



# Cane Quest Contest Rules Treasure Quest



The Treasure Quest Exhibition will be held April 21, 2012, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Braille Institute Regional Center in Anaheim. Participants form teams of one sighted adult and one visually impaired student. Teams earn coins based on how well they demonstrate each orientation & mobility skills listed on Treasure Quest Skills Sheet. All student contestants will receive a certificate of participation and a commemorative t-shirt.

## **OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES:**

1. Treasure Quest is open to legally blind students in grades 3-6 who have received appropriate instruction in the use of the white cane, and who are both cognitively and physically able to walk independently for up to an hour at a time. To be eligible, a student's visual acuity must fall within the B1 through B2 classification range as defined by the United States Association of Blind Athletes.
  - Class B1—No light perception in either eye up to light perception, but inability to recognize the shape of a hand at any distance or in any direction.
  - Class B2—From ability to recognize the shape of a hand up to visual acuity of 20/600 and/or a visual field of less than 5 degrees in the best eye with the best practical eye correction.
2. Students must use a white cane for this contest, and must wear closed-toe shoes. We also recommend bringing water, sunscreen and a hat, or rain gear, depending on weather.
3. Treasure Quest will be held rain or shine, but will be postponed or cancelled due to lightning.
4. Since adults will be blindfolded for a portion of the contest, teams will be monitored at all times by trained volunteers.
5. If a team goes off-route, they will first be allowed to self-correct. If they fail to do so, a volunteer will intervene and redirect them as necessary. If a student needs assistance, they are to turn their cane upside down and a volunteer will assist them.
6. Start times for each team will be staggered five minutes apart. This exhibition contest is not timed and is not a race. Contestants are encouraged to go at their own pace.

7. No Passing: If your team is coming close and about to pass another pair in front of you, stop and wait until they've passed the next checkpoint to avoid crowding. Please do not "pass" another team.
8. No Talking or "Coaching": Adults will be asked not to give verbal cues when the child is leading, and visa versa!
9. The entire Treasure Quest route will be located on campus at the Braille Institute Regional Center in Anaheim. Teams will be given simple verbal directions at each of the 14 checkpoint stations.
10. All judging of skills is done by trained volunteers. One to four coins will be awarded at each checkpoint station, based on the teams' effective use of the skills listed on the Treasure Quest Skills Sheet.