



## Welcome to BANG 12!

**Packet Contents:** In addition to this sheet, this initial clue packet contains:

- 1) a crossword puzzle (across clues only),
- 2) a reference sheet,
- 3) a scorecard,
- 4) a location map, and
- 5) the first clue.

If any one of these is missing, please see a BANG official immediately.

**Scoring System:** BANG 12 scoring is point-based. Each clue is worth 20 points. Points are deducted for taking hints. Ties in score will be broken by the time of the teams' scorecard submissions.

**Hint System:** Each clue has two or more hints associated with it. To take a hint, go to the BANG official for that clue, hand them your scorecard, and ask for a hint. The BANG official will mark the scorecard to indicate that a hint was taken. The BANG official will then give you a hint for that clue.

Most clues have one 5-point hint and one 10-point hint, for a maximum deduction of 15 points. Other clues have 3 five-point hints. You can discover the hint structure for a given clue by referring to the scorecard, or asking the BANG official stationed at that clue. Remember, hints must be taken **in order**. (i.e. in order to receive the 10-point hint, you must have first taken the 5-point hint.) The point of the game is to have fun, so if you've spent a good amount of time looking at a clue and you're just not getting anywhere, take a hint. A good game team knows when to ask for help!

**Clue Solving:** Every clue has a zodiac sign clearly associated with it. When you have solved a clue, find the zodiac sign associated with the clue on the scorecard, and mark the answer word next to it. Then, go to the answer crossword, and find the clue that the answer word clearly corresponds to. The number of the crossword clue is the number on the map of the next location. At the end of the game, you will turn in your scorecard, as it will be used to determine your final score and placement.

**End Game:** BANG 12 is over at **10 pm**. At that time, regardless of how many clues you've solved, please come to **Location 45 (Tres Amigos Restaurant)** on your map to turn in your scorecard and to enjoy the end party! Point penalties will be assessed for scorecards turned in after 10:10 pm.

**Reference Sheet:** We have included a reference sheet with common encoding schemes and other miscellaneous information. Some, though not all, of this information may be helpful in solving some clues.

**Rules & Considerations:** BANG 12 is a walking game conducting solely on foot. Teams MUST stay together at all times. Also, please be considerate of businesses and other people that are on the streets of Downtown San Mateo while participating in BANG.

**Emergency Numbers:** The BANG 12 emergency numbers are:

408-391-5169  
650-906-4547

Do NOT call these numbers for help or clue issues. If there is an issue with a clue, please talk to the BANG official stationed at that clue.