



## SYLLABUS

### Glossary of Terms

**Team:** your self-selected solving group of two or three; remains constant throughout the course

**Table:** your team plus one other team seated at the same table; changes for each round

**Round Puzzles:** the main puzzles for each round, consisting of one Recipe and five Dishes

**Dish:** a puzzle whose solution is a **Secret Ingredient**. There will be five in each round.

**Recipe:** a puzzle whose solution is a special **Password Ingredient**; each team brings its Password Ingredient to the next round.

**Dessert:** a puzzle that uses the answers to the five Dishes and one Recipe to produce a final answer for the round

**Leftovers:** Puzzles that you didn't finish during the round; you may keep these and work on them at the end of the evening

**Snacks:** puzzles to be solved by teams that finish a round early

**Final Exam:** a set of puzzles handed out at the end of the Dinner round which uses the three Dessert answers

**Head Chefs:** Game Control – the five of us, to whom you should present your answers, ask questions, voice concerns, etc., and whose decisions, however capricious, are of course final

### Goal

**Your goal is to have fun.** A minor secondary goal is to complete all the puzzles in the shortest time.

### Course of Instruction

**The course will consist of three rounds: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.** Breakfast and Lunch will be timed; Dinner will run until it is completed.

**For each round, your team will be seated at a different table, working with a different team.** Your seating assignments for the evening are printed on your Seating Card; make sure you don't lose it.

**At the beginning of every round, each team will receive a folder.** The contents of the two folders at each table are identical, and consist of **one Recipe puzzle, five Dish puzzles, and one Answer Sheet**. There may be other items at the table, to be shared by the teams. The two teams at each table should **work together** to complete all Round puzzles as quickly as possible.

**Each team begins the round with a Password Ingredient.** These ingredients will be used in the Recipe puzzles. Your Breakfast Password is printed on your Seating Card; you must determine your Lunch and Dinner Passwords by solving the Recipe puzzles. **The two teams at a table should always have different Password Ingredients;** if yours do not, please notify a Head Chef immediately. **Make sure you finish the Recipe puzzle before the end of the round.**

**When you have completed the Recipe puzzle and all five Dish puzzles,** write your answers and *both* teams' numbers on the Answer Sheet and present it to the Head Chefs. They will verify your answers, record your solving time, and give you your Dessert puzzle. **The whole table should then work together on Dessert.**

**When you've finished the Dessert puzzle,** present it to the Head Chefs, who will verify the answer and record your Dessert solving time. If there is time left in the round, each team will be given Snack puzzles (if they don't already have them).

**Snack puzzles should be solved by individual teams, not whole tables.** The Snacks are bonus puzzles. They have no "final solution", and do not play a role in any meta-puzzles. The goal is simply to get as many correct answers as possible. **In the event of a tie in total solving time, the tiebreaker will be the number of correct Snack answers.**

**The Breakfast and Lunch rounds are timed. After 40 minutes or when 20 tables have completed the Round puzzles, whichever comes first,** a bell will signal the serving of Dessert. **At that point, only 10 minutes remain in the round.** Any table that has not completed all six Round puzzles will receive: (a) the Dessert puzzle; (b) the Password Ingredient for the next round, if they have not completed their Recipe; and (c) a hint sheet designed to help them complete as much of the round as possible in the time remaining. We also encourage you to ask the Head Chefs for any additional hints that may help you along.

**You are encouraged to try to solve the Dessert even if you have not completed every Round puzzle.** A finished Dessert will enable you to solve the Final Exam even if you have missed some Round puzzles.

**When the final bell for the round rings, stop working immediately, clean up your table, and move to the next table indicated on your Seating Card.** Any puzzles that are not completed by the end of the round become Leftovers. After Dinner, you may reunite with your Breakfast or Lunch partners (or others, if you wish) to work on Leftovers together.

**At the end of Dinner,** if your team has completed all three Desserts, you will receive a Final Exam and a sealed Diploma. **The Final Exam should be solved by each team separately, not as a table.**

**When your team completes the Final Exam, you may unseal and complete your Diploma.** You should then present your Exam and Diploma answers to the Head Chefs, who will record your final solving time.

## **Final Notes**

- Remember, Round puzzles and Desserts should be solved together by tables; Snacks and Exams should be solved by individual teams.
- If you're stuck, feel free to ask for hints. This is especially true if what's thwarting you is a simple fact or piece of trivia. (No hints will be given for Snacks.)
- Your team's final score will be the the total solving time for the Rounds, Desserts, and Final Exams and Diploma. A five-minute penalty will be assessed if you fail to complete all the Round puzzles within the allotted time for any round. In the case of a tie, the winner will be the team with the most correct Snack answers.