

Nautilus Gears 2019 Contest FAQs

1. What is this contest?

The Nautilus Gears contest is designed to bring Hamiltonians together and encourage them to work to discover and explore this city and its resources. “Playing” the game involves collaboration, research, exploration and problem-solving.

2. How do you play?

There are six sets of clues. **Beginning Friday, September 13, a new clue set is released each week, until all six are shared.** Each clue set is dependent on solving the previous one – i.e. you cannot solve Clue Set 2 until you have the correct answer from Clue Set 1. To win the game, you need to correctly answer all six clue sets and then enter to win.

The contest is designed to be inclusive – you must physically visit different places in the city and connect with others to help solve the clues. Most of the answers to the clues are not “Googleable.” This is especially true of the clues involving Hamilton locations.

To be eligible to win, you must submit your answer before 11:59 pm on Friday, November 15, 2019 (when the contest closes). A winner will be drawn at random from all correct answers.

3. Who can play?

Anyone. Although the contest is geared toward adults and teenagers – families and groups are encouraged to brainstorm and play together as a team.

A children’s version of clues is also available to engage young gamers. One clue from each of the kids’ clues will be valuable (but not vital) in solving the “adult” clues.

4. How long is the contest?

The contest officially kicks off Friday September 13, 2019, when the first Clue Set is shared. A new clue set is released each Friday following, until all six sets of clues are released. There are three additional weeks of playing time at the end of the contest. For a chance to win, all correct answers must be submitted by Friday November 15, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.

5. What does the winner win?

One prize is awarded: a gold-plated silver keepsake in a custom-designed wooden puzzle box. The approximate value is \$1,000.

The keepsake is designed by Caillin Kowalczyk of Lovesick Designs. The custom wood puzzle box is designed by Matthew Benedetti of Benedetti Woodworking.

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