

Ohio Treasure Hunt 2023 Answers SOUTHWEST

This years Hunt was themed loosely based on the Spiritualism movement of the nineteenth century.

Perhaps the most important item was the bar of soap. This bar of soap was holding a secret: there was a UV light hidden inside. Some players were savvy enough to figure this out before the Hunt started, but the epilogue riddle would have clued you in on this.

Water would allude to soap ←

Epilogue:
 With water's touch,
 Shadows flee,
 Embrace the light,
 And truth you will see.

Indicates the blackness of the →

UV light →

The UV light was necessary to confirm how to read the Answer Grid and was a part of the Koons Family puzzle for riddle #2.

Each riddle corresponded to a column on the Answer Grid. Once the order of the letters was correctly understood, you would have come up with:

WARRENCNTYNWPARKUNDERDOCK WARREN COUNTY NORTHWEST PARK UNDER DOCK

When looking at a map you would find that there is a park in the northwest corner of Warren county called **Twin Creek Metropark**. Within the boundaries of Warren County there one small publicly accessible lake called **Lake George**.

Lake George has a single dock which would have been the hiding spot for the Treasure Item.



Riddle # 1: Sharonville Conference Center/ Oak Hill Cemetery

Items needed: The gravestone paper (back of ouija board).

Column #1 (ERRAW)

Refers to the "Third Eye" Brewing Company which is near the conference center.

The conference center holds the "Victory of Light Psychic Expo" every year.

1. The eye beholds where light's victory stands.

Upon a fertile plain, their gathering is grand,

To the westward graves, Smith marks your way,

Don't lose sight, or wander you may.

The word 'Sharon' means "a fertile plain"

A 'grand gathering' is a conference.

The cemetery directly west of the Third Eye Brewing Company and Sharonville Conference Center is Oak Hill Cemetery.

Near the entrance to the cemetery is a very large obelisk/monument to the 'Smith' family on left hand side which would indicate you need to go left.

Not very far down the road you would come across a gravestone which matches the one on the back of the ouija board. The gravestone is made out to the SAMUEL W. BELL HOME FOR SIGHTLESS. The gravestone paper tells you what letters you need



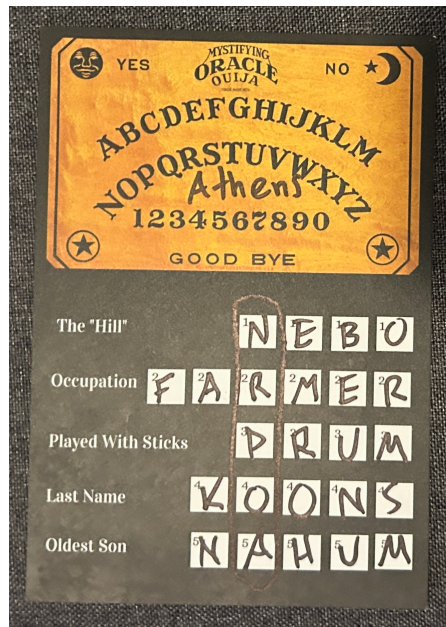
Riddle # 2: The Koons Family Spirit Room

Items needed: The Ouija board card, the raccoon mask, the UV light.

Raccoon = Koons

Column #4: (NRDOA)

The Koons Daily Spirit Room is a peculiar story taking place near Athen's Ohio. You did not need to travel to solve this riddle. When shining the UV light on the ouija board, it would reveal the word "Athens" and also would indicate which column was needed for the Answer Grid. Once you found the Koons' story, you would be able to fill in the rest of the blanks.



2. We beckon you build, to commune with us dead.
An enchanted space, where the specters tread,
Mystical instruments and disembodied hands aglow.
From distant lands they will come seeking our show.

Riddle # 3: Dayton Masonic Center/Dayton Art Institute

Items needed: The 'Gentle Mother' card, hourglass, feather, grim reaper necklace (scythe).

Column #2: (NDNUK)

Refers to the hourglass and feather which would create the "winged hourglass" symbol.

3. In union these two, a sign they create,

Death's emblem added, now a triad of fate.

In cryptic customs, they unite as kin,

Pass the flowerless garden and seek the Gentle Mother within.

Sometimes the "winged hourglass" symbol is also seen with a scythe in the background

Refers to the Freemasons which are known for their unique and mysterious ritualistic practices.

Beside the Masonic Center is the Dayton Institute of Art which has a sculpture garden outside (flowerless garden). If you walk through the sculpture garden you would find an area with fountains and memorial names written on the steps.



Riddle #4: Thomas Edison's Spirit Phone

Items needed: The back of the Answer Grid, the miniature phone

Column #2: (TYNWP)

Believe it or not, Thomas Edison was once quoted saying he was working on a "spirit phone" to communicate with the dead (using the scientific method of course). Once you found the quote online you can easily fill in the numbers for the telephone number (216-816-1243).

When you call the number you will get a creepy voice with this message which gives you the answer to fill out column #5 on the Answer Grid:

"Number 1 is 'T' as in tombstone."

"Number 2 is 'Y'"

"Number 3 'N' as in nightmare."

"Number 4 is 'W'"

"Number 5 is 'P' as in paranormal"

Full quote from Thomas Edison:

"I have been at work for some time building an apparatus to see if it is possible for personalities which have left this earth to communicate with us. If this is ever accomplished it will be accomplished not by any occult, mystifying, mysterious or weird means, such as are employed by so-called *mediums*, but by scientific methods."

4. From native soil, a mind's odd musings soared,
To commune with those passed, a method explored.
In printed quotes, his hopes glowingly displayed,
Proof absent still, doubts never swayed.

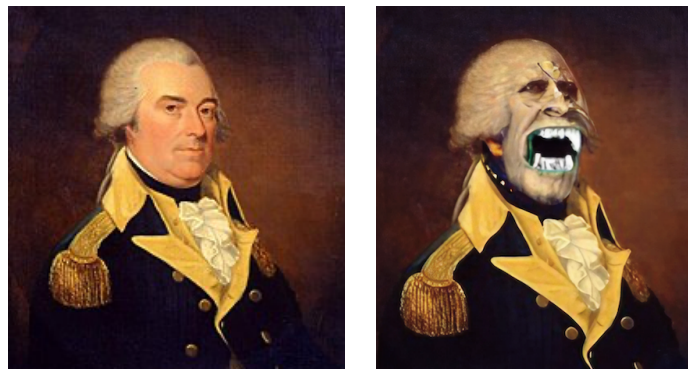
Riddle #5: Waynesville

Items needed: The “zombie guy” paper

Column #4: (CEKCR)

Waynesville is known for its MANY haunted locations including the Hammel House Inn (HH) and Friends Home (FH) which are indicated on the map. The riddle itself refers to General “Mad Anthony” Wayne whom Waynesville is named after. You could find his portrait online which matches the “zombified” version of him as a confirmation clue.

FUN FACT: The circled initials MP (Memorial Park) were intended to be hidden by the UV light. Unfortunately, the invisible ink did not take well to that section of the map.



General “Mad” Anthony” Wayne

General Anthony was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States.

Waynesville, OH was named after Anthony Wayne

Waynesville is known for its many antique shops and “haunted” locations.

5. Within a fractured mind, freedom's beginning sparked,
A land emerged, a legacy embarked.
Where the past lingers, and spirits do gleam,
In every memory, the answers you'll redeem.

Waynesville has a tiny “Memorial Park” which is indicated by MP on the map. You would need to find the corresponding bricks that match up with the blank names on the map paper.