

Gnomes on the Roam

ChristmasVille Dec 1, 2023 -Preschool Day
Modified Scavenger Hunt

Grant the Gnome needs your help! BELONGING is such a core human need and 5 gnomes that BELONG to Santa's Workshop have gone missing! As you explore Old Town, you'll not only find scavenger hunt clues inside and outside of businesses that will lead you to a prize, but you'll also give back to others along the way and discover the greatest gift of all!

Note for teachers and parents, read the clue aloud. Use the Mission on this guide, if you want to come back on Saturday and Sunday more of the missions will be available to do that are on the posters in the stores, this is modified for Dec 1, Preschool Day!

GNOME #1 CLUE: The first gnome is right here in this store! He is wearing a green hat just like Santa. Once you find him, write down the letter on the green square above and then complete this mission.

GNOME #1 MISSION: A gift that your loved ones will treasure the most is something that doesn't even cost a dime. Just gather someone you love and together spend some quality time. Doing this hunt around town is certainly one way! Or set a timer for 5 minutes and take turns laughing at jokes you Google or say.

*"There's only one thing more precious than our time and that's who we spend it on."
-Leo ChristopheR*

GNOME #2 CLUE: What mythical creature keeps time for trains at the STATION?
(A metro-gnome!)

Hopefully, that joke didn't go OVER your HEAD! But if it did, go look for Rock Hill's very first gift shop located less than 100 feet away!

GNOME #2 MISSION: Stop #5 for the day is here at Overhead Station, get a card, and write a positive note to someone in our community who could use the gift of encouragement. Volunteers will help you create cards together.

You are leaving this word of affirmation for the people in Old Town, Rock Hill that help keep us safe like firemen and women and police staff.

"Kind words cost nothing, so spend them freely." -Shelly Walde

What is one the best gifts you can ever give?



Write the letters you find on their matching color

Gnome #3 CLUE: Quick, a gnome has been sighted playing pinball at Rock Hill's only arcade bar. Find him before he runs out of gaming credits.

Gnome #3 MISSION: Without saying a word, you can make a statement of love and acceptance using physical touch. Try it now. Give a free hugs or high-five to someone nearby. Or if you prefer contactless communication, find someone and make eye contact with them. Then offer them a smile, wink, or thumbs up just to let them know they are seen and valued and that they BELONG.

Gnome #4 CLUE: You may need to "PHONE" a friend or "CALL" in some help with finding this next gnome He's getting CONNECTED to the HISTORY of Rock Hill's first communication company while "SERVING" others along the way. P.S. You may want to travel by ELK to get there!

Gnome #4 MISSION: Service is more than just what your phone company can provide! Take just a minute to do a selfless act of service yourself. It could be as simple as holding open the door for a stranger or picking up a piece of trash (make sure to sanitize afterward). Think of a way to help someone without being asked or expecting anything in return. You actually will be the one who gets the reward!

"No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted." -Aesop

Gnome #5 CLUE: Time to VISIT the last place in YORK COUNTY that saw a gnome on the roam. It was TRAVELING EAST and kept telling VISITORS along the way to, "Keep the MAIN thing, the MAIN thing."

Gnome #5 MISSION: So what's the MAIN thing? Put your letters in color order and what does it spell? An Italian word that means LOVE. See a ChristmasVille volunteer inside to get a GIFT as a token of our LOVE for your participation in this scavenger hunt—a picture with you and Grant the Gnome! And remember that the ways you show love don't have to end here. You can continue to "shine your light" with kind actions and words everywhere you go. You can "brighten" the world with the warmth of your smile and a quick embrace. Never forget that we all BELONG together and that together we are better.

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things." -Mother Teresa