

Puzzle Competition Rules

General Rules:

- Each team will consist of 4 team members ages 16 and up, all of which must be registered before the competition begins
- Each team will receive an identical puzzle at the start of the competition
- Each team will have a designated puzzle table
- The competition will begin at 2pm and end at 4pm
- Hands only- no aids (cutting devices, flashlights, phones)
- Onlookers are not to distract teams and cannot help teams with the completion of their puzzle
- Participants may not approach other team tables or distract other teams
- There will be no official breaks but teams are allowed to do so as needed
- Questions should be directed to judges
- Food and beverages are allowed at tables but at your own risk

Winning and Awards:

- The first team to successfully complete their puzzle (all pieces), will raise their hand, and will have their puzzle reviewed. If okayed, that team will be declared the winner
- Puzzle assembly will continue until 2nd and 3rd place teams have been determined. All remaining teams may continue to finish their puzzle at their own pace
- If the time limit expires before any team has completed their puzzle, all team members will be asked to step away from their table while volunteers count all remaining "loose" pieces. The team with the fewest "loose" pieces will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, each of the tied teams will be given 5 additional minutes to work on the puzzle and then loose pieces will again be counted
- The decisions of the judges are final.