





# HISTORY OF SCOUTING TRAIL

## The H.O.S.T. Program Hike Challenge Questions (HCQ)

### Colin Livingstone Hike

[ 5.9 Miles, Apprx. 3-4 Hours. ]

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### - Introduction -

I would like to welcome you to the History Of Scouting Trail, or H.O.S.T. Program. This is the first Historic Trail where the Hikes are 100% based on the History of Scouting. The H.O.S.T. Program is a series of Hikes, all with their own special challenges. They are part - Treasure Hunt - History Hike - & Challenge Trail - but 100% Fun!

The Hikes encompass both interesting Scout History and spectacular National and Local sites of Washington, D.C. The Trail, on the path to be a Nationally Recognized Official Trail, may be hiked by Scouts of any age, adults, friends, brothers, sisters, Girl Scouts, neighbors, non-Scouts, and International Scouts. Though anyone may purchase the special medals and patches at the successful completion of the Hikes, only registered Scouts (of any type or country) may wear the Trail Insignia, as they are officially earned Scout items. And as we have developed a Special Partnership with several museums in downtown D.C., you may now take the hike and purchase your Trail Items 365 days a year! When you finished I am sure you will have learned something new.

Eventually there will be 3 medal Hikes, and the shorter History Hike. The program opened May 21, 2013 at the HOST Gala at the Capitol. May 25-27, 2013 Memorial Day Weekend was the Inaugural Weekend of the first 2 Hikes to be launched. Opened were: The **Colin H. Livingstone Hike**, dedicated to the first Washington, D.C Scouting and National BSA President, and **The History Hike**, for those with shorter legs or shorter amount of time.

Having been developed over the last 3 years, I hope you take the opportunity to experience one the the H.O.S.T. hikes or include it in one of your upcoming trips to Washington, D.C. And if you wish to take the hikes again, no worries, the challenges and questions change every year so you get a different experience each time. On behalf of the members of the HOST Committee, the tremendous support from the National Capital Area Council, the assistance from the National BSA Office, the OA Lodge 470, certain members of the US Congress, the Homeland Security Office, the Washington, D.C. Mayor's Office, the US Park Service, the US Park Police, the International Spy Museum, Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, the Newseum, International Trophy, Girl Scout Archives, the Library of Congress, National Capital Area Scout Museum, the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, the NCAC Scout Executive and Deputy Scout Executive, the District Director and Chairman, and the Washington, D.C. District, Boy Scouts of America - all of which played some or major parts in ensuring the success and start up of this HOST Program, I welcome you to the History Of Scouting Trail.

*P-B, Scout Historian*

Chairman & Founder, HOST DC NCAC  
Washington, D.C., Boy Scouts of America

### - Special Notes -

- 1) The Hike is set up to be hiked on FOOT.\*(see exceptions number 2). As participants must stop at various points along the trail, other methods of transportation left out while gathering clues looks poorly on the organization. Hikers do not qualify for completion if done by - bicycle, moped, skateboard, Segways, motorcycle, scooter, or vehicle.
- 2) Those with disabilities, may proceed in wheelchairs, electric included, or may be pushed. Those with mobility disabilities may use vehicle assistance to cover parts of the hike as needed. The goal is the discovery of clues and Scout History - not that the person can walk 6 miles. Service animals are welcome anywhere on any trail. Sight impaired hikers may have someone assist them throughout the trail, and help "touch" many of the stops.
- 3) Hikers should obey all legal traffic and pedestrian laws. Hikers also should NOT congregate around a clue or answer once found. Once an answer is discovered, hikers should avoid, and leaders should ensure, that participants DO NOT shout out the answers (e.g. - "I found it!", "Here it is!", "The answer is 32!", etc) and walk well away from the area to write an answer and allow others to discover things for themselves. Even within the group there should be a sense of individual accomplishment.
- 4) The entire H.O.S.T. Boy Scout Trail is Service Dog Firendly.



### The H.O.S.T. Adventure begins NOW-

There are 21 stations - the route to those stations is up to your group. You may use your compass, street map or your Scout skills - please **do not use any electronic devices to help**. Some stations ask for an answer to a question, some are activity challenges, some are a place you need to take a photo, or some combination of these - and one Civic Good Turn is included.

- \*\*\* Interesting Scout History is marked like this.
- (??) Hike Question Challenge for the Station. Answer is needed.
- (P1) Means a Photo Challenge (one of 6) you are responsible for.
- (C) Activity Challenge
- (CGT) Civic Good Turn
- 1) Station Number

Fill out your answer cards completely. Have Fun & Good Luck

1) Proceed to the Northwest side of the President Howard Taft Bridge on Connecticut Avenue & Calvert Street. You will see a set of large lions designed by Perry. The Hike begins 10 meters just



North of the Perry Lions and proceeds South on the West side of the bridge. Face South looking at the magnificence of the Perry Lions. What do you think they are made of? (Not for answer card)

\*\*\*Scouting began on February 8th, 1910. President Howard Taft was the President of the United States and was the First Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America. A tradition that every US President has followed to this day. At that time Scoutmasters were paid, a whole \$3.00 per year, which was required every year until the Boy Scouts almost went bankrupt in 1913.

*(??) Proceed South across the bridge. As you proceed across the bridge, as many Scouts have for over a hundred years in history - how many depictions of Boy Scouting's highest rank, do you detect and do you see?*

2) After crossing the bridge, proceed down Connecticut Avenue South. After about 1/4 mile (.4 Kilometers) look across the street on your left, you will pass by and see the Hilton Hotel. This is the hotel where another Honorary President of the BSA, President Reagan, was shot and survived in an assassination attempt in 1981. You will soon come up to Scout Square - when you get to the intersection of Connecticut and Florida Avenues. It is a very small block that was named Boy Scout Square beginning in the 1960's.



\*\*\*Scout Square is the only known City public park or area in the USA with that designation. Look at the building across it to the South. Washington, D.C. the Boy Scout Headquarters, was in this distinguished building South of S Street, across the Scout Square. The Flag Pole to the left of the entrance was dedicated to James E. West, the first Chief Scout Executive, or C.S.E., of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. West was a Washington D.C. native and hired by BSA President Colin Livingstone.

*(C)(P1) When you can safely proceed across onto Scout Square, YOU take your 1st Photo of the James E. West Flagpole and building, while standing on Scout Square. Do it quickly and safely.*

Go safely across S Street to the past Scout building only when the pedestrian cross signal allows.

3) The building is the next station along the Hike.

*(??) What was the original number of this building which featured a Connecticut Avenue address, which also represented the same year that Benjamin Franklin invented his stove? Find that number, add the digits together and get your answer for this station, be careful adding - if you are a master, you will avoid disaster.*

Proceed South from here safely to the National Geographic Building, the **M Street entrance**, between 16th and 17th Street, obeying all pedestrian traffic laws. You may find your own route for this. It is approximately 1 mile. En route to the N.G. Building, you have an option to complete your CGT. Read below before proceeding.

**(CGT)** -This is the Civic Good Turn -Option A. You must complete ONE of the Two options, A or B, to complete this requirement. Option A - Anywhere from here to the end of the Hike, use the plastic bag you were required to bring with you and collect 10 pieces of litter or trash that you see, put it in your bag and when you have collected 10, show them to your Hike Leader, and have him or her initial that as completed on your card along with yourself that you have done your "Good Turn" to help beautify the city of Washington, D.C. Place the collected litter in a proper trash can or rubbish bin. (Note you may skip this option and do option B, which asks you to help a tourist take a photo, sometime AFTER Station 11).

4) Enter the National Geographic Courtyard, at the M Street entrance.

\*\*\*Colin Livingstone, the First National President of the Boy Scouts of America (1910 to 1925) and First President of the Washington D.C. Council (1910), whom this Hike is dedicated to, was the Grandson of the famous African Explorer and Missionary, Dr. David Livingstone from Scotland. Dr. David Livingstone was a member of the Royal Geographic Society, and Colin Livingstone, a Washingtonian, was a member of this same National Geographic Society.

*(??) Some hard protrusions are split and cut, Find the tallest that is as whole as can be,*

*And from there what can you see, that is the **highest** number that can be?*

*Be sure to look low and high, lest this number pass you by.*

You are welcome to visit the N.G. Gift Shop! After, proceed to the East side of 16th Street, and continue to hike South.

\*\*\*The white building South at the end of the street, is where ALL Eagle Scouts received their Eagle Medals in the early years of the Boy Scouts. And Until 1921 the Star Rank was higher than Life. A Scout went from 1st Class, then Life, Star, and Eagle.

Cross H Street safely into Lafayette Square. There are 4 stations within the Square. Do NOT crowd around the clues or answers, or shout out the answers. Move away from the area to record your answers in private. There will be many people there so be polite and respectful of others.

5) There is a famous Political Advisor to several Presidents named Bernard Baruch, who was awarded the Silver Buffalo for his civic contributions and help with the Boy Scouts. He would sit at a bench to think about national policy. The bench he sat at had a special plaque dedicated to Mr. Baruch, put there by the Boy Scouts of America.

(??) Find the “Baruch Bench Of Inspiration” and the plaque, and determine what date & year he was born?

6) Within the grounds of Lafayette Square, solve this riddle:

# Some are famous, some are not. Do not touch them, they may be Hot.

Some are elaborate, some are stark. How many figures of people on the 5 statues, are in the Park?

7) Find the Rochambeau Statue.

(??) What building is he pointing at and what direction is he pointing?

8) All Eagle Scouts in the early years were presented their Eagle Medals at the White House. Many Scout functions took in the North Portico of the White House.

(??) (P2) How many full round columns are there in the North Portico of the White House?

Have someone else in your group take a photo of YOU by the gate with the White House in the background.



9) Sherlock Scout says “Find The Statue!” “X” Usually Marks The Spot. Here “X” Marks The Bill. Find An “X” Bill And Proceed To The Building U Find. Remember In This Clue “X” Does Not Make Cents.

(??) On thee Northern side of thy building is thy statue. How many depictions of thus thee second highest rank that could be donned a 1920 Boy Scout lad, be present on thy base of said statue?

Fair thee well and fair thee count with care, and writ-ith your number without despair.

10) Proceed to the East side of the building from Station 9. Continue until you come to G Street.

\*\*\* William D. Boyce, who in 1909 found out about Baden Powell’s Boy Scout Movement, brought the concept back to the USA. Mr. Colin Livingstone, Washington D.C. Railroad Tycoon, Financier and Banker, encouraged him to start the program in Washington, D.C. to give it more of a national appeal. The highest rank for the Boy Scouts, originally was the Silver Wolf, after the British Program, was changed to Eagle Scout to make it more Americanized. The Girl Scout movement similarly called their highest rank originally the Golden Eaglet. The Boy Scouts incorporated in Washington, D.C. on February 8, 1910 - that was the day that the Boy Scouts of America was born! Find the large round Plaque along G Street that is Dedicated to “William D. Boyce”.

(??) From there find the other plaque dedicated to a Scout Founder and write their last name. Do not forget to look high and low.

11) Go 10 paces East from the plaque you found for the previous answer and face North.

(??) With the C.S.E. in mind, how many depictions facing in “his” direction of the highest award of the U.S. Scouting Movements in 1920 can you count?

(CGT) -This is the Civic Good Turn -Option B. You must complete ONE of the Two options, A or B, to complete the requirement. Option B - Anywhere from here to the end of the Hike, volunteer and politely offer to take a photo for a tourist visiting the city. This MUST BE for someone NOT from the HOST hiking groups. When you have done your Scout “Good Turn” ask and record what state they are from. If they are from outside the US ask and record what country they are from. Remember some cameras are expensive so be sure you feel comfortable taking the photo and they feel comfortable with you taking the picture. Be respectful if they do not want you to take their photo for/of them.

12) Proceed to the West, back to West side of 15th Street. Go South 900 feet (275 meters). Turn West and find your next station.

(??) Sherlock Scout says - “If one is the loneliest number, what does less than one feel like? We will find out as there is a special recognition of it!” Hint - to get this clue, you have to be true, it is not number 1, it is closer to none! Find the Marker or Monument, South of the White House, that represents “nothing”. What is it?

Move West a bit to get away from any crowds. Look South of your last answer. You will see the National Christmas Tree. It is now a living tree. You are now looking into the area or park called “The Ellipse”. The Ellipse is the large oval field that is in the block south of the White House that has the National Christmas Tree on it.

\*\*\* The lighting by the President started in 1923 with a Boy Scout Honor Guard. By 1926, a special Boy Scout Bugler would stand in the exact middle of the Ellipse and play "Scout's Call" to announce to the city that the National Christmas Tree had been lit by the President. When the Scout had finished, dozens of other Scouts stationed around the city the Christmas Tree and the White House in the background. This is a photo stop station only - no question.

**(P3)** Have someone *ELSE* take your picture pretending to blow a bugle, (either with your fist or with a bugle - blow into your fist, not the bugle, or roll up a paper) to pay homage to the many Boy Scouts (and later also Girl Scouts) that as special Honor Scout Buglers, in many years of tradition, announced to the city that the Christmas Tree had been lit! Make sure the Tree and White House are in the background - if possible. This will be a special photo memory - make it a good photo!



**13)** From here, find the memorial that is exactly Southwest from the center of the Ellipse, yet still on this block.

\*\*\* Have you wondered why the early Boy Scout uniforms were the same color as the uniforms worn by the people this memorial is dedicated to? The supplier, Sigmund Eisner, Inc. from Red Bank, N.J., was the a major contributor to the Boy and Girl Scout movements in the early days, and was the supplier of all the Uniforms for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts using the exact same material and color. This memorial was dedicated by President Franklin Roosevelt with Boy Scout Honor Guards, one year after the 1st National Jamboree was cancelled, but one year before the 1st National Jamboree took place.

**(??)** *The special memorial with fist of might, and shines a glittering gilded bright, normally has fifty on the left, and fifty on the right, but in the middle is just one, and in the center of that is \_\_\_\_\_?*  
*Write this answer and you're done.*

**14)** Proceed West across 17th St., then South and safely cross Constitution Avenue by 17th Street.

\*\*\* As you look to your left, the corner of 17th Street and Constitution Avenue, on the Washington Monument grounds is where some of the earliest Scout Competitions took place. Dozens of Scouts competed in First Aid and Fire By Friction Competitions, with sometimes the President of the United States coming out to watch or present the winning ribbons. The earliest Scout photos of Washington, D.C. Scouts are of Scout Competitions done at this corner.

Keeping going South on the West side of 17th Street. Take a right onto The Mall grounds and enter the World War II Memorial, from the North side. This is the "Atlantic Theater" side of the Memorial. You will be leaving from the "Pacific Theater" side. You have now entered the WWII Memorial. This is a solemn place for many people. Please be respectful. Enter quietly.

\*\*\* The Boy Scouts played an important role during the War. They collected scrap metal, placed posters and prepared emergency services. They would distribute Chocolates and other items to visiting Soldiers. They helped as messengers and performed other necessary duties to free up many men as possible involved in the War effort.

Please do not run or shout out items or take photos of the answers. If you find the answer keep it quietly to yourself and say nothing, and secretly write it down. This should be done INDIVIDUALLY and in private. Let others have the experience of discovery.

**(??)** *Somewhere within the grounds as part of the Memorial itself is a Boy Scout. Find the Boy Scout! What words are shown with the Boy Scout?*

(Note - The Park Service will not tell you where the Boy Scout is located.)

**15)** At this point you may enjoy the magnificence of this Monument. If you have successfully completed this past challenge then continue. When you leave, exit quietly to the South and proceed to the WWII Monument U.S. Park Service kiosk/booth.

**(C)** *Hand them your card and say these words "I have found the Boy Scout, may I have a stamp please?"*

They will stamp your card in the square at the bottom right of your answer card. (Note - you MUST have this stamp to verify your completed card. Come back if there is a long line or queue. The museums will NOT accept your answer card without this stamp.) At this point there are rest rooms and water available here. There are only a few stops to your final destination, so you may want to take a quick break.

16) Proceed East safely across 17th St., then up to the Washington Monument. Go to the East side of the Washington Monument. Turn East to look at the Capitol Building. This is where the Honorary Presidents of the BSA are sworn in for their other jobs - being Presidents of the United States. Boy Scouts have participated in every Presidential Inauguration since 1913. This is a Photo Stop only.

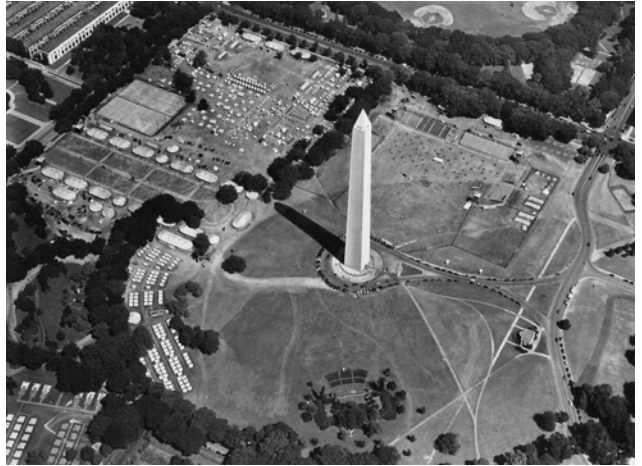
(P4) From this vantage point YOU take the best photo of the Capitol Building that you can.

Proceed Northeast across the Washington Monument grounds, on The Mall.

\*\*\*As you walk across these grounds, feel the Spirit of the 50,000 Boy Scouts camped here for the 1937 National Jamboree. This area around the Washington Monument portion of the Mall was used for the Jamboree Headquarters tents, and as you get just North of the Washington Monument the World Jamboree Contingent, the Scouts going later that summer to the World Jamboree in Holland, were camped there. The National Jamboree was the largest group of people camped in Washington since the Civil War.

17) Proceed to the Northeast corner of the block. Cross Constitution Ave. safely to the North. Remember the Ellipse, the large oval on the block you are on now. If the Ellipse was a clock, proceed at 3:00 o'clock toward a Monument with 3 figures. There you will find the famous Boy Scout Memorial.

\*\*\*When the Boy Scout Memorial was approved in 1959 for the 50th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts, and dedicated in 1964, it was the first monument, memorial or statue in Washington, D.C. dedicated to a "living tribute", in other words it was not for someone who had died or an event that had past, but rather to something that was still on-going. Take a good look at this Memorial if you have not been here before.



(??) What is the last official word of the sentence in the inscription around the pool?

(Ps) Find a good vantage point and have someone ELSE take a photo of JUST YOU with the Boy Scout Statue in the background. Make sure they take a good one!

18) With the following clues, Sherlock Scout says, find the wording, then find what State the wording came from?

(??) It is not a man, just the opposite, it is not the head, just the opposite, it is not right, just the opposite, this is not above, just the opposite, this is not 'lost', just the opposite - what State is it from?

19) Proceed to the Northeast corner of this block. Safely cross 15th St. Proceed East on the South side of Pennsylvania Ave. On the second block on your right will be the Government Office for the District of Columbia. At this point find "Freedom Plaza". It is located between Pennsylvania Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue, and between 13th and 14th Streets, NW. It is a block with a map laid out of Washington, D.C. Go to this map and stand on it! Find out where on the map you are. Pierre Le'Font was the famous designer of Washington, D.C. and designed this city plan. Yet with all the magnificence of Washington, D.C. he died penniless.

(??) Find the original proclamation embedded on Freedom Plaza by Mr. Le'Font. What did he change his first name to?

20) Proceed NW safely across the street to the Willard Hotel. **YOU ARE NOW AT THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.** Seton, Beard, Livingstone, Boyce and others met in this hotel. The Scouting Founder Lt. Gen. Baden-Powell also came here. Just inside this very same hotel, in meeting rooms not very far from where you are standing, in 1910, the founders met here many times, and formed the outlines and very beginnings of the Boy Scouts of America. This is exactly where the Boy Scouts of America was BORN.



REVIEWING BOY SCOUTS  
This Group contains photos of President Taft, Ambassador Bryce, General Baden Powell, Mr. Collin H. Livingston, President National Council of Boy Scouts of America, Mr. A. C. Moses, President of Washington Local Council and Major Archibald Burt.

\*\*\* This Hotel is also where the term "lobbyist" comes from. The President and Members of Congress used to have many meetings here, and there would be people waiting for them in the "Lobby" of the Hotel, to try to get their attention as they were leaving or entering the Willard Hotel - thus "lobbyist".

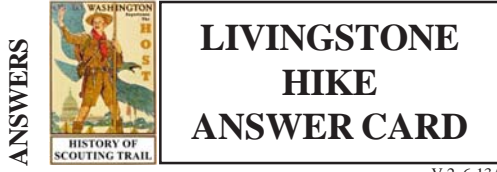


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