

Rules for the car treasure hunt of 19th November 2011

For the second year, the Alliance Française of Auckland is organizing a car rally through the streets of Auckland, on the 19th November, 2011 under the conditions and rules stipulated below.

1. The theme of the rally is **French Gastronomy**.

The rules have been set by the Alliance Française of Auckland. They must be read, approved and signed by the driver of each car. They will be available at all times during the event and can also be found on the web-site prior to the rally.

2. Objectives:

The rally is not a race! The object of the day is to have fun, to speak French, to mingle with other Francophile or Francophone participants and to find out more about French gastronomy.

The objectives are:

- To solve the riddles in order to identify each stage of the course
- To complete any games/activities presented at each stage, based on the theme.
- To identify, at each stage, one letter that will allow the participants to reconstruct a word at the end of the course.

3. Locations:

The rally will consist of seven stages on a course that will begin at Basque Park and finish at what will be initially a secret destination that will be revealed in the final clue.

4. Timetable:

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and the last envelopes containing the first clue will be given out no later than 11 a.m. The rally takes 2 hours on average and the prizes will be given out at a picnic at the end of the event.

The Alliance Française reserves the right to cancel the rally in the event that are insufficient participants.

5. Composition of the teams:

The competition is open to all those who speak French, with no age limit.

The clues will be chosen to be suitable for each of three categories:

- Late Beginner/Intermediate
- Late Intermediate/Advanced
- French speakers

The teams will be composed of participants of a similar level and each team will be allotted a colour badge which will identify the relevant level. Each team will be composed of a minimum of two people and a maximum of four people [adults or children]. Children of under 12 may take part in the rally participate only if under the responsibility of an adult. Children may participate in the games and riddles.

6. Vehicle:

The participants will always travel in the same car. Each vehicle will have a number on the windscreen, and will be allotted a colour to indicate the level of French spoken by the team. Alliance Française will not contribute to the cost of petrol.

For each team a driver and a navigator will be designated. The navigator will note the answers to the questions and will manage the time factor.

7. Ingestion of alcohol:

There may be a wine tasting on the route, but under no circumstances must the driver take part. Each driver will wear a badge indicating his role and he/she may not drink or even taste any alcohol at any time. Should this rule be broken the team will be disqualified.

8. Point and penalties:

Time will be the first criterion for the awarding of points. The first team to finish the course will be awarded a maximum number of points for this and there will be a graduated scale of points for those who follow.

Points will be awarded for the completion of the correct hidden word.

Penalties will be given:

-If a team cannot solve a riddle they may open a 'help' letter which will give the name of the next point of call, which will allow them to continue. The team will lose 100 points for any such envelope that is opened.

-If the rally is completed outside the time allotted points will be deducted.

-Telephone assistance requested will cost points, as this should only be used as a last resort, after the 'help' letter has been opened.

9. Confirmation of the answers:

The answers to the questions or games must be legible. One single response for each question will be accepted.

10. Materials:

Each team should carry:

- A map of Auckland
- A cell phone
- Spare paper
- Some change for parking and any other small expenses incurred

11. Security and responsibility

Each team must respect the Road Code and to the other participants. Each competitor should assure that they have current insurance cover. The Alliance Française will not accept any responsibility for any accident or incident that occurs during the event.

12. Registration

- Paid on the day [19th]\$12 per person, \$5 for children under 12,
- Prepaid by the 16th November-\$10, \$3 for each child

The Alliance Française will provide a picnic to round off the event.

13. Prizes

The prizes will be relevant to the theme, French gastronomy. The names of the sponsors will be on all flyers and posters.

Should there be a tie, a subsidiary question or questions will be asked to identify the winner.