

The Halloween Haunts continue to make life unique in the Greater Saratoga area and once again, Troop 2566's Scoutmaster Mountain O! has gone missing. It's up to YOU to determine who among the six pairs of Scouts were the last to see her, what item you will need to rescue her, and where she can be found. Only the sharpest Scouts will decode all of the clues and successfully find Scoutmaster Mountain O! before October ends on Halloween at midnight.

To Be Prepared:

Only play this game with the permission of your parents.

Follow the Internet Safety Pledge:

1. I will think before I post
2. I will respect other people online
3. I will respect digital media ownership
4. I won't meet face-to-face with anyone I meet in the digital world unless I have my parent's permission.
5. I will protect myself online

Complete Cyber Chip Requirements for your Grade Level.

See <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/cyber-chip/> for more information.

Game Instructions:

Using Google Maps, enter the longitude and latitude coordinates in to the search window. Then use the person icon to locate the street view closest to the "dropped pin" at the location coordinates. Look around to find the clues stated below.

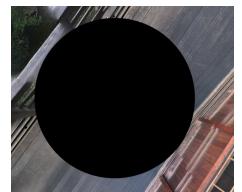


Detective's Notes

The Scouts, in buddy pairs, had been geocaching the locations of #Saratoga Rocks using longitude and latitude when a call came through on the walkie talkies. Scoutmaster Mountain O! was missing...again!

Adult Leader Been A Bat, who had been enjoying a traditional tea ceremony in a tatami mat room in Hakone Garden while the scouts looked for #Saratoga Rocks, was seated looking out the window. Scoutmaster Mountain O! was standing on the balcony of Moon Viewing House with a group on a docent led tour. Suddenly Scoutmaster Mountain O! dropped out of sight. Adult Leader Been A Bat raced to the balcony and looked over, not seeing her friend. She turned to see a black circle on the ground moving with the tour group and no sign of the Scoutmaster. When Adult Leader Been A Bat called out to the black spot, it shrank into a pinprick and then disappeared! Been A Bat immediately radioed the group to report the Missing Scoutmaster.

To see the black dot, go to 37.252196, -122.041841 and look down.



Scout Buddy groups :

- Patrol Leader Isabella and Grubmaster Lindsey
- Chaplain's Aide Kanga and Bugler Roo
- Cheerleader Anya and Historian Saarika
- Quartermaster Meera and Scribe Ashna
- Senior Patrol Leader Mira and Instructor Clara
- Outdoor Ethics Guide Samantha and Assistant Patrol Leader Karen

Possible locations where Scoutmaster Mountain O! will be discovered:

- Montalvo Arts Center
- West Valley College
- Hakone Estate and Garden

- Madronia Cemetery
- Sanborn Park
- The Mountain Winery

Item that is crucial to rescue Scoutmaster Mountain O!:

- gauze rolls
- flashlights
- small mirror, from fire-starter kit
- map and compass
- sunscreen
- mole skin

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The Clues

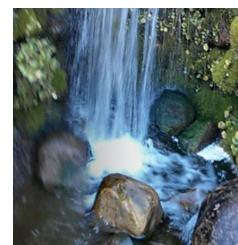
Hakone Gardens:

37.252078, -122.041550 (a dot)

Look at the waterfall.

If there are 3 cascades in the waterfall, eliminate the water bottle.

If there are 2 cascades in the waterfall, eliminate Madronia Cemetery.



37.252384, -122.041680 (a dot)

What is the woman pointing at?

If she is pointing at a white goose, eliminate Patrol Leader Isabella and Grubmaster Lindsey.

If she is pointing at 2 turtles, eliminate The Mountain Winery.



37.252370, -122.041825 (a dot)

There is a space time distortion happening here. The same person is in two different places on the walkway. This person has glasses, something brown is draped over an arm, and this person has on a blue sweater and black pants.

If it is a woman, eliminate the flashlight.

If it is a man, eliminate Cheermaster Meera and Scribe Ashna.

West Valley College:

37.263120, -122.010964 (a dot)

Find a sign that says: Veterans Plaza.

Scroll to the right along the Veteran's Plaza cement wall. This is the same direction your eye travels as it reads

the words "Veterans Plaza". Locate 2 rocks cemented into the wall. How many large clumps of grass are between the 2 rocks in the cement bench?



If the number of clumps of grass between the rocks in the wall are equal to the number of words in the Scout Slogan: Do a Good Turn Daily, eliminate Samantha and Karen.

If the number of clumps of grass are equal to the number of words in the Scout Motto: Be Prepared, eliminate the Montalvo Arts Center.

37.266694, -122.009558 (a dot)

If you see two ravens eating french fries on the ground in the parking lot, eliminate the fire starter.

If you see glossy red bell peppers and yellow squash, eliminate Senior Patrol Leader Mira and Instructor Clara.

Montalvo Arts Center:

37.243897, -122.031084 (For the next 2 clues, use the StreetView to go inside the building from here and walk around)

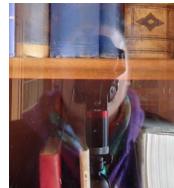
Find this fireplace. How many flags are on top of it?

If there are 6, eliminate the first aid kit.

If there are 9, eliminate Chaplain's Aid Kanga and Bugler Roo.



Go in the library and look for a bookshelf with blue books and the image of a ghostly photographer. There is a book with the name of a state.
If the state is California, eliminate West Valley College.
If the state is Utah, eliminate the map and compass.



37.245750, -122.029137 (a dot)

Go to Bacchus' Spring in the Love Temple. At the fountain there are gargoyles holding it up. This clue uses counting and The Outdoor code. The Outdoor Code has 4 statements beginning with the word "Be" followed by a word beginning with the letter "c":

As an American, I will do my best to --
Be clean in my outdoor manners.
Be careful with fire.
Be considerate in the outdoors
Be conservation minded.



As you count the gargoyles, say the outdoor code so the first gargoyle you count gets "Be clean in my outdoor manners."

If there are enough gargoyles to get to "Be considerate in the outdoors", eliminate the flashlight.

If there are enough gargoyles to say "Be conservation minded", eliminate Hakone Estate and Garden.

37.240659, -122.030183 (a dot)

You will see a ghost with white sneakers enjoying the view.

If there is also in this location a toddler in a blue hat being held by a sitting woman, eliminate the fire starter.

If there is also in this location a toddler in a yellow hat being held by a sitting woman, eliminate Cheermaster Anya and Historian Saarika.



The Mountain Winery:

37.257978, -122.063298 (a dot)

Find the woman sinking into the parking lot, calling for help.

If she is waving to the armless shadow, the walking foot, and the lady in gray, eliminate Patrol Leader Isabella and Grubmaster Lindsey.

If she is waving to a family walking down the hill with twin toddlers in a double wide stroller that is also sinking into the ground, eliminate sunscreen.



37.260537, -122.064295 (a dot)

At The Concert Sumer Series, you should see two barrels of wine, one that says “Paul Masson” and the other that says “The Mountain Winery”. Turn to look at the stage. On the stage, there are white ghosts singing in front of a purple band.

If the there are 3 ghosts singing, eliminate Outdoor Ethics Guide Samantha and Assistant Patrol Leader Karen.

If there are 2 white ghosts singing, eliminate West Valley College

Sanborn Park:

37.232049, -122.066238 (a dot)

If the large black monster next to the yellow restroom looks like a rabbit, eliminate the first aid kit.

If the large black monster next to the yellow restroom looks like a spider, eliminate Quartermaster Meera and Scribe Ashna.

37.232194, -122.071671 (a dot)

Scroll in for a closer look. There is a man taking a photo of a monster under a fallen tree.

If the monster under the tree is a werewolf, eliminate Madronia Cemetery.

If the monster under the tree bridge is the grim reaper, eliminate The Mountain Winery

Madronia Cemetery:

37.251741, -122.035734 (a dot)

If you can find the words: COOK BRYAN STURROCK, eliminate the map and compass.

If you can find the words: MAY EMMA LAKE, eliminate Hakone Gardens.



37.252827, -122.034850 (on the road)

On Sequoia Drive, if the man looking at his phone has a leaf blower, eliminate sunscreen.

If the man looking at his phone on Sequoia Drive has a ride on lawn mower, eliminate Sanborn Park.

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SOLUTION (No peeking!)

It was another uncommon Autumn day in Saratoga. By now the Halloween monsters were extended the same warm welcome as any tourist. The good weather and clean air inspired linked Girl Troop 2566 to go adventuring again, this time in greater Saratoga. Their mission was to find the "#Saratoga Rocks" using longitude and latitude coordinates that Adult Leaders Mysterious Mr. M, Been a Bat, Freed Whirly, Sensei Oil, Nickel Bat, and Scoutmaster Mountain O! had hidden.

Quartermaster Meera and Scribe Ashna were at Hakone Gardens with some of the Adult Leaders. They were busy assisting a tourist from ancient Egypt, who was unraveling on the bamboo forest trail. Luckily they had plenty of gauze rolls in their first aid kits to assist the wardrobe malfunction. They did not see the Scoutmaster Mountain O! disappear into the black hole. But they were the first to hear the report from Adult Leader Been A Bat that Scoutmaster Mountain O! had disappeared again, and of course, they found the #Saratoga Rocks.

Chaplain's Aid Kanga and Bugler Roo had located the #Saratoga Rocks at Madronia Cemetery, one of the best preserved pioneer cemeteries in the nation. The rocks were located by two of the historic graves. Riley Septimus Moultrie was one of the

survivors rescued from the Donnor Party in 1847 and Mary Ann Day Brown was the wife of John Brown, who was known for stealing weapons from the Harper's Ferry Federal Armory, a raid intended to help end slavery in the United States in 1859. While looking for the rocks, Chaplain's Aid Kanga and Bugler Roo couldn't help but notice the lady with snakes for hair sitting on the grass in front of a grave. The lady wore sunglasses. She was decorating a grave with small stone figurines of animals, which were incredibly life-like. The name on the gravestone was Gorgon Zola. When the sky darkened slightly with the flight of flock of flying monkeys, Chaplain's Aid Kanga and Bugler Roo looked at each other with apprehension. Medusa noticed and called over, "Flying Monkeys are a lot like birds, (and gorgons)," she said under her breath. "They don't like shiny objects flashing in their faces." Chaplain's Aid Kanga and Bugler Roo took their mirrors out of their fire-starter kits and flashed them skyward as they walked quickly toward their bikes and the adult leaders. They had not seen Scoutmaster Mountain O!

Patrol Leader Isabella and Grubmaster Lindsey were at The Mountain Winery where they met Bigfoot. He had been stomping Pino Noir grapes for the sheer joy of feeling them squish between his toes, but now his feet were sore and magenta colored. Patrol Leader Isabella and Grubmaster Lindsey were using the moleskin in their first aid kits to cover the hot spots on Bigfoot's feet when they got the radio message. They, did not see Scoutmaster Mountain O!, nor did the Adult Leaders, but they did find the #Saratoga Rocks.

Outdoor Ethics Guide Samantha and Assistant Patrol Leader Karen were at Montalvo Arts Center near the stone sphinxes, standing guard by the garden stairs. While looking for one of the #Saratoga Rocks, they met a Werewolf wandering and wondering aloud. She couldn't find "where" she had parked her car because she didn't know "where" Parking Lot number 4 was. Outdoor Ethics Guide Samantha and Assistant Patrol Leader Karen took out their map and compass to direct the Werewolf in her search for her car. On the way they located the Saratoga Rocks@ and received the radio message about their missing Scoutmaster. Neither they nor the Adult Leaders had seen her.

Senior Patrol Leader Mira and Instructor Clara were at West Valley College, where they met a very pale first year college student, sitting in the shade of a building and "varicose" to finishing a juicy neck-tarine from the Farmer's Market. Senior Patrol Leader Mira and Instructor Clara knew they were close to the area of one of the #Saratoga Rocks. As they looked, the student chatted amiably. He said he was an acCOUNTing student at West Valley. He joked and said that when he graduated he would work in financial departments anywhere, except with investment bankers, as he hated STAKEHOLDERS. Instructor Clara, who had walked over to a sunny area reported, "No rock, but here's a hat." The student leapt up and said, "Hey, that's my hat. Thanks for finding it. I've been sitting in the shade, waiting for the sun to go down because some crazy flying monkey took the hat off my head." Senior Patrol Leader

Mira realized she was talking to a vampire and asked helpfully, “Would you like some sunscreen?” They did not see Scoutmaster Mountain O!, but they did find the #Saratoga Rocks.

Cheerleader Anya and Historian Saarika were at Sanborn Park. Near the yellow restrooms was a giant black creature shaped like a rabbit. Hikers had stopped beyond the creature, wary and waiting to see what it would do. Knowing that Scoutmaster Mountain O! had disappeared into a black object, the scouts stayed back but took out their flashlights. They shined the lights into the black darkness and could see Scoutmaster Mountain O! with a giant marshmallow man. Squinting and happy, Scoutmaster Mountain O! and the marshmallow man walked from the darkness onto the path. The black rabbit creature spawned a black hole on the ground and then disappeared into it. The hole then shrank to a pinprick and disappeared. “Cheerleader Anya and Historian Saarika, thanks for shining a light on the situation!” said Scoutmaster O! as she radioed the group to let them know her location and that she was unharmed. Turning back to the scouts she said, “May I introduce you to the Stay Puff Marshmallow Man? He and I were talking jovially to pass the time in the dark. He confided that he wished to be a little lighter, I said that we carried lighters as part of our ten essentials plus one, he joked back that he’d be interested in burning off a few calories and...well,

anyone for s'mores? Let's get a small fire going in a fire pit while we wait for the others to arrive. They should be finishing the #Saratoga Rocks hunt and making their way over. Won't it be great telling each other about today's adventures around the campfire?"

Shorter answer:

The Scouts who found Scoutmaster Mountain O! were:

Cheerleader Anya and Historian Saarika.

In order to rescue Scoutmaster Mountain O!, they needed to use the **flashlights**.

Scoutmaster Mountain O! is located at
Sanborne Park.