



## Geocaching Fun at MCMLA 2005 in Salt Lake City

Do you like to solve puzzles? Do you enjoy being outdoors? Please join us for a bit of outdoor fun at MCMLA doing Geocaching!

Geocaching involves using hand-held Global Positioning System receivers to locate hidden objects (caches). This hobby has been growing since May 2000 when the government removed restrictions on GPS, which was originally developed for military navigation. Within days of the lifting of the restrictions, the first cache was hidden, its location posted on the web, and geocaching was born! As of May 2005, there are almost 170,000 active caches in 215 countries. There is probably one very close to where you live or work. Join us in the geocaching activity and learn more about a great family-friendly brain-teasing sport!

Here's what we're planning.

- We'll divide all the participants into teams.
- Each team will have at least one GPSr (either brought by a team member or provided by us).
- We will (briefly) teach you how to put coordinates (longitude and latitude) for a location into the GPSr then how to use it to get to that location.
- At the Opening Reception, we will give each team the coordinates for caches we will have hidden (within walking distance). They will have until Tuesday morning to find them!
- A GPSr can get you within about 20 feet of the location. That's when the fun begins: you have to use your brain to figure out where the cache is hidden! Cachers call it "using the force" to puzzle out the hiding place.
- We haven't worked out all the details, but we'll have a little friendly competition between teams, and prizes to be given at the luncheon on Tuesday.

**If this sounds like fun to you, please indicate your desire to participate on the registration form!**

To learn more about geocaching, go to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

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A word of caution: geocaching can be addictive!

