [4 points]
32. Bring your most colorful tri-fold posters, dramatic demonstrations, and convincing data to the BSLC at 11:00 a.m. on Friday. It’s time for the first annual University of Chicago Pseudoscience Fair! Primary research only, please. [Up to 20 points]

33. A xyloexplosive! [0.25 points per foot over 10 feet, up to a maximum of 40 points]

34. On their way to turn in for their first night, near Clear Lake, John Deer and Buddy Holly find the manliest police department. [4 points]

35. As Calvin’s dad taught us all, the world turned color sometime in the 1930s. As with any major social movement, however, there were some luddites who refused to change. Bring us one of these “grayscalers”. [13 points]

36. The Dover case is famous for proving that mousetraps aren’t irreducibly complex. But what about the missing links?! Bring us physical specimens illustrating the complete evolutionary tree of the mousetrap. There should be at least five steps, and every step must be fully functional. [12 points]

37. At the Surf Ballroom, Buddy Holly finds Don McLean’s tribute to him written upon a wall. Corn finds a telegram from the King himself. [10 points]

38. A three-page excerpt from Harlequin®’s Song of Solomon. [3 points]

39. “Hope you’re hungry! You should see the toast! I couldn’t even get it through the door!” Create a pancake to make Uncle Buck proud. Please provide evidence of flipping via snow shovel. [20 points]

40. Bring a chess set, a chess clock (or a smart phone with a chess clock app), and your best Arimaa player to the Bartlett Trophy Lounge at 9:00 a.m. on Friday. It’s time for a tournament. [20 points for first place, 15 points for second place, 10 points for third place, 5 points for participation]

41. Who signed the guestbook at the World’s Largest Ball of Popcorn on April 28th, and what is his claim to fame? [2 points]

42. You have one (1) minute to get a team member from their underwear to fully dressed. The team member cannot move, and all you have are as many helpers as you can use and some buckets of paint. GO! [12 points]

43. Even if you missed your chance to be a child beauty queen, you can still go high glitz in a full glossy photo. [4-year-old points]

44. A page each from at least three different chapters of Luigi Serafini’s Codex Scavinianus. [9 points]

45. An original table-top wargame playable with only coins, small office supplies, and other things I might reasonably expect to have in my pockets. (And no, I don’t reasonably expect to have three d12s in my pockets. Nerds.) On Thursday morning, you’ll have 15 minutes to give me a copy of the rules, explain them, and play part of a battle with me. Playtests will be scheduled at Captains’ Operatory. [12 points]

46. At the National Farm Toy Museum, the Sturgeon Mary tries to exorcise the demon living in the Tru-Scale button on the second floor. John Deer acts interested to the John Deer Barbie, but in his heart of hearts, feels conflicted. In the county fair diorama, Buddy Holly finds the van inviting him to join in on the fun of the 60s, but sadly, knows that he never can. Corn cowers in fear, surrounded by the tools of Corn’s destruction. [16 points]

47. Transform a boring landscape painting from a garage sale or pawn shop into a true work of art by painting in a scene from Scav Hunts of yore. [15 points]

48. Amigurumi of three of your most recognizable team members. [15 points]

49. Prepare a classy dinner for Judgment. But it would take too long to eat a full dinner from every team, so why don’t you serve it at 1/10 scale? Serve appropriately-sized proportions from appropriately-sized serving dishes. Dinners must include a before-dinner cocktail, at least three courses, and a post-dinner cocktail. Cocktails should be mixed and dinners should be served as this page is judged. [10 points]

50. A Justin Bieber 2.0 Justin-worn memorabilia trading card. [25 points]
51. John Deer sees Albert the Bull from the highway, and is strangely drawn to the animal. When he gets there, he doesn’t exactly grab the bull by its horns... [3 points]

52. Judgment is in three days and you don’t want to be stuck as a goat in your next life, do you? Rack up as much karma as you can in the next 84 hours, and make sure the gods see it. We hear they don’t look beyond the first page. [12 points for r/all; 2 points for a default subreddit.]

53. At the Grotto of the Redemption, The Sturgeon Mary has finally found the place where she belongs. She reverently caresses the coral, which reminds her of her home, as she ascends to the very top of the grotto and extends her fins in a gesture of blessing over the state of Iowa. Meanwhile, John Deer admires the rock-hard musculature of the religious statues. Buddy Holly, wishing he had survived to 1971, air guitars “Stairway to Heaven” on his way up to the top of the Grotto. Corn gazes out the window in Jesus’s childhood home and wonders why Corn cannot see cornfields. [6 points]

54. Clory to Cod in the Hichest! The Sturgeon Mary is delighted to see that The Grotto is spreading the word of Cod. [4 points]

55. A Jacob’s Ladder that, when flipped, tells the story of your team’s descent into hell. [9 circles of points]

56. Thirty paces north from the hanged-man tree and onward to the stone of the setting sun. You will be given one treasure map and six hours to unearth the fortunes it hides. [10 points]

57. Your audition tape for ZOOM, featuring an instructional demonstration of something you love. Keep your submission under three minutes and remember to ask for your parents’ permission! [Ages 6 and over points]

58. IT BIG AND DRITY. [2 points]

59. Cake from Harold’s Chicken Shack, with its receipt. [2 points]

60. We hear CAPS is offering a Metcalf for groundskeeper at Scavwarts. Wizards don’t know what a résumé is, so bring us your collection of antique and ornate keys on an iron ring instead. [9 points]

61. At Beadle Park in Cresco, Corn finds Norman Borlaug’s revolutionary wheat discovery disappointing. John Deer thinks the Log Cabin might be a nice place to live. The Sturgeon Mary wags a fin at the land mine and the destruction it might have caused. Buddy Holly performs a short concert on the flatbed of the train. [8 points]

62. You guys are all talk and no action! Show us how bad, but also how law-abiding, your team really is by displaying your team name and logo in reverse graffiti on an off-campus building. [10 points]

63. In Britt, Buddy Holly appreciates Gypsy Moon’s musical walking stick. John Deer shakes hands with the hobo in the front. Don’t forget to say hello to Linda at Mary Jo’s Hobo House across the street! [8 points]

64. Design a set of Scav-themed drop caps. [26/2 points]

65. I hate having to make French onion soup every time I need a good cry. Find another way to make me shed a tear within one minute. Please don’t hurt me. [1 point]

66. Maybe the Church of Satan is having trouble catching on because they don’t have any of those fun worksheets for kids to color and solve puzzles in during Black Mass. Help them out by designing one, and please use proper sources for your information. Our children are our future! [2.666 points]

67. Compose and perform an original piece of work in the style of Mozart’s “Der Spiegel” Duet. [20 points]

68. John Deer is very excited to hear that the caucus is headed to Sac City. Upon arriving, the Caucus is puzzled by the miniature shops in the town square. The Sturgeon Mary peers in the window of the tiny church, and is disturbed by what she finds within. As Corn approaches the red barn, Corn realizes that something is terribly wrong. Throwing Cornself to the ground, Corn weeps for Corn’s fallen brethren, shaking Corn’s leaves to the heavens. John Deer and Buddy Holly attempt to console Corn, but to no avail; Corn is but a husk of what Corn once was. [10 points]

69. There sure is a lot of sand in this cartridge. Why would anyone bury it in a desert? [7 points]
La Cucaracha, la cucaracha, ya no puede caminar! At the Captain’s Operatory, each team will be given one (1) cockroach. If you wish, you can be its friend, a lifelong bond. However, you may also opt for bonds of a different sort: metallic. Make your choice, and at Judgment present your cockroach either alive, with a bowtie and top hat, or dead, and electroplated. [10 points for mercy, 25 points for murder]

A rabbit made of grass? A lion made of wildebeest meat? Create a sculpture of a chordate from its food source. [11 points]

One rainbow cupcake [1 point] or one Rainbow cupcake befitting Pinkie Pie [4 points].

Step 1: Obtain some graphing calculators. Step 2: Combine their displays to make a naughty picture that will scandalize the Judges, using only graphed functions (provide a list). Step 3: Giggle like a schoolchild! [8==D points]

History is written by the victors, but fuck that shit. Where would Europe be if not for the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth? Bring an authentic map from its era that displays the greatest nation ever to be shafted by the history books. [28 points]

Prepare a dessert for those with eccentric tastes. Ice cream cones, containing ice cream, from which you will make and serve ice cream conic sections. [3 points per non-degenerate conic section]

Would a chicken of the woods go bawk bawk or bark bark? Regardless, bring us the largest specimen you can find, and make sure to take a picture of you harvesting it. [1 point per kilogram, maximum 45 points]

Hearts are beautiful things. They simply and elegantly drive the flow of lifeblood, representing strength, endurance, and even love. Break one. It need not be human, but it must have once beat with the passion that you symbolically shatter. [8 points]

Even deceased particle accelerators deserve at least two minutes of remembrance. Prepare a fitting eulogy for our dearly departed friend, the Tevatron. [Points based on the deliverer, in the field of physics, of said eulogy. 1 point for a PhD Candidate, 2 points for a postdoc, 4 points for a professor, 8 points for a Nobel laureate, 16 points for a Fermilab director, 32 points for Stephen Hawking.]

The gory opening of Foucault’s Discipline and Punish rubs some people the wrong way. Create an adorable substitute for those of us offended by such things: hang, draw, and quarter a teddy bear. [4 points]

Boy, do we have the hots for you. Six ways from Sunday. And if you come to the Pub at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, we’ll show you every one (oh my!) But then you’ll have to tell us exactly what kind of hots we have for you. And that’s going to be hard to do, because your mouth will be on fire. We’ll supply the wings, the milk, and six sauces—you’ll tell us which peppers they contain. [3 points per guess]

Billy Mays here, from beyond the grave! I used to pitch OxiClean® and other great products, but ever since I’ve been cursed to walk the earth in horrid undeath there’s only one product I endorse: Blood®. Delicious, crimson Blood®! Orange Glo®? More like A, B, and O! Demand is high, so help keep me sated—I mean, help keep America’s favorite life-saving product in abundant supply. Act now and donate at DCAM 5G, Thursday and Friday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.! Mmm… [⌘ points]

They were created by man. They evolved. They rebelled. There are many copies. One battle-ready Xerox machine, optimized for office warfare. [12 points, and they have a plan.]

Don’t let your next trip by airship turn into a disaster. Stay protected! Turn a condom into a dirigible, preferably filled with safe, non-flammable helium. [19.37 points]

In the Reiman Gardens in Ames, IA, Corn is delivered from the previous day’s despair and frolics through the expanses of plants. Corn discovers, however, that some of the plants aren’t real. John Deer finds American Majesty at the top of a hill, and finds a new special farmer friend. The Sturgeon Mary delights in the big red rose, but finds even more joy seeing her long-lost friends, the carp, in the pond. [8 points]
On their way out, the Caucus marvels at the many-colored butterflies in the Reiman Gardens. John Deer knows in his heart of hearts that he, too, has undergone a transformation, and confides in one of his winged new friends. [4 points]

Imagine one thousand suns in the sky at the same time. Let them shine for one hour. Then, let them gradually melt into the sky. Make one tuna fish sandwich and eat. [4 points, floating in perfume, served in a man’s hat]

Fish with man with “Man with Fish”. [6 points]

Through the turbulent millennia, two things have remained constant. Societies have always predicted the end of days, and parents have always asked their humanities-minded children, “What are you ever going to do with that degree?” In this two thousand and twelfth year of Our Lord, both eternal questions will be answered once and for all. Bring a published eschatologist to Judgment Day. [7th seal points]

In Japan, everything is cute—even the bread. Bake a loaf of bread that reveals an adorable animal’s face in every slice. [6 points]

A card-carrying Republican faculty member of the Humanities Division. [5 points]

In Freeport, IL, Buddy Holly tosses out the first pitch at Little Cubs Field, while John Deer enthusiastically runs the bases. [4 points]

Corn refuses to cheer for Pretzel Power in Freeport because Corn prefers maize-based snacks. [3 points]

It can be embarrassing to nod off in HUM class when you’re sitting right next to your professor. That’s why there’s a new line of custom roasted coffees for HUM sequences, complete with elegant packaging and flowery descriptions! Create signature roasts for two classes, and brew me a cup of your favorite. Remember to roast your own beans. Cite your sources: your writing tutor hates a plagiarist. [18 points]

“Merry Menstruation!” and up to four other unwanted greeting cards. [4 points]

Be sure you’re alerted when the Judges come to call by installing a Downton Abbey-style bell board that can summon your captains to at least three locations in your headquarters. [21 points]

A 9,720-calorie sculpture and the packaging to prove it. [9.720 points]

My God! That’s the most erotic “Dear Abby” column I’ve ever seen! I can’t believe they put that in print! [2 points]

At the Matchstick Marvels Museum in Gladbrook, the Sturgeon Mary finds the missing matchstick in Notre Dame. Buddy Holly gazes at the Challenger, unsure of what it is and of why he doesn’t like it. Corn looks at the signage and finds Pat’s disclaimer regarding Minas Tirith. John Deer finds the model that has the most matchsticks. How many was it again? [12 points]

Who is she? Where is she going? Well, she’s probably an urban bee farmer attending the daytime Emmys ironically. And nothing says hipster couture like a red carpet gown made entirely out of plaid flannel. Cozy! [16 points]

Sure, you follow the Dalai Lama, but does he follow you? Get a religious leader to follow you on Twitter. [5 points for a local leader, 10 points for a national leader, 15 points for a world leader]

In Kimballton, the Sturgeon Mary, loving mother of all fish-human chimera, embraces her cousin, the little mermaid. [3 points]

Patty-cake, patty-cake, baker’s man. Bake us a cake as... small as you can? As green as you can? How does that rhyme go again? Oh well. Send a baker to the baking aisle of Treasure Island at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday. I bet I’ll remember by then. [Up to 30 points]

Go to a book-signing and have the author autograph your chest. [14 points]
105. A disappearing spoon made of metal. [31 points]

106. Did little Davy learn anything today? He sure did! Show us the last 1–2 minutes of the Scav Hunt claymation special, complete with learned morals and “the true meaning of Scav Hunt”. [19 points]

107. When the rabid, radioactive wolves come across Lake Michigan to invade the school, you’ll need the best possible hound to help fight them off. Bring us an Irish wolfhound clad in battle armor or similarly decked out to help deal with this inhospitable northern climate and its inhabitants. [12 points]

108. Create a martini (or, heck, a dirty martini!) using spherification or flash freezing. [16 points]

109. At the museum in Traer, the Sturgeon Mary finds a sturgeon. Corn finds corn. John Deere finds a John Deere. Buddy Holly is saddened that his visage does not grace a shaker, but finds a different shaker that represents him. [4 points]

110. Draw a QR code on a chalkboard or sidewalk that links to your team’s website. [7 points]

111. The only enjoyable part of bio lab was shooting the tips off pipettors. Isolate this experience by building a pipet tip machine gun. [20 points for a semi-automatic gun, 35 points for fully automatic gun]

112. Release a pack of zombies at Cobb during the break between classes on Friday at 11:50 a.m. [Up to 4 points per convincing zombie, maximum 5 zombies.]

113. Zombies are as easily famished as they are willing to share their spoils of war. Serve a brain cake that oozes blood upon being cut. Make sure to share a bit of the cake with your Cobb victims. [5 points]

114. In Riverside, IA, at the Future Birthplace of James Tiberius Kirk, the Caucus poses, making the appropriate hand sign. [6 points]

115. One, two, three, tensegrity! Using nothing more than rope and rods, build the tallest free-standing structure you can on the Quads by 1 p.m. on Friday. Rods can be no longer than three feet long. We suggest wrapping paper tubes. “Free-standing” means that nothing is bolted to or stuck into the ground. [2 points per vertical foot, maximum 30 points]

116. A webcomic-based chronicle of your team’s hunt. Minimum ten updates. [10 points]

117. At the Holy Ghost Grotto in Dickeyville, WI, The Sturgeon Mary poses in front of the religion walk. John Deer prefers the salute to American patriotism. Meanwhile, Corn strikes a pose with Christopher Columbus, grateful for his help bringing Corn to the rest of the world. Buddy Holly tries to play some music on the liberty bell, but to no avail. [12 points]

118. Recreate Jerome Simpson’s flip touchdown on Stagg Field... in full pads. Don’t draw an excessive celebration penalty or coach will be real mad. [10 points]

119. Make an edible replica of an office supply. It should be indistinguishable when placed amongst a desk’s plethora of other office supplies. [14 points]

120. Get a menu special named after Scav Hunt or your team featured at a Chicago restaurant. [2 + Z points, where Z is the average of the Zagat scores of the restaurant. 2 extra points for Kuma’s Corner]

121. Scav Hunt showcases the cream of the crop of the U of C. Confirm this by pulling a shot with the best ratio of crema/coffee you can. [8p, where p is the percent crema, points]

122. TACTCAGGATAGTTACCGGACAGTAACTTACACCTAGTGGGTAACTTACCTAGCGCTCTCATCATAGTTACCCACTTACTAGTTA CTTACC CGACTTTA AAAAAAACG GCTTAC TTTACTT [3 prime points]

123. Having trouble relaying an important message? Put a bird on it! Send a message from Ida Noyes via bird to another location. [14 points for a pigeon, 16 points for a raven, 18 points for a hawk, 20 points for a pterodactyl, 22 points for F-14 Tomcat]

124. A Friendly Floatee™ that has traveled alone on the high seas. [17 points]
125. The portraits of UChicago presidents in Hutch Commons inspired by “Kittens inspired by Kittens” [3 points]

126. Didn’t go to your senior prom? No promblem! We’ll take you back from the future at the “Enchantment Under the Sea” dance in The Ida Noyes Cloister Club on Friday Night at TIME. You’d better be sure to wear something decent, bring a big bowl of punch for our punch taste-off, provide us one song that will blow our pre-2002 minds, provide a totally awesome backdrop for photos (put a fish on it!) and some sweet themed decorations. Also: bring a date! Ask that cute kid from a different team! Or bring your mom to prom! Whatever, McFly, we’re cool with that now. If nothing pans out, a date will be provided for you. [0 points]

127. A Quistmas Story: The José Quintáns lampshade-hat (you know the one we want), perched atop a lamp base that is an accurate cast of a heeled, hairy, fishnetty man-leg. [18 points]

128. A print receipt for a purchase made at exactly noon on Thursday. [3 points for a receipt within 5 seconds, 6 points for exactly 12:00:00]

129. Clifford the Big Red Dog, with revised text by Louis C.K. [25 points if Louis C.K. writes it for you, 3 points if you do it yourself]

130. Die Hard 2: Die Harder may well be the best sequel name of all time, but we think the franchise has been getting lazy of late. Live Free or Die Hard? 2013’s A Good Day to Die Hard? What’s next—Driving Miss Die Hard? A Streetcar Named Die Hard? Send your troupe of up to three improv actors to the BSCLC at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, where they will be asked to act out scenes from Die Hards yet to come. [18 points]

131. Nothin’ beats the hobo life, stabbin’ folks with my hobo... nickel. Hand-whittled or found in the wild. Just make sure this li’l buddy rides the rails all the way to Judgment—a photo won’t do justice to his itinerant lifestyle. [23 points]

132. A homemade glow stick, to be cracked and fluoresced at Judgment. [8 points]

133. Show us your Kosov-O face! No need for an actual wedding, but you definitely show up to Judgment ready for a wedding with a face in the style of the Trebesh community of Kosovo. [13 points]

134. How many toothpicks can you fit in your beard? [0.1 points per 10 toothpicks, max 4,000 toothpicks]

135. La Petite Cholie: using only the contents of meals (“meals”) purchased from Cholie’s Pizza, craft a dish that would not be out of place on a Michelin-starred restaurant’s menu. [9 points]

136. Hey nerds, we know you’ve been to the National Spelling Bee and the National Geography Bee, but now it’s time for a real römbøl. This time, instead of your atlas or dictionary, ready your 2012 Ikea’a$log for the National Ikea® Bii. Send your regional champion to the South Lounge of the Reynolds Club at 10:00 a.m. on Friday for a public test. You will provide the correct “Swedish” name for photos of given pieces of Ikea® furniture. [15 points for first place, 10 points for second place, 5 points for third place, 2 points for participation]

137. A signed cartoon print received for winning the New Yorker cartoon caption competition. [15 points]

138. Scav Hunt is a Witch Hunt! One of the Judges IS A WITCH! However, we don’t know which of us is the witch, and it’s your job to help. Be the first to bring us the foul magic user! [3 points for the first team to identify the witch, any team who accuses the innocent is disqualified]

139. Honey Badger secretly DO care: Honey Badger’s PSA about whatever crazy nastyass world problem Honey Badger gives a shit about. [4 points]

140. Did you know that UChicago used to have a campus-wide soap carving competition? Used to? With a single bar of Ivory® as your medium, provide an entry based off of 2012’s theme, “Revival”. [5 points]

141. Did you know that Seattle used to have a city-wide Spam® carving competition? Used to? With a single can of Classic as your medium, provide an entry based off of 2012’s theme, “Cholesterol”. [8 points]
142. Did you know that Scav Hunt has never had an eggshell carving competition? Never? With a single white shell as your medium, provide an entry based off of 2012’s theme, “U of C Eggheads”. [15 points]

143. A tonsured professor. [20 points]

144. Zoinks! Assemble the largest multi-tiered sandwich you can muster(d) in the style of Scooby Doo. True to form, your sandwich should be assembled by shuffling the ingredients (riffle method, please) into a single gargantuan deck of meat, cheese, and bread. [8 points]

145. Find Chicago’s shittiest landmark. [7 points]

146. Play me a drink, Sam, for old times’ sake... on your piano that dispenses a beverage component with every keystroke. Changing the melody should change the mixology. Instruments and their compositions will be judged both on the quality of the cocktails and the musicality of their recipes. [250 points, 25 extra points if your keyboard can play a different melody to create a different drink]†

147. It’s Día de los Muertos, Charlie Brown! Help us get in the holiday spirit early this year by crafting and decorating a homemade sugar skull. Your skull need not be human-shaped, but it should be anatomically accurate. [11 points]

148. An authentic Death Wears Bunny Slippers patch, worn with bunny slippers and a Snuggie®. [16 points]

149. Hail Sturgeon Mary, full of roe, Poseidon is with thee. The Caucus reads its version of the Ave Piscus at the black angel to ward off the potential curse of death. [4 points]

150. Buddy Holly, immune to the statue’s curse, kisses the angel. The rest of the Caucus has a choice to make: defy death or run back to the Barnmobile? [3 points; 2 bonus points for each member of the caucus that kisses the statue]

151. It’s the Mold-A-Rama-A-Rama! Collect as many unique shapes as you can and bring them to the Judge-A-Rama. [0.5 points per specimen, 0.5 extra points for each shape no other team has, up to a maximum of 20 molds]

152. It’s the Mold-O-Rama-O-Rama! Collect as many unique colors as you can and bring them to the Judge-O-Rama. [1 point per specimen, maximum 20 points]

153. A Jeroboam. A Methuselah. A Salmanazar. A Balthazar. A Nebuchadnezzar. [4 points, 8 points, 12 points, 16 points, and 20 points, respectively. Pick one]

154. A bottle of White House Honey Ale. [10 points, 2 bonus points if comes in a Joe Biden beer koozie.]

155. When you were a kid, did you ever cover your hand in glue just to peel it off when it dried? Now that you’ve matured, it’s time to shed your childish ways and molt a complete human glue-skin! You can skip your face, but your adhesive husk should be assembled to form a complete epidermis with identifiable limbs and digits. [31 points]

156. How many verses of “New York, New York” can you sing at the Chicago History Museum before it becomes offensive? What about Cloud Gate? On Michigan Avenue? Send up to three crooners outfitted in I ♥ NY t-shirts and document your efforts to get the locals to join you for a chorus. Oh, and one of you should probably dress like the Statue of Liberty. [15 points]

157. Tuvan throat singing, live at Judgment. Bonus points for a female singer. [5 points]

158. Hey teams, how about you try winning for once? During the Hunt, win a radio contest, a raffle, senior center or church bingo, first place in a non-Hunt event, or the lottery. [4 points for a city level competition, 6 points for a state level competition, 10 for a national level competition]

159. An autopen that signs your name at Judgment. [55 points]

160. It’s no secret we think the University of Chicago is terrific, but apparently some people just aren’t convinced. Using string and the architectural nooks and crannies of the Quads, weave an inspirational slogan into a web that would make a Shelob-sized Charlotte proud. Your gossamer propaganda should be spun by 10 a.m. on Thursday morning if you want a shot at that blue ribbon. [30 points, 10 extra points if you wow us with a new design on Friday]
161. Goodness gracious, you created a scale model of the Great Lakes out of fire! [15 points]

162. We seek the Gnome King. Must have a beard, a pointy hat, a pouch of magic stones, and must demonstrate direct responsibility for two natural phenomena. Gnomes should appear in proper attire throughout the hunt, but should demonstrate their traits at Judgment. A gnarled stick, signifying leadership, will be presented to the winner at closing ceremonies. [10 points for sending your gnome, and 3 extra points for the winner]

163. Ever build those balsa bridges in physics? Well, let’s raise the stakes. Deploy and cross a bridge made of nothing more than balsa and glue across ten feet of Botany Pond on Friday at 2:00 p.m. [60 points]

164. Sometimes, the Internet can make you so angry you cannot type straight. Fix this problem by creating a sturdy keyboard with fist-sized keys. At Judgment, the device should allow me to leave a rude and inane comment on YouTube by punching the keys. [35 points]

165. Side mullet. Business on the left, party on the right. [7 points]

166. They say he can walk into any book, with his pony-pal Pokey, too. Have Gumby regret entering this one. [6 terrifying-but-great literature points. 1 minute tops.]

167. In all things, balance. For one item that you complete, also submit its polar opposite. Don’t hold them too close together. [1 point]

168. Is there a doctor in the house?! Starting at 8:00 a.m. in the Captains Operatory, there damn well better be! The procedure will begin in front of the Reynolds Club along University Avenue as the Judges inspect your Barnmobiles. Once they have been deemed benign, they’ll be released into the care of the waiting wilds. No later than 8:45 a.m., the Judges will convene a continuing education panel in Hutchinson Commons which can be attended by up to three of your famous physicians to answer any questions that may arise, supply errata, provide detail on certain items that would have ruined their perfect wordings, and talk about our particularly difficult patients. We expect your Captains to be dressed as a distinctive doctor at all public events. We’re looking for originality, so don’t count on impressing us with your sonic screwdrivers. [7 points]

169. On Saturday night, await a prevailing southwesterly, and release a Chinese sky lantern over the lake. [5 beautiful points]

170. Show Vita what the UIC audience really wants: Nerdy Girls Pretending to Be Dinosaurs, the glossy 8-page photo spread. If I were you, *Iguanodon* some clothes because showing your *Vagaceratops* will earn you no additional points. [8 points]

171. In Waukon, John Deer runs out to lock antlers with the Longhorn outside the Village Farm and Home Store. [5 points]

172. Find the tackiest thing you can in The World’s Largest Truckstop. [6 points]

173. With NASA’s funding cut, we need to investigate alternative strategies for lunar exploration. Estimate the amount of force required under the Kramden program. [2 points]

174. Send your smallest-framed, most flexible person for this TBA, at the Ratner pool at 2:15 p.m. on Thursday. [12 points]

175. Scav Hunt has an image problem: there’s too much to see in just four days! Fix this by posing teammates with their finished items in sassy-chic poses for glamorous, hi-res portraits. Smile with your sleep-deprived eyes! We’ll fix the redness in post! [.25 points per picture, 40 photos maximum will be pointed, but we’d love to see them all]

176. The Caucus makes a pilgrimage to meet Elwood, deity of their compatriots in Item 162. All four members of the Caucus encompass Elwood with a hug. [4 points]
177. ______ A teammate whose facial hair rightly earns him the nickname “Starburns”. [7 R.I. Points]

178. ______ A book from the U of C library system that features irony marks, an interrobang, or both. The glyph must be used as intended; the book may not use the glyph in a discussion about punctuation. [8 points]

179. ______ Perform the Hamster Dance in the following styles: gospel, Cajun dance, sea shanty, acoustic rock, renaissance polyphony. [5 points]

180. ______ At the World’s 2nd Largest Collection of Salt and Pepper Shakers, find Santa being tossed by a reindeer, detachable boobs, self-referential spices, demon shakers, toilet shakers, an ink-spill and ink pot, four-eyed people, cannibalistic shakers, nodding shakers, Curious George, a frog holding tomatoes, and a gas pump. [12 points]

181. ______ Gather at the center of the Quads at noon on Friday for a simple game of Name That Tune. No tricks, no lies, we’ll play a tune, and you have to name it. We’re not going to secretly make it trivia about Sir James Tune, or actually make it Name That [Obscure 1970s car]Toon or anything like that. We’ll play the melody from a piece of music, and you name it. It’s that simple. [10 points]

182. ______ A word chain, but for real! Since we’ve already got us a “LIST,” take that word and change a single letter. Bring us the new word—and the object it signifies—physically chained to the first one. Change a letter again, and chain it to the previous word. Continue ad nauseum—and at the end, chain that last word back to the beginning! [16 points]

183. ______ Somewhere outside of Schleswig, Buddy Holly finds a cow and debates the finer points of the Schleswig-Holstein debate. [6 points]

184. ______ This Scav Hunt, why not take a break from the stresses of all these items and events? We’ll give you a nice relaxing jigsaw puzzle. Just bring it back to us at Judgment, completed. [10 points]

185. ______ Post-it® note art! We’ll be decorating the front windows of the Reg to emulate the Mega Man 2 start screen. Robot masters and windows to be assigned via email in the wee hours of Thursday morning. Note: this item must be completed by noon on Thursday. [20 points]

186. ______ A door that, when opened, creaks out the opening notes of “The Final Countdown”. [1 point for the first four notes; 2 points for the first nine]

187. ______ A bookshelf that spins around to reveal the entrance to a secret lair. [24 points, plus 6 bonus points if the spin is triggered by pulling a particular book from the shelf]

188. ______ Outside Ida Grove, city of castles, the Caucus notes a ½ scale model of a vehicle that has no place in the cornfields of Iowa. The Sturgeon Mary delights to see an aquatic vehicle so far inland. The Caucus takes its picture at two other castles before heading on to Audobon. [8 points]

189. ______ Bumper stickers from 2012 Democratic presidential candidates other than Barack Obama. [2 points per sticker, max three stickers]

190. ______ Judgment is a chaotic time, and things are constantly going missing. To make sure your books stay safe, show me the Ex Libris stamp that embosses things as clearly belonging to your team. It should feature your team’s stylized mascot and/or logo, and it should bowl over would-be thieves with its aesthetic extravagance. [13 points]

191. ______ Urban sprawl ain’t too pretty. Save our farms; build in the city! [4 points]

192. ______ At 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, the Raucous Caucus rumbles down University Avenue in their Barnmobile. Headlining is Buddy Holly, fingers snapping, black rim glasses over his sparkling youthful eyes. Somewhere along the line, he lost his guitar, but he’s carrying a new, compact instrument, and is ready to rock ‘n’ roll. Second in command is John Deer, clad in overalls and his eponymous hat, antlers gleaming in the early morning sunlight. Following serenely behind them, The Sturgeon Mary is quite the catch, with her blue robe draped daintily over her scales, a halo encircling her fishy visage. But she’s not just a Sturgeon, she’s also a person. And the last member of the Caucus is Corn. They’ll need to keep their Hawkeyes sharp for their upcoming journey through cornfields, exciting sites, and more cornfields. [5 points]
193. Lyle Crocodile had such bad table manners, but that’s just how he rolls! As an act of solidarity with our reptilian friend, have a teammate, in a kiddie pool, eat several bites of steak using the crocodile death roll. After one bite via death roll, though, abandon your reptilian ways and chew! [3 points]

194. He took off his hat but it didn’t do any good, the hats kept coming faster and faster. He took off hat after hat until he was standing in a great pile of hats! During Judgment, keep your hat on when you take your hat off by always having a hat beneath your hat. Sir Snipps can’t stand it, and it’ll leave King Derwin frustrated! [0.25 points per hat in excess of ten hats, limit 100 hats]

195. A bowline, alpine butterfly, and figure-eight follow-through made of string cheese. [6 points]

196. Bedecking the Caucus’s Barnmobile is a patterned Barn Quilt with an abstract geometric pattern that represents their team. [10 points]

197. Oh no, where did he go? The army’s trying to perfect invisibility cloaks, but, like the octopus, you’re eras ahead of them. Have one team member move continuously between three different backgrounds and blend in perfectly with each. No more than two of the backgrounds may be ones you’ve constructed, and nothing may be added to the scene or person during the completion of this item. [8 points]

198. The trailer to this summer’s most anticipated action hit: *The Trolley Problem*. Don’t forget to include the fat man! [3 points]

199. Scavland Yard is the pride of Chicago. But every once in a while, they encounter an unsolved crime that requires a specialist—a consultant, if you will. Have your consulting detective get in touch with the Judges by noon Thursday so they may be contacted in case their services are needed. [20 points]

200. He flies through the air with the greatest of ease, the one-foot tall man on the flying trapeze. Build the Mystery Motion-Man on the Flying Trapeze one foot tall, hinged at the shoulder and hip, and powered only by sand or water. Your aerialist should flip on his trapeze irregularly. [40 points plus 10 extra points if he is contained in a box that can be turned to initiate the movement]

201. It’s a decorative gourd orchestra, motherfuckers! Build a five-piece orchestra made of gourds or other vegetables and play a tune at Judgment. No more than one instrument may be percussion. [12 points]

202. “The Evolution of Man”, from early hominid to the dystopian future of our species, rendered on a wall in your headquarters in the style of Kara Walker. [6 points]

203. What’s Bert doing sprinkling all that pigeon feed around in strange lines? Why, he’s spelling a message to Ernie with the pigeons lining up to eat the seeds and forming letters. Please create four letters, simultaneously spelled with pigeons. [5 points]

204. A moiré pattern that animates an animal as it shifts. [20 points]

205. I’m tired of foodie porn that’s just attractive people sighing with pleasure as they eat delicious things or walk through beautiful vegetable markets. Make some actual food porn: eggplants fucking mac and cheese, rutabagas’ nymphomaniacal attraction to watermelons, or steak’s seduction of an innocent cupcake. Be creative, but all your actors must be food, though the voices may be human in addition to the food soundtrack. [4 points]

206. At the center of the Quads, north is noon. What’s 7 o’clock plus 2 o’clock? [2 points]

207. Plenty of movies have a scene where the entire village sings about a main character behind his back, and when he turns around everyone has to disperse and start muttering about 10 o’clock lunch appointments and things like that. Stage your musical number, lasting at least a minute, behind a professor as he walks to class, only to disperse when he turns around. [14 points]

208. In the morning, the Caucus heads for Winterset. John Deer admires John Wayne’s large gun. Buddy Holly mutters the John Wayne line that later made the singer famous. [4 points]

209. Please return your RSVP at the start or end of Scav Olympics. [2 points]

210. Your appendix, in a jar, at Judgment. [34 points]
211. _______ TBA.

212. _______ Clad only in bubble wrap, perform your famous lawn chair handcuff dance to the sounds of iced tea being stirred. [4 points]

213. _______ Edible Arrangements™ provides me with fruit shaped like flowers, but I’m more of a carnivore. Bring me a flower arrangement made out of all the components of a full English Breakfast. [8 points]

214. _______ Outside the Valley Cheese Shop in Prairie du Chien, the Sturgeon Mary asks for blessings of good fortune from her half-sister. [6 points]

215. _______ Spoons, arranged ’round a head. Strive! Top Allison! Understand: definitely tapeless. [spoons must hang freely from the face, all at the same time, for at least 5 seconds. 2 points per spoon]

216. _______ A chromatic typewriter and the painting you made with it. [40 points]

217. _______ “Glub glub glubba glub”. “What’s that’?” At 3:00 p.m. on Thursday at the Ratner pool, send two teammates for a game of underwater tea party lip reading. [8 points]

218. _______ A polyglot emordnilap. [6 points]

219. _______ Bust your nut! It’s time for a good old fashioned walnut drop. Bring your nutcracker to the Quads at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Each team will get a walnut to load into their device, which will then be dropped from increasing heights. The team whose nut cracks at the lowest height wins the competition and the right to feast upon the nutmeats of its foes. [20 points first nut busted. 16 points for the second, 12 points for the third, 8 for participation]

220. _______ The recognizable skyline of a city, made entirely out of currency from its home country. [6 points for a US city, 10 points for a foreign city]

221. _______ Celebrate the mayhem of Scav Hunt. In the style of John Haberle, create a quodlibet painting or drawing of a messy table in your headquarters, with your partially completed items from this year’s list. [14 points]

222. _______ Corn and Buddy Holly stage a good old fashioned duel in from of John Wayne’s home. The Sturgeon Mary despairs for the violence in the world. [4 points]

223. _______ As tweens in the Oughts, our first experience with the Greek Chorus was animated Lizzie McGuire. But that show never reenacted the Greek tragedies appropriate for its format! Film up to two minutes of The Very Special Episode: Lizzie McGuire does Medea. [8 points]

224. _______ A pitch pipet. [8 points]

225. _______ I finally built my time machine, and I brought my laptop back to the Renaissance to show Da Vinci how unimpressive his little “inventions” are. I even remembered to bring my charger! But I forgot that there are no plugs. Build me a mechanism that can charge a laptop using only materials I could find and use in the 16th century. [16 points]

226. _______ The Caucus takes a ride up and down the Fenelon Place Elevator. At Sweet Memories at the bottom, the caucus shivers in anticipation when they find the sign of their upcoming adventure. [12 points]

227. _______ A gemstone that changes color in fluorescent light. [15 points]

228. _______ More like RagnaROCK. Assemble your best shipbuilders and rockstars: it’s time for a Viking funeral. Since the world is ending in 2012, please send your mourners to the point at 4:45 p.m. on Friday to send off your tiny heroes in style. They will require a floating Snekkja at no more than 1:28 scale, and a rock song with lyrics telling the tales of these worth men. And, of course, they will need a mechanism by which to burn and send their occupants to the gods without also burning their mourners. [19 points]

229. _______ Who’s brother’s name was Gabo? Whose love depended on the answer? Tell me the story! [2 points]

230. _______ At Judgment, bring us your carved pinewood derby car—it’s time for a race. Kits will be distributed at Captain’s Operatory. Winner takes all. Cars must pass visual inspection as being regulation cars, lest your Cub Scout honor be sullied. [10 points]
231. A kinetic typography video of the German 1980s disco classic “Rasputin” by Boney M. [12 points]

232. Three Days of Fantasy: Using Ottoneu Pick Six, pick your best fantasy baseball team on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Highest combined point total for the three days wins. [15 points for first place, 10 points for second place, 5 points for third place, plus 10 points for beating the Judges]

233. If you build it, they will come. At Field of Dreams outside Dyersville, Corn plays center cornfield while Buddy Holly, the Sturgeon Mary, and John Deer play infield with the ghosts. But of course, Buddy Holly never makes it home. [8 points]

234. At Field of Dreams, where is Lisa Heckman really from? [2 points]


236. The Joker, Lex Luthor, and their kind have tormented superheroes for generations, but their sunset is certainly near. Produce a pop-up book to educate the next wave of supervillains on the art of picking a location for their lair, building a death weapon, luring their nemeses into a cunning trap, and anything else a young hell-raiser simply must know. [15 points]

237. An AOL® floppy disk. [11 points]

238. A sweater made by a bourbon company. [14 points]

239. At the place of his untimely demise, Buddy Holly marches out with the Caucus into the cornfield. Corn rejoices to be amongst Cornkind, but Buddy Holly is disquieted. Upon arriving at the site, each member of the Caucus leaves an appropriate tribute, and Buddy Holly performs his greatest hit, “That’ll Be the Day”, while John Deer tries to hold back his tears, and the Sturgeon Mary consoles him. On the way out, each member of the Caucus takes their turn trying on the iconic glasses. Protip: Listen to “American Pie” on your way out of town and feel your heart swell. [16 points]

240. Take GlaDOS with you wherever you go with the world’s most misanthropic GPS. [27 points]

241. A USBC 300 game ring. [18 points]

242. The offside 50p piece. [5 points]

243. Mint a coin that explains the infield fly rule. [12 points]

244. For Item 5, you got the local authorities to weigh in on a variety of topics, but now we need to bring out the big guns. Get the ADA to admonish Ke$ha for corrupting America’s youth with her advocacy of poor dental hygiene. [6 point$]

245. At every public event, one of your team captains must have increasingly ornate headwear. Headwear must be built upon the same base item throughout the hunt. [24 points]

246. Outside Winterset, the Caucus visits the Hogback covered bridge and admires the romantic messages on the walls. In the visitors’ journal, they learn an important fact about John Wayne. [6 points]

247. A flawless pair of ice dice. [6+6 points]

248. The longest unbroken chain of Goosebumps® novels. [0.5 points per book]

249. Guess what? Albert the Bull will talk to you! What operation was he a part of? What movie did he appear in? The Caucus listens intently to his dulcet tones. [3 points]

250. Bedazzle it! [Bedazzle one item for an extra 3-dazzle points]

251. Red Grooms may no longer reside in Chicago, but show us that his influence lives on here. Create a sculpture that displays the spirit of Chicago in the way that Grooms’s latest piece captures the spirit of Miami. [125 points] †

252. Pog tower! Points per inch of pogs. [0.5 points per freestanding inch of genuine, commercially-produced pogs, up to a maximum of 30 points]
253. Remember the Strandbeest? It’s back—in pog form! Create a set of ScavPogs featuring items, events, and lore of yesteryear. Choose a good one for the slammer. [5 points for a set of at least 20 pogs]

254. Scavsassination. Each team must send a lone watergunman to shoot a rival team Captain through the heart, during a public event, before the eyes of Judges and men. [6 points for a successful hit]

255. How can there be a Kidz Bop version of “Whip My Hair” when Willow Smith is younger than the Kidz Bop singers? Set things right with the Fetuz Bop rendition! [5 points for the video to “Whip My Cord”. 5 bonus points for also going in the other direction with the Young @ Heart version, “Whip My Pendulous Neckmeats”.]

256. “M” as in -mancy! Use scapulomancy, aeluromancy, and aleuromancy to accurately predict the future. [6 points]

257. Early in the morning in Clear Lake, Corn cowers beneath the giant chicken, afraid of being eaten. The Sturgeon Mary licks the ice cream cone with her fishy jaws. [4 points]

258. The USS Flagg. [25 points]


260. Bottle of white, bottle of red, perhaps a bottle of rosé instead? Send your finest sommelier to the Pub at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday for a “grape juice plus” tasting. [2 points per identification]

261. Official Olympic mascot merchandise [1 point per mascot, one item per olympic year. 3 bonus points for Zoich moich!]

262. The caucus pays their respects at the hobo graveyard before passing the Hobo Jungle and heading out of town. Who was the first black queen of the Hobos? [4 points]

263. TBA. [5 points]

264. King’s Landing and The Twins are all right, I guess, but we’d rather see something a little more neo-Gothic. Produce a map of the UoC campus that when triggered erects a clockwork version of a campus building of your choice. [175 points]

265. At the National Hobo Museum in Britt, what happened on September 21, 1948? What unusual bindle did a hobo named Paddy use? What is the hobo king crown made of? And which hobo was an avid Cubs fan? [8 points]

266. Write your team name, the date, and “P.S. Scav Spiders Ruleth the Land” on an in situ leaf of an autograph tree. [12 points]

267. Even if you put it outside on a 100 degree day, the snow in your snowglobe just isn’t gonna melt. To remedy this affront against nature, produce a snowglobe that precipitates out a crystalline solid when cold and melts when warm. [20 points, 7 bonus points if the little snowman inside turns into a wacky cactus with sunglasses on when things heat up]

268. In the tradition of the Truax, produce a pastiche for any of the other Seussian didactic takedowns of big problems. [6 points]

269. Go chasing waterfalls. Show us a team member holding a memorial 8”x10” glossy of Lisa “Left Eye” Lopes in front of the tallest waterfall you can get to. [0.5 points per meter of waterfall plunge height, up to a maximum of 40 points]

270. At the Ice Cave in Decorah, the Sturgeon Mary bravely leads the Caucus into the cave with a flashlight, but they are rebuffed when they find the “Keep Out” sign. [10 points]

271. Collect Kasems amidst many monographs ensconced Receptaculensis. [1 point per Kasem]

272. Captains, good thing you always keep your lucky sponge close to your heart! [3 points]
273. Render a group portrait of the current Supreme Court, one justice represented in each of the following styles: manga, Mii, Ralph Steadman, H.R. Giger, Jules Feiffer, Raymond Briggs, Matt Groening, Jack Kirby, Al Hirschfeld. [9 points]

274. This year’s dinner is all about travel… circa 1493. We will begin our journey in France with a delightful amuse-bouche, then head to the new world! However, due to navigational… creativity, the next course comes to us from feudal Japan. Bring us a shot of soup that evokes one of the five Japanese tastes and one of the five Japanese seasons. Finally, headed east across the Pacific, we crave a main course from the newly discovered land, but with the flavors of home. Give us THE MYSTERY MEAT prepared in any style not indigenous to the beast’s home continent. Now acclimated to the new world, we’ll end the meal with a dessert made only of ingredients that could be found in the contiguous United States at the time of our landing, the year of Our Lord 1493. [6 points]

275. Up at the Law School they work all day. Out in the sun they slave away. Couldn’t they use the distraction of mermaids in their fountain? [8 points]

276. SCAV TEAM MEMBER—MIP. Carded bubble packaging for your team’s official action figure, complete with accessories, and filecard bio. Also, the figure this package is for should be life-size. [18 points]

277. A branding iron of the UChicago seal. No points will be given for testing on a living creature, but if you want to sear us up a mighty fine steak, we can get on board with that. [16 points]

278. “A big turnout here, from all corners of the Outer Rim territories. I see the contestants are making their way out onto the starting grid. I hope they have better luck this time!” Two team members (dressed somewhat like turbine engines) will pull a third team member sitting in his pod (read: skateboard). Now that’s what I call pod-racing! You’ll need more midi-chlorians than Master Yoda to come out of this one alive! Come to the Stagg Field track at 1 p.m. on Friday to test your speed. [20 points for first place, 15 points for second place, 10 points for third place, 5 points for participation]

279. At the Grotto of the Redemption, the Caucus reenacts one of the two unfortunate ursine incidents that took place there. [6 points]

280. In the Grotto Museum, the Caucus learns that rocks travelled from all over the world to be in the grotto. Which rock travelled the furthest? [3 points]

281. Make a huge racket. [15-love points. 5 bonus points for serving and returning a proportionally large tennis ball with another team]

282. With a string clearly marked in meters, fly your kite to the highest height at a time of your choosing between noon on Thursday and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday at Promontory Point. You’ll be allowed seven minutes and a ground crew of three. [0.25 pts/m, 100 meters maximum]

283. Stuff and mount the head of a Goomba, a Malboro, a Hard Hat, and a Zombine. [16 points]

284. A nibbling tray of Piet Mondrian hors d’oeuvres. [4 points]

285. The other 361 days of the year, we don’t have Scav, but we could use an incredible simulation. Holophonically record and upload a compilation of the best sounds of the Hunt that, when we close our eyes and put in the earbuds, will put that Virtual Haircut thing to shame. [6 points]

286. Inside the World’s Largest Truck Stop, the Caucus poses on the couch in the spacious cabin of a truck and takes a ride on the rotating truck platform. [4 points]

287. An edible balloon. Must float. [22 points]

288. The ToyOtter™ came up with all sorts of ideas for moichendizing that saga of a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away. Sadly, none ever were put into production until now. Make one of Jason Geyer’s ideas come alive. Points will be awarded based on the unrealized product chosen. For instance, expect higher points for the R2-D2 Portable Wet Bar than for the Land Speeder Koozie. [up to 20 points]

289. At Judgment, escape from a pair of UCPD handcuffs. We’ll provide the restraints. [9.11 points]

290. Here’s some Disney Afternoon irony for ya: A Gummi Bear mosaic of Winnie the Pooh! [7 points]
291. Ain’t no rule says a dog can’t play Space Invaders®! In fact, this item requires that your dog play Space Invaders. Your dog may, and probably should, use a modified gaming system, but aside from setting up and accessing the playable screen, no human intervention is allowed. Modded systems should not change how Space Invaders the game actually functions, so no turbo fire, etc. [30 points, plus 5 bonus points for being top dog]

292. A Minecraft replica of Harper. Be sure to replicate the interior as well, including classrooms, offices, and the pièce de résistance: Harper Reading Room. [17 points]

293. A full-scale Keyblade on the order of complexity of Oathbreaker, Oblivion, or Spellbinder. [10 points]

294. Get a meeting with the mayor of Chicago. [25 points]

295. A professor, in academic gowns, over a steam vent, à la Marilyn. Bonus points if the panties match Marilyn’s. [12 points]

296. The appropriate music video for “I’m Bringing Skeksi Back”. [6 points]

297. Everyone wants UChicago to be more like Six Flags, right? Right! With that in mind, please create a faux rock with a speaker inside, broadcasting your favorite tunes from the nineties alternating with advertisements for the sweet and refreshing taste of Coca-Cola®. These rocks should be on the Quads between the hours of noon and 5 p.m. on Friday. [13 points]

298. Sometimes Easy Mac™ isn’t easy enough. Bring us Easier Mac and Easiest Mac. [2 easy points]

299. A reality-TV style confessional in your team headquarters. Please submit a 5-minute “best-of” reel for Judgment Sunday. This item will not be judged on specific content (e.g. whether it contains typical Reality TV tropes) and can be as open-ended, satirical, or pure as your team would like. [6 points]

300. Scrabble® can be frustrating because, well, those can’t possibly be real words. Phonies is much easier, because nothing is a word. Players will compete in a best-of-three phonies tournament. All of the rules of Scrabble® apply, except only words unacceptable in the Official Word List are acceptable for play, and there will no longer be a 50 point bingo bonus. Also, you are now required to pronounce and define each word after it is played. The tournament will commence at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. [15 points for first place, 10 points for second place, 5 points for third place, 2 points for participation]

301. A whiskey bottle molded in the shape of a log cabin. [10 points, 20 bonus points if it was originally given away as part of a campaign for the United States Presidency].

302. Steganography, motherfucker, can you read it? Conceal a hidden message on the inside of a hard-boiled egg without breaking the shell. At Judgment, we will crack open what look like perfectly ordinary hard-boiled eggs to reveal your team name and a greeting to the Judges. Completely optional: include the super secret code word. [a half dozen points]

303. Beetlejuice. [9 points]

304. In memory of William Henry Harrison’s campaign for the presidency, keep the ball rolling at Judgment! Bring us your team’s victory ball. Balls must be larger than six feet in diameter and decorated with slogans and symbols that advertise your team’s imminent victory! [15 points]

305. At 5:00 p.m. on Friday, keep the ball rolling! A long-distance team victory ball race. Along the way, teams should take the opportunity to advertise their imminent victory to passersby. [20 points for first place, 15 points for second place, 10 points for third place]

306. A Lichtenberg figure in plastic or glass. [13 points]

307. The medal of the Order of the Bifurcated Needle. [30 points, 5 extra points if presented by a recipient].

308. Place a bookmark between pages 15 and 16. Self-published titles do not count as books. Defacement of books will be looked upon harshly. [5 points for a non-Indo European language, 15.5 points for an Indo-European language]

309. Walter White’s NSF GRFP application “Research Proposal” and “Personal Statement” essays. Be sure the essays meet the “broader impacts” criteria. [3 points]

310. Tell us which Judges wrote Items 215, 259, and 271. [3 points]
311. ___ Anypony up for a horse item? Capture the majesty of a beast worthy of your magical friendship with a sculpture in the style of Deborah Butterfield, and you'd better make sure your big horsey friend has celebrated his cuteceania! [14 hands... we mean points]

312. ___ On Anti-Monopoly Road in Marquette, the Sturgeon Mary wags her fin at Lady Luck. John Deer tips his hat to Pinky the Elephant. Buddy Holly and Corn discover what Pinky did to greet Jimmy Carter's arrival in Marquette in 1978. [6 points].

313. ___ We were all devastated when Claudia got unfairly accused of cheating on her math test, and when Kristy had to write a one hundred-word homework assignment on the meaning of decorum, but how did a book series with such a gender-neutral title get so damn girly? Surely there's room for Joe and the Crippling MMA Addiction, Josh Loves Pantera, or your own manly babysitter book. Give us the first chapter and cover art. [5 points]

314. ___ Corn tilts at the Danish windmill in Elk Horn, IA. Protip: try Jacquelyn’s Kringle at the Danish Inn next door. [4 points]

315. ___ It is hard to say which we hate more: wasting time or gingivitis. Come up with an effective way to brush and floss your teeth simultaneously. [16 points]

316. ___ No one has wanted to see your high school yearbook since graduation... until now. Bring us the best high school yearbook page featuring one of your teammates. [2 points]

317. ___ Driving into Dubuque, IA, the Caucus rolls down the windows of the Barnmobile to smell the sweet smell of baking bread. Corn holds Corn's nose in disgust. [2 points]

318. ___ So you’re going to be Vincent Cassel, and we’re going to be doing that scene in Ocean’s 12, only instead of getting through a laser field, you’re going to need to get through a maze of string. At 3:00 p.m. on Saturday in Harper 135, show us what you’ve got. [12 points, plus up to 3 points for style]

319. ___ Make wine in three days. Must include label and bottle to be put away for the future. [12 points]

320. ___ Buddy Holly plays one of his old tunes on the dancing chimes in Reiman Gardens. [8 points]

321. ___ Whittle-off. Come to the center of the Quads at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. You bring the wood and knife. We’ll tell you the shape. [10 points]

322. ___ Go to the Lot 17 in Block 18 of Egandale, a subdivision of the East 118 Acres of the Southwest quarter of Section 11, Township 38 North, Range 14 East of the Third principal meridian, in Cook County, Illinois at 10:30 p.m. on Thursday. [7 points]

323. ___ Backwards Karaoke. At 2:00 p.m. on Saturday in Harper 135, you pick the song and provide the backing track. Performances will be judged by resemblance of reversed recording to the original. [8 points]

324. ___ Dammit, Jim, I’m a doctor, and a bricklayer, and an escalator, and a shuttle conductor, and a magician…. Present a video montage of your team’s licensed MD demonstrating talents rejected by Starfleet Medical. [8 points]

325. ___ An American Humanities and Surplus catalog. [4 points]

326. ___ A painting in the style of Thomas Kinkade™: Painter of Light™ about the artist himself. Suggested Titles include: “For Walt”, “Codpiece!”, and “On The Road Near Carmel”. [15 R.I. Points]

327. ___ John Deer, Buddy Holly and Corn take an all-American photograph in front of the World’s Largest Wooden Nickel. [4 points]

328. ___ Corn rocks out to some Korn in the Barnmobile. [1 point]

329. ___ Bleu Cheese Man Group. [1 point]
332. _______ Couldn’t get an Alf pog for Item 252? That’s OK; we’ll accept a trade of equivalent value. [1 point]
333. _______ Play a single down of football involving: a safety, the Raider rule, a drop kick, a dropkick, Rule 7.2.1(e), and the Statue of Liberty. [12 points. 4 bonus points uniforms meeting Tommy Wiseau’s standards]
334. _______ Pass a Camel™ through the eye of a needle. Smooth. [10 points]
335. _______ D5. [10 points for trombone, 30 points for tuba]
336. _______ Haven’t you always felt that Earth, Wind, & Fire was missing some essential element? That’s why you should play “September” on a hydraulophone. [12 points]
337. _______ Two Gentlemen of Lebowski? Bah! Any hack can write like Shakespeare. That’s why we want you to rewrite a scene from The Big Lebowski in the style of Beckett, Miller, or Aeschylus. [3 points]
338. _______ Someone with a genuine, pre-existing full-body tattoo. [10 points]
339. _______ Not many girls are named Lolita nowadays, which is a shame because it’s the only name I know exactly how to pronounce. See if you can make me equally thorough (and poetic) pronunciation guides for five of the top 100 baby names of the 2000s. [3 points]
340. _______ At least one pound of computer memory. Must be operational and accessible from a terminal. [25/b points, where b is the number of (octet) bytes the memory can store. No points for anything less than 1 byte. 5 bonus points if the memory is writable by hand]
341. _______ I feel the need. The need for speed. But also the need for safety. So if you’re going to be my wingman, you’ll need to bring along the right helmet, and make sure it leaves no doubt as to what kind of cattle rancher/waterfowl/X-man/snake/court performer/wizard/time of day you are. [15 points]
342. _______ Show those Juggalos the true miracle of magnetism with some ferrofluid choreography set to the appropriate song. [20 points]
343. _______ Bring to Judgment a standard, unaltered Five Guys burger with no fewer than five non-condiment toppings. Then consume it without letting a single morsel slip through your grasp. [5 points, guys]
344. _______ An original copy of the Charles Mingus Cat-alog for toilet training your cat. [13 points]
345. _______ A quartet to perform Yankee Doodle Dandy in the key of DΦ [16 points]
346. _______ A four-letter word. No, wait. A four-letter word square. No, wait! A four-letter word cube. NO, WAIT! A four-letter word tesseract. Word shape need not be invariant under rotation, but it does need to be in English. [4¹ for a word cube, 4² for a word tesseract]
347. _______ A British Consol. \[\sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1.017^t}\] points
348. _______ A sonnet composed in C that, when compiled and run, prints a haiku to the standard output. Just as no great poet would ever write an unnecessary word, every variable and expression in your code must be essential to the program’s proper functioning. [10 points]
349. _______ Hmm, what’s that odd painting/drawing/photo displayed in the background of that painting/drawing/photo item? Why, it’s another item from this year’s list! And what’s this? The background item has another item in its background? When will the madness end?! Items cannot repeat. [3 points per layer, up to a maximum of 7 layers]
350. _______ A single piece of paper that, depending on how it is folded, becomes the flags of Indonesia, France, The Netherlands, Russia, and Norway. When completely unfolded, no more than one flag should be represented. [7 points]
351. _______ Use bombs wisely! Clear a stage of Star Fox 64 using only smart bombs. Defeat an opponent in Mario Kart 64 with a bomb. Conquer three computer rivals in Bomberman 64 without laying any bombs. Win King Bob-omb’s star in under one minute in Super Mario 64. Do a pentuple bomb jump in Super Metroid. [15 points]
352. _______ A Scav Judge’s signature: ____________________________ [9 points]