1. General Information
The scavenger hunt is a competitive game among individuals and teams that encourages exploration and discovery of Chicago’s community areas and some of our treasured independent local restaurants.

The scavenger hunt begins at 12:01PM CST on August 14, 2020 and concludes at 11:59PM CST on September 13, 2020.

Participants must choose to compete either in the “Team” division where all participants are 18+ in age; in the “Family” division for adults with minors, including parents or legal guardians; or in the “Virtual” division for participants of any age who can’t or choose not to physically travel to restaurants.

2. Safety and Maintaining Social Distance
Participants should follow City of Chicago, state of Illinois and federal public safety guidelines at all times including staying home if they feel sick or have reason to believe they have potentially been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

Participants are encouraged to wear face masks in accordance with the Illinois mask mandate and maintain proper social distance of six feet apart from others not on their team at all times. If a team travels to a restaurant and there are other teams present, we ask those teams queue to take photos or videos in ways that allow for social distancing.

3. Additional Safety Precautions
Each Team Captain is encouraged to have a fully charged mobile phone with contact numbers of each team member when navigating the city.

4. Points
First, second and third place prizes are won by individuals and/or teams competing in three divisions (Team, Family and Virtual) based on the total number of points won. Points for the scavenger hunt are assigned in three ways:
First, points will be assigned for clues that lead to the identification of Chicago community areas. One (1) point per correctly identified community area.

Second, points will be assigned based on the distance of restaurants from the Loop. When participants correctly guess the restaurant in a given Chicago community area and take a photo/video of team members there (unless participants compete in the virtual division), they receive one (1) point for restaurants within 3 miles of State and Madison, two (2) points for restaurants within 3-6 miles of State and Madison, and three (3) points for restaurants over 6 miles from State and Madison.

Third, one (1) bonus point will be available per Chicago community area. To receive bonus points, each team will first have to correctly guess the Chicago community area described in the clue, then submit a question about that Chicago community area to Curious City. Submitted questions cannot be related to the restaurant in the clue. (E.g., the correct answer to Clue #1 leads participants to a restaurant in the Loop. Each team may win one additional point if they submit a question to Curious City about something or someone tied to the Loop. The submitted question cannot be related to the restaurant that answers Clue #1.)

Please note that participants in the “Team” and “Family” divisions can only receive points for i.) correctly guessing the Chicago community area the restaurant in question is located, ii.) taking photos/videos of team members in front of the correct restaurant for each provided restaurant clue and iii.) Curious City submitted questions as stated above.

Participants in the “Virtual” division can only receive points for i.) correctly guessing the Chicago community area where the restaurant in question is located, ii.) correctly guessing restaurants for each provided clue and iii.) submitting a question to Curious City as stated above. There is no preferred or designated order of completion.

5. Honor System
The scavenger hunt will be conducted on an honor system. Participants agree to govern themselves accordingly and not to photoshop or digitally alter submitted pictures/videos. Should judges believe that the spirit of this rule has been violated, that team will be disqualified.

6. Prizes
Participants are eligible to win gift certificates to the winning individual or team’s restaurant of choice. First, second and third place prizes can be won in three divisions (Team, Family and Virtual) and the monetary value of gift certificate prizes are:
Team & Family Divisions
First Place: $300
Second Place: $150
Third Place: $75

Virtual Division
First Place: $150
Second Place: $75
Third Place: $40

Each individual/team is just eligible for one prize.

7. Winning Team Determination
Winning teams will be determined as follows: for each clue successfully completed, each team will be rewarded points associated with that clue. Bonus points will then be determined based on the question submission criteria noted above. Shortly following the end of the scavenger hunt, the accumulated points for each team will be tallied and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners per division will be determined based upon the highest total points. In the event of a tie, the first tie breaker will be awarded to the team who attempted the highest number of clues. In the event the 1st tie breaker still results in a tie, the 2nd tie breaker will be awarded to the team that submitted the highest number of Curious City questions.

8. Notification
Curious City will make up to two attempts over the 48-hour period following the winning team’s selection to contact each Team Leader of the potential winning teams via the email address and mobile number associated with that Team Captain. If the Team Captain cannot be reached during the 48-hour period in which they are contacted, that potential winning team will be disqualified and an alternate winning team will be selected using the same winning criteria described above from among the remaining applicable eligible entries received.

9. Judges Decisions
The decisions of the Curious City judges are final.

10. Common Courtesy
Participants are asked to exercise common courtesy and to be kind and respectful when interacting with strangers. This includes maintaining proper social distance at all times and giving other teams and restaurant patrons time to complete their clues/purchases before taking photos/videos and engaging with restaurant staff.