

# SPRING TRAINING SCAVENGER HUNT



Baseball fan or not, you probably heard that the Chicago Cubs won the World Series for the first time in over 100 years last fall. In honor of their history-making comeback (they were down 3 games to 1!), we transformed our annual Spring Flower Show into an homage to Cubs' traditions and culture. Visit our Show House and see if you can find the following Cubs-ian references. **Good luck!**

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## Search for these features in the Show House exhibit *Spring Training*



### Find: Scoreboard

Built in 1937, this icon is still used with hand-operated scoring and digitized batter information. Engineering students helped secure the 27 ft by 75 ft behemoth in centerfield above the bleachers.

**Bonus:** Do you notice anything special about **our** version of the scoreboard?



### Find: Brick Wall

In 1937, the Wrigley family built a brick wall to separate the grandstands from the field, and then they planted Boston ivy and bittersweet all along the wall to make it feel more park-like.

**Bonus:** Why is there a 400 written on this section of the wall? What does it mean?



### Find: Commissioner's Trophy

In 2016, the Chicago Cubs won the World Series for the first time since 1908 (the same year the Conservatory opened!). They claimed the 2016 Commissioner's Trophy, topped with 30 pennants (or flags)

that represent the 30 baseball teams in the National and American Baseball Leagues. Ours is nearly 20 times the size!

**Bonus:** Since the tradition began in 1967, each World Series winning team has been awarded a new version of the Commissioner's Trophy. How many trophies have been awarded since then?



### Find: Wrigley Marquee

In 1934, William Wrigley, Jr. came up with a clever way to advertise tickets: a grand, marquee at the entrance of the park on Clark and Addison. What started as a glamorous billboard slowly became a part of the Cubs' tradition and is now a celebrated and beloved icon for Cubs' fans.

Find our Cubs' Marquee and snap a selfie!

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**Bonus:** From 1920 to 1970 another team's name was painted onto the Marquee in the fall of each year. Can you name that team?



### Find: Foul Poles

Jack Brickhouse was the Cubs' broadcaster during one of the worst (and longest!) stretches of Cubs baseball between 1948 and 1981. He did such a great job keeping spirits high, despite their losing streaks, his homerun catchphrase "Hey hey!" was included on both yellow foul poles.

**Bonus:** Why does one say 353 and the other 355?



### Find: Red Stitching

Baseballs are complicated. Not only are they made up of a combination of cork, rubber, wool, cotton and leather, but each one also has 108 double red, wax stitches that are always stitched by hand! Can you believe it?

**Bonus:** Based on the average life of a baseball, how many baseballs did the Cubs and Indians go through in their 7 game series?

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**Bonus Answers:**  
**Scoreboard:** It displays the box score and end time (12:48AM) from Game 7 of the 2016 World Series.  
**Brick Wall:** It is 400 feet from home plate. **Commissioner's Trophy:** 46 (there was not one awarded in 1994)  
**Wrigley Marquee:** The Chicago Bears! **Foul Poles:** Distance away from home plate **Red Stitching:** around 500