

**2001 Manitou Days Treasure Hunt**  
Central Middle School, White Bear Lake

Clue #1:

*Unlock the fun of Manitou Days 2001  
By immersing yourself in a medallion hunt that's full of flare.  
The one way to win is to get out into the sun  
And make a through examination of good ole White Bear.*

*Wouldn't it be nice to finally take home a slice  
Of the prize money of which we yearly pitch?  
To do so, two large rocks you must splice  
For the clear disc is the meat in that stony sandwich.*

Explanation:

We took a risk by immediately telling hunters how the medallion had been placed. In addition, "one way" referred to the one-way street sign visible from the medallion's hiding spot.

Clue #2:

*Sports galore exists right out the back door  
And identifying the correct ones with serve to quicken your pace.  
Write down your goals and check them like never before  
'Cause it'll help you become an ace while keeping you on base.*

Explanation:

This clue was chalked full of helpful information on all of the athletic facilities that are placed in the Central/North Campus complex. Words given in the clue indicated different sports. For instance, "quicken your pace" referred to the running track; "down" referred the football field; "goal" pointed to the soccer fields; "check" tied to the hockey rinks; "ace" referred to the tennis courts near Bald Eagle Avenue; and "base" spoke of the schools' baseball diamonds.

Clue #3:

*Something old and something new is a definite clue  
At this landmark site we chose.  
Another suggestion that may be of great help to you  
Is to seek a region where many stately trees pose.*

Explanation:

"Something old and new" and "landmark" referred to Central Middle School/District Center. The building old existing structure serves as the District Center while the new addition hosts the Middle School. Because of its age and the number of us who attended the school, no doubt Central is one of White Bear Lake's most recognizable landmarks. The neighborhood has also preserved many tall, stately trees.

Clue #4:

*Thinking in circles isn't always bad  
Especially around our hidden prize.  
The numbers nine and ten should make you glad  
And are somehow closer than you realize.*

*It does seem that there is some kind of theme  
About being stuck in the middle.  
So if you fancy to be part of the winning team  
Succeed in picking apart this riddle.*

Explanation:

"Thinking in circles" and "numbers nine and ten" referred to North Campus High School, which is home to the area's 9th and 10th grade students. "Stuck in the middle" referred to middle school and the fact that medallion was wedged between two rocks.

Clue #5:

*An African beast could land you a feast  
One with a reputation for a hungry, hungry appetite.  
Also, ponder the true home of any Catholic priest  
Now a fourth letter connection will reveal a chilly site.*

Explanation:

"An African beast" with a "hungry, hungry appetite" is a hippo (inciting the game *Hungry, Hungry Hippos*). The "true home of any Catholic priest" is Rome. These two words, along with a "fourth letter connection" – D – spells out HIPPO-D-ROME, a "chilly" site very near where the medallion was hidden.

Clue #6:

*The act of flowering is one way of powering  
Down the road to riches.  
You'll never find your pursuit souring  
If you pull up your britches and scan all ditches.*

Explanation:

The "act of flowering" is blooming. The medallion was hidden in a ditch along Bloom Avenue.

Clue #7:

*Obey the rules and narrow your search to only schools  
A north-central locale would be wise.  
Seek a location where water recurrently pools  
And a pleasing site may come before your eyes.*

Explanation:

The first line of the clue confirmed for hunters that the medallion was hidden near a school and "north-central" narrowed it to two possibilities. "Water recurrently pools" in ditches. The medallion was hidden under a bridge where such water passes under walkers.

Clue #8:

*Natural light is low but lights do glow*

*At our Central Middle School spot.*

*Look under a bridge where occasional H2O does flow*

*And you will stand to win quite a lot.*

*It's not only talk but a sandwich of rock*

*Clamps the spoil you seek.*

*So flee to Bloom Avenue and beat the clock*

*And under that bridge take a peak.*

Explanation:

Final hints to the treasure's location.

Treasure's Exact Location:

