

Dinosaur Egg Patrol

HOST ONLY - preparation and story

Includes answers. Keep these pages with an adult.

The dinosaur camp mixed six nest survey cards. Each of five desk checks will rule out one mistaken nest. Recover every check before choosing the correct card. Collect five named badge digits and use the final sheet. Every clue is on the table; ask the host for one hint at a time.

1. Print one player pack and two record sheets per team. Keep the host answers and all three hint levels with the adult.
2. Keep every clue as a full sheet at one table. Put the final sheet face down until all five results are recorded. Nothing needs cutting, folding or hiding.
3. Give each child a pencil. Choose a reader, recorder and checker, and swap jobs after each clue. Use one team for 2-4 children or two teams for 5-6.

Players: 4; teams: 1. Print one player and prop set per team. Invitations and certificates: 4 each.

Paper and pencils are enough. Keep whole sheets at one table; nothing needs cutting, folding or hiding.

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HOST ONLY - solution guide

1. Trail: 4

The open corridor from S reaches row 5 column 5, exit 4; the other labelled exits are separated by walls.

2. Keeper: 7

Jem has Tag; Sol has Shell; Tara has Chart. Sol's item gives 7.

3. Shell: 3

The only order is Read survey > Check shell > Mark nest > File card. Position 2 carries 3.

4. Load: 4

Remove 4 from 12; share 8 among 2 parcels to get 4. Check $2 \times 4 + 3 = 11$.

5. Label: 7

D1, A3, A3, B1 reads EGGS. The conversion table gives 7.

6. Final: 0307

Only Nest A matches all five columns. Copy its printed code 0307.

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HOST ONLY - timeline and paper check

3 minutes: Read the story, show the badge record and choose roles.

4 minutes: Solve Trail. Offer one hint level at a time if wanted.

6 minutes: Solve Keeper. Offer one hint level at a time if wanted.

5 minutes: Solve Shell. Offer one hint level at a time if wanted.

5 minutes: Solve Load. Offer one hint level at a time if wanted.

5 minutes: Solve Label. Offer one hint level at a time if wanted.

5 minutes: Use the five results on the final sheet.

2 minutes: Read the ending and thank each teammate.

Paper completion: check each badge against the solution guide, then check the final code. No device is required.

The survey card is returned to the matching nest. Thank your team for checking the evidence together. Confirmed: Nest A, code 0307.

Duration and ages are estimates. Adjust pace and offer help for your group.