



Home Leg Synopsis

The home leg fits well as the first leg of the race. It could also be the only leg of the race if a shorter event is desired. It can be conducted very small-scale, with as few as four children on two teams in a two-bedroom apartment, or large-scale, with as many as 30 kids on 10 teams in a very large home (the ideal size is somewhere in the middle).

Home is set up in advance with 160 mini national flags from all over the world discretely placed where someone searching might find them, as well as 12 stations that correspond to world landmarks.

Roadblock begins with 5 second ordinal delays. Teams receive a chart showing the 160 flags alphabetically arranged according to country and separated into four continental regions. They are required to search the house to gather an assigned number of flags from each region. Upon returning the required items to the host, they move on to the Detour.

For the Detour, 12 challenges are provided and the kids select their Detour task with only partial knowledge of what the task entails. The Host has the choice of allowing them to choose one of 12 tasks in the single-detour option, or one of 6 tasks twice in the double-detour option. Each task is related to a world landmark.

Wildcard Dash – teams who did not finish first in this leg of the race qualify to compete in the Wildcard Dash Racers complete a multiple choice quiz and the team returning with the correct information first gets an additional 5 points. The answers to the quiz are all found at the 12 Detour stations already posted around the home.

Ordinal delays: 5 seconds
Adults required: 2 preferred – but can be done with 1 if there are few teams
Skills required: (much depends on which Detour is selected) world geography, delegation, dictionary skills, fine motor skill, pattern recognition, creative writing, navigational skill

Supplies

Roadblock envelopes
Roadblock instructions
Flag Sheets
160 Toothpicks
White glue
Detour envelopes
Detour instructions
Detour station posters
Wildcard instructions
Wildcard envelopes (with 1 pencil per team)
Adhesive tape

For Detours...

- › 1 deck of cards
- › 1 jar of beads, string
- › Pencils or pens
- › Home Computer with internet
- › Atlas (optional)
- › 1 roll toilet paper, small jigsaw puzzle
- › 1 dictionary
- › Pennies (300 – 500), ruler
- › Bowl of dried beans (2 colors)
- › Needle, thread, fabric, scissors; 12 marbles in a bowl
- › 2 identical newspapers, tape, scissors

Preparation – several hours

1. Prepare all supplies and purchase extra items (Dollar Store is the best source)
2. Place flags around the home for the Roadblock
3. Set up Detour stations
4. Prepare Finish Mat