THE HUNT FOR THE GOLDEN TOKENS 2023

Sunday September 17th to Sunday September 24th

The hunt begins at 9:00AM Sunday September 17th, 2023!

The Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation has hidden **FIVE** golden tokens throughout the community forest and Smithers area.

Can **you** solve the riddle clues and find them?

Token hunters will be entered into a draw with over \$1000 in prizes from local merchants!

That's right folks! Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation is celebrating National Forestry Week this year by challenging young and old treasure hunters alike to locate the five golden tokens hidden within the Wetzin'kwa Community Forest.

Contest Instructions:

1: Solve the riddle clues posted below to determine the token locations...

2: Go find the token hiding in the field (walk, bike, hike, drive, etc.)...

Note: some locations will be a bit more effort (e.g. a hike) than others (e.g. you can park beside it).

3: Take your photo with it (or kids, or dog, etc.) to prove you found it!

(Repeat steps 2 and 3 to find as many tokens as you can)

4: Email your photo(s) to **general@wetzinkwa.ca** including your name and contact information *OR* post it to your Instagram and tag us **#wetzinkwagold** Entries must be received before midnight (PST) on September 24th, 2023.

Note: If you couldn't find some of the clues but know where they are, be sure to also send us your location guesses to be entered in a separate draw!

5: Each successfully located clue gives you one entry into a draw to win 1 of 10 \$50 gift cards to local merchants!

Ready *for* riddles? Tokens will be in place and ready to hunt from

Sunday September 17th at 9:00AM until Sunday, September 24th at midnight.

(...no early hunting please!)

Clue #1:

A perfect location to start your adventure,

You can grab a coffee or a beverage before your departure.

A walk through downtown Smithers is a good place to start,

To find a painting by Raven Tacuara, a beautiful peice of art.

Clue #2:

This path is a road bikers dream, Down the switchbacks you might let out a scream! To get this token you must have the will, and instead pedal up to the top of the hill.

Clue #3:

This clue might be Childs Play or it might put you off course,

After hootin' and hollerin' your voice might be hoarse.

At first this clue might sound a bit tough,

But if you are lost you can look to the bluff.

A ride through the woods you will find a bikers play ground.

Pass an old bus and the next Golden Token will be found.

Clue #4:

From the glacier and down the mountain,

the two become one- much like a fountain.

Tucked in the Hemlock, its an excellent place for lunch,

You'll pass a lake if you have a good hunch.

Clue #5:

It may not be the season to downhill ski,

But if it was this is the place where you would find me!

Where the road ends and the trail begins,

First one to the bottom green "T" wins!

Contest Rules:

Please make sure to be aware of current industrial activity on Hudson Bay Mountain Road and the McDonnell FSR, especially during daytime weekday hours.

Take yours and other resource road users safety very seriously please. The community forest is comprised of many high traffic industrial roads and requires users to use extra caution to navigate. Take your time and enjoy the adventure while driving to road conditions!

Some basic guiding principles of play are as follows:

1) Take yours and other resource road users safety very seriously please. The community forest is comprised of many high traffic industrial roads and requires users to use extra caution to navigate. Take your time and enjoy the adventure while driving to road conditions.

2) We expect golden tokens to be located in popular locations, so perhaps plan a picnic lunch and make a day out of this interesting scavenger hunt! Please remember however to pack out what you take in. A natural environment full of trash does not make for an enjoyable experience for anyone.

3) On your adventure you may find yourself away from a road on some uneven terrain. Please plan to have appropriate footwear and clothing in case the weather is adverse and terrain is uneven or slippery.

4) Always have a travel plan when entering the back country and let someone know about it. Have a check in system in place and ensure you follow it. An unexpected vehicle breakdown, ankle sprain or wildlife encounter (please read up on bear aware tactics and follow them before embarking on your treasure hunt) could result in significant delays in your trip and it will be nice to know that someone will be looking for your return and be prepared to offer assistance if you are late checking in. Not all locations within the community forest have cell phone coverage so make sure you are fully prepared for your backcountry adventure.

5) Now that you have taken the time to be sure you have planned a safe and fun outing please ensure you respect others desire to participate in the adventure. If you locate a golden token please leave it where you found it and do not attempt to remove, hide or damage it so that others can enjoy the treasure hunt. Please report to 250-847-3680 if a token is missing or damaged.

6) Field participation is not required! Too far away from the community forest? No time? Weather too ugly to attempt? Mobility concerns? You can still participate in the contest by entering the bonus prize draw! Use the web form below to tell us where you think the tokens are located. Each successful riddle solved will give one entry to a bonus prize draw for a \$50 gift card to a merchant of your choice!

7) **Maximum one gift card prize per participant.** The order of prize draw/awards will be as follows:

- 1. Grand prize draw (\$250 to a local merchant of the winner's choice)
- 2. Most creative photo (\$100)
- 3. Best costume (\$100)
- 4. General prize draw (10 x 50 gift cards = 500 total)
- 5. Bonus prize draw for online entries (\$50) *Must be from Village of Telkwa, Witset First Nation, or Town of Smithers (and surrounding areas) to be eligible for the online draw.

Participants have two weeks to provide a mailing address or pickup their prize (Silvicon Services office).

We wish you all good luck in the hunt for our hidden tokens. Play safe, have fun and be respectful of the environment. We look forward to receiving your contest entries!