

SARAH'S AMAZING HANDOUT!

GENERAL RESOURCES:

My blog: <http://zen-teen.com>

Pinterest: <http://pinterest.com/zenteen>

Master post: <http://zen-teen.com/2014/09/17/ahoy-there-teen-think-tankers>



YO-HO-HO! (and a bottle of whaddya mean you're not into that anymore?!)

BOOKS

In: Realistic fiction, action, guys reading girl characters

Out: Manga, paranormal romance, dystopian

SOCIAL MEDIA

In: Instagram, Reddit, Vine, Tumblr

Out: Facebook, Twitter?

FANDOM

In: Harry Potter, Supernatural, Doctor Who, Sherlock, Marvel Cinematic Universe, Legend of Korra, Teen Wolf

Out: Vampires, zombies?

GAMING: Minecraft vs Roblox, Pokemon/Nintendo DS, card games (Magic: The Gathering, Yu-Gi-Oh!), tabletop games

TRENDING TOPICS

Age of the Geek: Geek & Sundry, Nerdfighteria, Big Bang Theory, New Girl, Neil Degrasse Tyson, geekthelibrary

Slackivism? Harry Potter Alliance & Project for Awesome, a lot of awesome awareness campaigns on Tumblr

Body image: Fitspo, thigh gap culture vs love for all body sizes

New Media: Lizzie Bennett Diaries (YouTube/social media storytelling), Welcome to Nightvale (podcast/Twitter), blurring of lines between creators & audience

GLBTQAI: Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, questioning/queer, asexual/ally, intersex // accepted as part of society by most teens – tv shows: Teen Wolf, Faking It // no more hiding in books // Harry Potter seen as a large contributor:

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/why-everyone-should-read-harry-potter/>

WHERE TO FIND OUT WHAT'S POPULAR IN YOUR AREA

Hot Topic: stop in and see what they're selling. If you don't recognize it, ask a staff member! And then leave your flyers.
Tumblr: being used by companies, bloggers, youtubers, authors... everyone. A HUGE part of the TFIOS movie marketing.
YOUR TEENS! Talk to them whenever you can, run surveys, polls/discussion on social media, start a Teen Advisory Board

SHIVER ME TIMBERS! Programs under \$25

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Original 25 under 25 presentation: <http://zen-teen.com/2014/03/23/do-more-with-less/>



SPECIFIC PROGRAMS:

LIVE & LET SPY

Laser grid training: red yarn or streamer paper with bells; tape across two tables on their sides or across hallway

Invisible ink: lemon juice, q-tips, white paper (teens need to use heat to see!)

Hacking: <http://www.addictinggames.com/puzzle-games/the-hacker-game.jsp>

Spy trivia (available at blog)

Spy vs Spy "hot potato" bomb: two red tubes held together w/ black tape; wire or string, kitchen timer

Morse code bracelets: fishing line or embroidery floss, seed beads, cylinder beads

Photo op: mustaches, etc, available at dollar stores; have teens use phones/library iPads

Code names: <http://www.frugalfamilytimes.com/2012/03/family-fun-secret-agent-party-birthday.html>

Codes: Caesar cypher, Morse code, & running key cypher (available at blog)

Creating cylinder codes: <http://www.classic-play.com/spies-like-us-secret-codes-pt-2/>

More information about codes: <http://nrich.maths.org/2197>

RECYCLED CRAFTS

Floppy disk notebooks: Ask your IT dept! <http://www.instructables.com/id/Notebook-from-old-Floppy-Disks/>

Pop tab bracelets: <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Pop-Tab-Wristband>

Bread tag monsters: Ask staff to save! <http://craftsbyamanda.com/2010/09/recycled-bread-tag-monsters.html>

CD scratch art: use withdrawn CDs & DVDs! <http://www.instructables.com/id/CD-Art/>

Magazine beads: withdrawn magazines! <http://suzycucumber.blogspot.com/2012/06/stacked-paper-beads.html>

Smash journals: use withdrawn books – pull out any & all craft supplies!

Notepads: use old flyers! <http://blogalacart.com/2010/12/notepad/>

Notebooks: <http://www.infarrantlycreative.net/cereal-box-crafts-notepads/>

Paper towel owls: ask maintenance staff to save!

NIGHT OF THE NINJA

Origami shuriken; origami paper source: http://cp.c-ij.com/en/contents/2004/list_15_1.html

Trivia (available at blog)

Kokeshi dolls: paint, wooden beads & popsicle sticks, wood glue

Stealth challenges (think Silent Library; can they bat balloons in silence? Walk across the room with rattles attached to their knees without causing the rattle to make noise, etc)

Naruto ninja village headbands: florist ribbon, duct tape, symbols

Naruto episodes; free Crunchyroll library accounts: <http://www.crunchyroll.com/outreach>

T-SHIRT TRANSFORMATIONS

Space shirt: <http://www.unicornpara.de/2011/02/20/going-to-space-brb/>

T-shirt bag: <http://tealouandsweetpea.wordpress.com/2012/06/27/diy-no-sew-fringe-tshirt-tote/>

Bleach doodles with bleach pen, bleach stripes, bleach + letter cutouts:

<http://sogeeekchic.com/post/9858415307/ijusthadtosharewithsomeone-love-this-idea-this>

Circle scarf: <http://blogalacart.com/2010/02/circle-scarf/>

No-sew girly fit: <http://connectthedotsons.blogspot.com/2011/03/diy-husbands-large-t-shirt-to-fitted.html>

Generation T: 108 Ways to Transform a T-Shirt Paperback by Megan Nicolay (book)

Classic permanent marker + alcohol

<http://www.theadairgroup.com>: very cheap t-shirts in bulk; can be purchased in quantities of 12

RAMEN NOODLE EATING CONTEST

Lots of ramen! Make it by the cup, or make a bunch by dumping it all in an igloo & pouring hot water over top.

Crunchyroll subscription: <http://www.crunchyroll.com/outreach>

ON THEIR OM: YOGA & MORE

Book: Um, Like... OM: A Girl Goddess's Guide to Yoga by Evan Cooper

Cucumber water, baked kale chips with salt & pepper, sautéed chickpeas with chili powder

Yoga – videos or find a volunteer! Suggest HATHA style. Lead them through sun salutation & moon salutation to start

NERDFIGHTER GATHERING

Pizza tasting contest (the answer is always pizza): Get donations from local pizzerias

Okay?/DFTBA bracelets – get individual letters from craft stores, white, blue, & black beads

Book charms!

Vlogbrother videos: <https://www.youtube.com/vlogbrothers>; can also just watch the Evening of Awesome when John &

Hank were at Carnegie Hall: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPlo_T_PZsE

DOCTOR WHO

Duct tape bowties: <http://www.repeatcrafterme.com/2012/03/duct-tape-bows-and-ties.html>

Van Gogh coloring sheets: <http://www.dragoart.com/tuts/3998/1/1/how-to-draw-starry-night.htm>

Gallifreyan name translator (print on blue paper!): <http://www.shermansplanet.com/gallifreyan>

YouTube videos: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLT1fUjcUjMkAZZrO-hczS9LW7LahO0EHp>

Paper TARDIS & Daleks: <http://cyberdrone.deviantart.com/gallery/9187037>

Guess Who: <http://karenkavett.com/blog/943/making-of-guess-who-doctor-who-edition.php>

Game: Toss the TARDIS, Blink/Don't Blink, Cyberman says, Don't Blink staring contest

THE MORTAL INSTRUMENTS

Tarot card readings: borrow or online: <http://cassandrajp.tumblr.com/tagged/Shadowhunter-Tarot>

Runes with face paint: <http://www.cassandraclare.com/my-writing/excerpts-extras/runes/>

Trivia (available at blog)

Angelic rune necklaces

Book charms

PHOTOGRAPHY

Sleevefacing: <http://corpuslibris.tumblr.com/>

Displays: Banned books // We mustache you to check out these books!

Photo booth drawing – chalk drawings

Fun photographs; photo booths, playing with shadow

SUPERNATURAL SURVIVAL SKILLS 101

Supernatural trivia (available at blog)

Pass the rabbit's foot OR why did it have to be snakes? Hot potato game!

Zombie tag

Pentacle bracelets: charms, plastic thread (could make with bottlecaps)

Ghostfacers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcEyVvDcFRk>

HUNGER GAMES SURVIVAL CHALLENGE:

Original files: <http://zen-teen.com/2012/02/21/the-hunger-games-are-coming/>

Catching Fire (better): <http://zen-teen.com/2014/09/16/the-hunger-games-survival-challenge-catching-fire/>

Backpacks: Oriental Trading

DIVERGENT

Erudite Trivia (available at blog)

Abnegation food drive

Candor confessions: big jar for those awful things you need to tell someone, but can't. At end of the night, shred them!

Dauntless tattoos with face paint

Amity arts & crafts: book charms

Bonus: t-shirts with logos & chocolate cake

INVESTMENTS:

Crayola Airbrush marker sprayer - \$25

Rice cooker - \$20

Cotton candy machine - \$35

Sewing supplies (thread, yarn, needles, felt)

Pony beads (a big vat of them) & plastic yarn (Rex Lace)

Sharpies & paint markers

Popcorn maker - \$30

1" circle punch & small heart punch

Crank laminator - \$75

Mini oven (toaster oven) - \$75

<http://dollartree.com>: great source for cheap supplies; can order in bulk

Note: Withdrawn books in excellent shape (those sad titles that never went out) make excellent prizes! Cut the tape, peel off the cellophane & barcodes, & voila! Keep a stack of those in your stash for instant prizes.