



Puzzle #11: Easter Basket Case



This is not a challenge that will test your puzzle-solving skills; rather it is a chance for you to exhibit creativity, flair, and puzzling originality. Your team is tasked with designing an EPP14 Easter Basket, and you are to deliver this basket to Eric **no later than 6:00 PM**. The only guidelines I provide are these:



- Baskets may be of any design, but should definitely try to incorporate typical Easter Basket themes (eggs, candy, etc) as well as puzzles or things related to Puzzle Parties.



- Baskets should not be ridiculously large. They should be, well, basket-sized.



- There should not be anything included on/in your baskets which would identify it as being from your particular team. No team names or references, no team member photographs, no team member names, and so on. The other teams will all be judging the quality of your basket design (and you judging all of theirs), and no teams are supposed to know who designed which other baskets.



- You are responsible for acquiring all materials needed to design and decorate your basket (including the basket itself). You may spend as little or as much money as you think is appropriate.



At 7:00 PM, after I have had a chance to inventory and anonymously label all of the submitted baskets, they will be displayed at my house, and each team should send *at least* one representative to judge the basket designs.



The judging will work like this:



There will be 12 baskets on display (12 being the number of teams at the Puzzle Party); one of the baskets you know as yours. To the other baskets you will exclusively assign the numbers 0, 1, 2,..., 10 as a grade (where your favorite basket is rated 10 Points, your second favorite 9 Points, and so on until your least favorite basket receives 0 Points). You have much leeway when judging, but you should at least somewhat consider these three criteria:



- Exhibition of the themes of Easter Baskets and Puzzles
- Originality/Cleverness
- Quality/Beauty



I will simply sum the scores assigned to each basket. Those sums will be the Points earned by each team for this puzzle.



All judging should be completed by 8:00 PM. Eric will total the Points and add them to your team's dashboard shortly thereafter (there is no Clutch-of-Eggs sticker to be found for this puzzle/event). Judging will remain anonymous; Eric will not release specific scores as to how any one team evaluated any of the baskets.



The most highly rated baskets will be used as trophies for the winning team on Sunday (e.g. if the team winning EPP14 has six players, then the six most highly rated baskets from this puzzle will be given to that team as trophies).

