



Welcome to the WKU Parent and Family Weekend Treasure Hunt!

Sponsored by the Department of History and the Alumni Association

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Registration begins 9:30 am, DSU Lobby

Starting Time of Departure: 10 am

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HOW IT WORKS:

There are 15 clues and the hunt will probably take between 1-2 hours to complete.

The treasure hunt is a chance to use creative reasoning to figure out clues that will lead you by foot to 15 locations across the WKU campus. You will get to have fun learning about the campus and its history (or perhaps to get to know it all over again!) and to appreciate features that you probably overlook or didn't know about. You can compete as an individual or a team. The hunt will probably take between 1-2 hours to complete.

You are free to use phones to look things up online but final answers can only be found at the site.

Clues mostly follow along a set path, although you are free to solve the clues in any order you wish. Most neighboring clues in the treasure hunt are not *too* far from each other but a couple of times you'll need to walk further. Each clue will lead you to a specific outdoor location on the WKU campus (you will not need to go into any buildings except to start and finish the hunt). Your entire team needs to go to each location to get credit for the clue.

The first part of the clue will lead you to a particular building, object, or natural feature. Once there, find a specific piece of information that answers the question or phrase in the second part of the clue. In the clue, key words that refer to a thing/place associated with finding the answer are in ***italics***. The words that refer to the exact answer are underlined. Words in "quotation marks" refer to either direct quotes from locations or are hints to imagine the word in a new light.

The correct answer will exactly match the number of dashes provided for that question. Fill in your answers on the clue sheet as you find them. Answers may be words, numbers, or some combination of the two.

You will need to be imaginative and creative in thinking about each clue and its exact wording. The things you are seeking are always in plain sight if you look carefully and search systematically!

PRIZES:

The first, second and third places teams will all receive prizes, and all contestants will get small gifts from the History Dept. (plus extra credit for students IF and ONLY IF their professors are awarding them that!)

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Here are some Example clues as models. Answers and explanations below:

Example Clue 1:

Where oval speed demon Jeff and wedding crasher Owen come together, look for a silver "bird." High above its wings, you'll find all the players of a most illustrious "baseball team." If filling out a scorecard, who's playing shortstop?

Answer: _ _ _ _ _

Example Clue 2:

Near center campus, find a place where generations since 1970 have gone to learn and teach in the round. Near a lower portal (where you can best hear the chimes way up high), two old friends are embracing. What sort of sweet comes from the one on the left, which is also an old name for a kind of transportation or a new name for the act of a nefarious geek?

Answer: _ _ _ _

SOLUTIONS

Answer to Sample Clue 1:

Jeff Gordon and Owen Wilson (if you don't get the references right away, these can be found by doing a Google search for "speed demon Jeff" and "wedding crasher Owen") leads you to Gordon Wilson Hall. In front of the building you will find the metal sculpture "Books for Father" with the pages spreading like the wings of a bird. Looking up at the top of the building, you will see the names of famous writers Keats, Shelley, Byron, Dickens, Chaucer, Burns, Schiller, Goethe, and Milton. There are nine names all together, and there are nine players on a baseball team. Since #6 refers to the position of the shortstop (again, feel free to use Google to look this kind of information up), the 5-letter answer you are looking for is BURNS.

Answer to Sample Clue 2:

Tate Page is the circular building in the center of campus, built in 1970. (You might also have thought of the Hardin Planetarium, but it was built in 1967 and isn't used for classroom space in the same way as Tate Page and isn't in the center of campus). Near the lower doorway closest to Guthrie Bell Tower (chimes refers to the ringing of bells), there are two trees growing close together, and the branch of one reaches around the trunk of the other. The tree on the left is labelled "Hackberry". Since "hack" is also an old name for a cab and for a computer crime, the 4-letter answer to this clue is HACK.