

For Toddlers:

1. Ball Pit Hunt: Make the hunt fun and sensory for your little ones by creating an Easter Egg Ball Pit! This is also a great alternative to walking around with a little one trying to collect eggs. To create this hunt, use a foam ball pit or a rubbermaid tote filled with rice. Fill Easter eggs with snacks (gummies, crackers, cookies) non-choking hazard toys or create a "shaker egg" by filling an egg with rice or beans and gluing shut. Let babies and toddlers find the eggs in the rice or balls and discover the surprises in the eggs.

2. Balloon Hunt: This hunt is perfect when you have little ones with older kids in the same hunt. Simply tie helium balloons to a number of eggs that become "reserved" for kids under 3. Tell older kids that they aren't allowed to pick the "balloon eggs". Rather than have to help the toddlers find each egg, they will automatically gravitate to the balloons. Once they discover a treat awaits at the bottom of the balloon, the hunt is on!! Balloons also add such a fun celebratory decor element to your traditional hunt.

For Elementary Age Kids:

3. Eggscavation: This hunt is so much fun! It adds an element of discovery and excitement beyond just finding the eggs! Kids will love not only finding these "frozen eggs" but also breaking them apart to "eggscavate" for treasure! For this hunt, you'll need bright colored balloons, non-breakable treasures to hide in each egg (party swag works great!), small hammers and safety glasses for each child. Fill each balloon with a prize and then fill with water (think water bomb). Freeze the water balloons with prize inside and then hide frozen balloons right before the hunt. Once kids find the frozen balloon eggs, tear away the balloon sack and break out their prize using a small hammer and safety glasses.

4. Scrambled Eggs: Create an egg scramble by leaving a message to decode in hidden eggs. Assign each child to find a certain number of a different color or type of egg to find and coordinate an age appropriate puzzle in each child's eggs. (Suzie might find 10 blue eggs, John might find 7 yellow eggs, etc) Puzzles could lead to a larger basket or prize to be found. For example, for younger kids, eggs might contain individual words such as FIND YOUR BASKET WHERE YOU PUT YOUR DIRTY CLOTHES and they have to sort out the words. Another child might have a picture of where their prize is hidden, cut into puzzle pieces, and they have to put the pieces together to find the location of their prize. For older kids, you could have each egg contain a letter that has to be unscrambled to create a location (D-O-L-L-H-O-U-S-E).

For Teens:

5. Geocaching for Easter Eggs: Create a fun, egg finding adventure for the teens in your group by planning an Easter egg geocache! To set up a geocache, pre-determine locations where you can hide eggs. These need to be areas where eggs won't be disturbed by someone passing by. Eggs can be fairly well hidden in order to create more of a hunt. Once your egg locations are determined, find the GPS coordinates using Google Maps:

To get the coordinates of a place

1. On your computer, open Google Maps.
2. Right-click on the exact hiding place on the map (the closer more exact you are, the better the directions). This will open a pop-up window. You can find your latitude and longitude in decimal format at the top.
3. To copy the coordinates automatically, left click on the latitude and longitude.

Print the coordinates of each location and cut each location into strips and place in each Easter Egg. Hide eggs in the locations so that each egg found leads to the next location. Have a fun Easter treasure hidden at the last location. Participants can use their own Google Map app to enter coordinates into the search field and map to their next clue! This is such a fun hunt for teens to bond together while on the hunt!

6. Easter Photo Scavenger Hunt: Keep teens active and entertained with a photo scavenger hunt. Download the provided scavenger hunt list or create your own. Give teens the list and let them loose to explore and use their creative skills. Try having an after viewing party to show off each photo and compare the different ways they captured each task.

For Adults: (I think these will be so fun!)

7. The Great Easter Egg Challenge: Get ready for some good, healthy, competitive fun with this twist on the traditional egg hunt. To play, you'll need to hide multiple sets of matching eggs (2 pigs, 2 pinks, 2 striped, 2 speckled, etc). The number of different matches you have will be the number of challenges you hold. Tell participants that they have to find a certain number of eggs, but no two eggs can be the same. Once all the eggs are found, participants that have found matching eggs face off in various challenges that are written on papers inside eggs. These could be simple minute-to-win-it games, eating challenges, strength challenges, trivia challenges, etc. The winner of each round wins a prize and the winner of the most rounds becomes the Easter Queen or King with a grand prize and bragging rights for the year!

8. Lucky Numbers Egg Hunt: Win, lose or draw, this egg hunt is a little bit Easter and a little bit Las Vegas rolled into one egg!! To play, hide numbered eggs and have participants find a designated number so that everyone finds the same number of eggs. You can number eggs with stickers, sharpie, paint marker, etc. Prior to the game, the host creates a numbers value sheet that assigns each egg number a monetary value. These values don't have to be large in order to have fun! They could be \$0.50 or \$1.40 or even some negative numbers like -\$1.75. A few of the larger numbers can also be assigned to equations like divide your money in half, double your money, or give 1/3 your money to your neighbor!! That's when things get really fun! You can also have a lucky egg that is a really big value---perhaps lucky 13 comes back every year so participants learn to look extra hard for that egg! Once all the eggs are found, each participant lays out their finds in numerical order with their lowest number first ranging up to their highest number. The host then begins reading off the predetermined list of number

values from #1 up. Each participant is in charge of keeping tabs of their own earnings and at the end, everyone settles up. The host pays out positive earnings and for an unlucky few who end up in the negative...they end up paying the host to play!