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## CHICAGO

# SCAVENGER HUNT ADVENTURE

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*Welcome to the Scholastica Travel Chicago Scavenger Hunt Adventure! There is so much to see and do in Chicago. Get ready! This Scavenger Hunt Adventure will engage you wherever you go. You'll need your eyes, brain, and ears to complete the challenges. Have fun and good luck! You are going to have a great time exploring the city!*

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## CHICAGO SCAVENGER HUNT ADVENTURE POINT TALLY

John G. Shedd Aquarium	_____
Adler Planetarium	_____
Field Museum of Natural History	_____
Museum of Science and Industry	_____
Art Institute of Chicago	_____
John Hancock Observatory	_____
Chicago Water Tower	_____
Tribune Tower	_____
Willis Tower	_____
Chicago Food	_____
Daley Center	_____
Lincoln Park Zoo	_____
Michigan Avenue	_____
Millennium Park	_____
Grant Park	_____
Rivers and Lakes	_____
Historic Navy Pier	_____

**Total Scholastica Travel Scavenger Hunt Points** \_\_\_\_\_

*Great work! Tweet your total points to @ScholasticaInc or post on the Scholastica Travel Facebook page!*

## NOTES AND MEMORIES

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## *How it Works*

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There are many fun challenges for you to complete during your trip to Chicago! Work individually or in teams to find the objects and answer the questions pertaining to each location. Take photos (if the site allows) of each object to document what you find! Don't forget to include team members in the photos!

During the adventure, tweet your photos to @ScholasticaInc if you have a Twitter account, or post on our Facebook page. We love to share your findings with other Explorers!

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## *Where to Find Help*

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- Pay very close attention to what the tour leader tells you at each location. They may reveal an answer!
- Ask the staff at the museum or site's information desk to point you in the right direction.
- Check out the maps at each location for clues.
- Read signs and plaques very carefully.

## HISTORIC NAVY PIER

- Navy Pier was once used as a Navy training facility during World War II. U.S. Sailors and pilots, including future President George H.W. Bush trained here.
- Navy Pier is one of the top tourist attractions in Chicago. Here you will find restaurants, shops, Navy Pier Park, an IMAX Theater, and the Chicago Children's Museum.

Ride the 150-foot-tall Ferris wheel or have your picture taken in front of it ..... 15 points ☐

Have your picture taken with a lighthouse in the background.  
..... 10 points ☐

Find a sculpture of kids playing. Count the statues. How many children are playing together? ..... 10 points ☐



## GRANT PARK

- Often called “Chicago's front yard”, Grant Park is a large public park in downtown Chicago. Some of the largest festivals and events are held here.

Find Buckingham Fountain. The fountain shoots water 150 feet into the air! .....10 points ☐

Find a statue of the 16th President of the United States .....10 points ☐

Find a statue of a person on horseback. Who is on the horse? ..... 15 points ☐

*Total Grant Park Points:* \_\_\_\_\_

## RIVERS AND LAKES

- The Chicago River is dyed green each year for St. Patrick's Day. It takes forty gallons of vegetable dye to color!
- To keep sewage and pollution from flowing into the city's fresh water supply, engineers reversed the natural flow of the Chicago River in 1900.

Walk along the 18-mile Lakefront Trail, Chicago's trail along Lake Michigan.....10 points ☐

Have your picture taken on a sandy shore of Lake Michigan .....10 points ☐

Chicago has more than 30 movable bridges that open to allow tall boats to pass through. Find one.....10 points ☐

*Total Rivers and Lakes Points:* \_\_\_\_\_

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## *When the Adventure is Complete*

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When your adventure has come to an end, add up all of your points from the challenges you completed. There are worksheets throughout to help you. Then, send your name, scavenger hunt photos, and total points to Scholastica Travel to receive your official **Scholastica Travel Explorer Certificate!** Email to Natalie Rice at [nrice@scholasticatravel.com](mailto:nrice@scholasticatravel.com) or mail to:

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## CHICAGO

- Chicago has over 550 parks, 33 sand beaches, and 10 wildlife gardens.
- The "L" is the second largest rapid transit system in the United States, after the New York City Subway. It is nicknamed the "L" because parts are elevated above the streets.
- Chicago is home to the "Magnificent Mile", a shopping stretch along Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago. Stores include Apple Computers, ESPN Zone, and the Lego Store.
- The first skyscraper was built in Chicago in 1885. Now, Chicago is often referred to as the birthplace of the skyscraper.

## GREAT CHICAGO FIRE

Legend has it that during the dry, hot summer of 1871, Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern in the barn. It is said that this event ignited the Great Chicago Fire. It's unsure if this is really how it started but the fire burned for 27 hours and destroyed 17,000 buildings. During 1871, over 300,000 people were living in Chicago, mostly in wood homes. Afterwards, Chicago buildings were constructed from stones and bricks. Several buildings survived that are standing today, including the Old Chicago Water Tower on upper Michigan Avenue.

## MILLENNIUM PARK

- Millennium Park is seen by many Chicagoans as the crowning glory of their city. It was built on a site that was controlled by the Illinois Central Railroad for almost 150 years. The park opened in 2004.

Find the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, designed by Frank Gehry. This ultra-contemporary outdoor concert venue seats 4,000 with room for an additional 7,000 on the Great Lawn. What does the Pavilion look like to you?

.....15 points ☐

If it's warm, play in the Crown Fountain. This was designed by Spanish artist Jaume Plensa. The towers project video images of diverse Chicago citizens spitting out water, which Plensa says is a reference to the traditional use of gargoyles.

.....10 points ☐

Find the Cloud Gate, known to many as "the Bean". It was designed by British artist Anish Kapoor and was inspired by liquid mercury. Stand directly beneath it and try to find your reflection.....10 points ☐

Find the footbridge that winds like a snake and connects Millennium Park to the Daly Center.....10 points ☐

*Total Millennium Park Points:* \_\_\_\_\_

## DALEY CENTER

- Located in the heart of the Chicago Loop, the Daley Center was Chicago's first major public building to be constructed in a modern rather than a classical architectural style.
- The Chicago Picasso is a sculpture by Pablo Picasso. It is located outside the Daley Center. The sculpture weighs 162 tons and is 50 feet tall! Many events are held around the statue including farmers markets and concerts.
- Many movie scenes were filmed here, e.g. *The Dark Knight*.

Find the eternal flame memorial in Daley Plaza. Whom does it honor? .....15 points ☐

Find the Chicago Picasso sculpture.....10 points ☐

What do you think the sculpture is of?  
.....15 points ☐

Total Daley Center Points: \_\_\_\_\_

## LINCOLN PARK ZOO

- This zoo is free to everyone, every day of the year!
- Founded in 1868, this is one of the oldest zoos in the US.
- See chimpanzees, aardvarks, sloths, otters, and more!

Find a statue of a bear with a fish in its mouth.....10 points ☐

Find the old burr oak tree which has stood at the park location since 1830, three years before Chicago was founded  
.....10 points ☐

Total Lincoln Park Zoo Points: \_\_\_\_\_

## SHEDD AQUARIUM

- The Shedd Aquarium houses more than 22,000 animals!
- To fill the aquarium's saltwater exhibits, the Shedd Aquarium shipped 1 million gallons of ocean water 1,600 miles by rail from the Florida Keys. Between December 1929 and late spring 1930, 160 train cars of seawater were delivered.
- Shedd received its last shipment of ocean water in 1970. From then on, the aquarium made its own seawater with synthetic chemicals. Today, Shedd makes about 3 million gallons of seawater a year to replenish its exhibits.

Visit Granddad the Australian lungfish. Granddad is the oldest aquatic animal in a public aquarium in the world. He arrived full-grown at the Shedd Aquarium in 1933. He is over 80 years old!.....10 points ☐

Find the anaconda, the largest snake in South America and possibly in the world!.....10 points ☐

Visit the moon jellies in Waters of the World. Look into a jelly's glowing bell to watch not one, but four U-shaped stomachs digesting the food.....10 points ☐

Find the sea otters. Sea otters have to eat 20-25% of their body weight every day because they lack blubber to keep them warm. They also have the thickest fur in the animal kingdom, with 1 million hairs per square inch. (Humans carry about 100,000 hair follicles on their head.).....10 points ☐

Total Shedd Aquarium Points: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADLER PLANETARIUM

- The Adler Planetarium was founded in 1930 and was the first planetarium built in the Western Hemisphere!
- The planetarium is built on what once was an artificial island on Lake Michigan. Northerly Island, as it is called, was the first of what was to be a series of artificial islands stretching south.
- In 1933, light from the star Arcturus was converted into electrical signals, sent to the Adler and used to turn on the lights at the World's Fair on opening night.

Experience the night sky over Chicago as it appeared in 1913 in the Atwood Sphere – Chicago's oldest planetarium.

Although the star positions have not changed since then, we can see only a small percentage of these stars in our current night sky. Why? .....15 points ☐

Find the Gemini 12 spacecraft, which carried astronauts Jim Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin.....10 points ☐

Find *Man Enters the Cosmos*, a bronze sundial sculpture outside the planetarium. What year was the statue erected?.....15 points ☐

*Total Adler Planetarium:* \_\_\_\_\_

## WILLIS TOWER

- Formerly the Sears Tower, the Willis Tower is 108 stories tall. It is the second tallest building in the United States. It was completed in 1973.

Take the 60-second ride on the elevators to the Skydeck. Can you feel the building sway with the wind? .....10 points ☐

Find the "glass balcony" on the 103rd floor of the Willis Tower. Do you dare to stand in the box and look to the street 1,353 feet below?.....10 points ☐

*Total Willis Tower Points:* \_\_\_\_\_

## CHICAGO FOOD

- Chicago-style deep-dish pizza was invented at Pizzeria Uno, in Chicago, 1943.

Find a place to buy Chicago deep-dish pizza. Classic Chicago style pizza is over three inches thick!.....10 points ☐

Find a hot dog vendor.....10 points ☐

What topping is NEVER put on a Chicago hot dog?  
.....15 points ☐

*Total Chicago Food Points:* \_\_\_\_\_



## TRIBUNE TOWER

- The Tribune Tower was completed in 1925 and reaches a height of 141 meters.
- It is the home of the Chicago Tribune newspaper.
- The Tribune Tower has many famous stones incorporated in the walls, including rock fragments from the Alamo, the Great Wall of China, and the Colosseum. A steel fragment from the World Trade Center in New York has also been added to the wall. All these objects are labeled and visible from the street level.

List three of your favorite artifacts:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_.....15 points ☐

Total Tribune Tower Points: \_\_\_\_\_

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*"I adore Chicago. It is the pulse of America."*

*- Sarah Bernhardt, 19th Century French actress*

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## FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

- The Field Museum of Natural History is one of the top cultural attractions in Chicago. The museum gained acclaim when Steven Spielberg made it the home base for the esteemed archaeologist in his Indiana Jones movies. The museum is home to more than 20 million specimens!

Find Sue, the Tyrannosaurus Rex fossil. She is the largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus currently known. She stands 13 feet high at the hips! How old is Sue? \_\_\_\_\_  
.....15 points ☐

Find the McDonald's Fossil Prep Lab. Look through the windows and watch experts working on new scientific specimens and fossils from around the world.....10 points ☐

Get a bug's-eye view of the world when you magically "shrink" to 1/100th of your actual size—smaller than a penny—to explore an immersive environment of worm tunnels and soil chambers in Underground Adventure.....10 points ☐

Total Field Museum Points: \_\_\_\_\_

## MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

- The Museum of Science and Industry is one of the most popular museums in the United States. It covers a range of topics including energy, chemistry, weather, the human body, space exploration and transportation. The building was originally built for the 1893 World Columbian Exposition as the Palace of Fine Arts.

Find the World War II German U-505 submarine. What was the name of the U.S. Navy captain who captured the submarine? .....15 points ☐

Send your pulse to the Giant Heart and make it beat in time with your own. The Giant Heart is more than 13-feet high and 9-feet wide! .....10 points ☐

Observe high-voltage lightning as you sit below a large Tesla coil. Use electromagnetism to launch a ring 30 feet in the air! .....10 points ☐

Visit the *Earth Revealed* exhibit and watch the flow of our ocean currents and changing cloud cover .....10 points ☐

*Total Museum of Science and Industry Points:*

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## MICHIGAN AVENUE

- The section of Michigan Avenue north of the Chicago River is referred to as the Magnificent Mile.
- It is home to many department stores and is the most popular place to shop in Chicago.
- The Magnificent Mile is not actually one mile long, but closer to three-quarters of a mile long.

Find a person pretending to be a statue.....10 points ☐

Find a building with an apple on it.....10 points ☐

*Total Michigan Avenue Points:* \_\_\_\_\_

## CHICAGO WATER TOWER

- With its small neo-gothic towers, the Chicago Water Tower resembles more a tiny European medieval castle than a water tower. It was designed by architect William W. Boyin and built in 1869.
- The Chicago Water Tower was one of the few buildings to survive the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.
- It is the second-oldest water tower in the US, after the Louisville Water Tower in Louisville, KY.

What does the city of Chicago use the Old Water Tower for today (go inside!)?

.....15 points ☐

Find the plaque on the Old Water Tower designating it the first American Water Landmark.....15 points ☐

*Total Chicago Water Tower Points:* \_\_\_\_\_

## JOHN HANCOCK OBSERVATORY

- Designed by Skidmore Owings and Merrill
- Completed in 1970
- 897,000 square feet of office space, 172,000 square feet of retail space and 700 privately-owned luxury residential condominiums, and a 710-car public parking garage

Take a picture of the Hancock Center at a distance and up close.  
It is a black building with large Xs on the exterior, which help to support the building during heavy wind.....10 points ☐

Ride to the top of the Hancock Center in an elevator rocketing at 1,800 feet per minute. With the nation's fastest elevators, you'll arrive at the Observatory in 39 seconds.....10 points ☐

Find the waterfall outside the John Hancock center....10 points ☐

Walk around all sides of the observation deck to enjoy 360 degree views .....10 points ☐

Total John Hancock Observatory Points : \_\_\_\_\_



## ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

- The Art Institute of Chicago collects, preserves, and interprets works of art of the highest quality, representing the world's diverse artistic traditions. It is famous for its Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, and American paintings.

Why does the "U" in Institute look like a "V" (INSTITVTE)?  
.....15 points ☐

Find the painting *Sunday Afternoon on the Island of the La Grande Jatte* by Georges Seurat. Seurat uses a painting technique called pointillism, in which small, distinct dots of pure color are applied in patterns to form an image. Look closely for the individual dots .....10 points ☐

Find the painting *American Gothic* by the artist Grant Wood .....10 points ☐

Total Art Institute of Chicago Points : \_\_\_\_\_

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*“Eventually, I think Chicago will be the most beautiful great city left in the world.”*

*-Frank Lloyd Wright*

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