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### Issue #102: Scavenger Hunt



On this chilly February day, I am warm. Or, at least, getting warmer.

So my son tells me, giving me hints as I move in the general direction of the maple tree in the corner of our backyard. "You're getting warmer, Mom. Warmer!"

And there, on the ground beneath the tree, dried and brown with age, is one of the objects on my list: a seed.

Turning the tables on us parents, the kids have made a nature scavenger hunt for us today. I found the list by the coffee maker this morning, a lovely way to start the day. Some items were written in my daughter's bold print, other items were drawn by my son -- a forked tree and a large rock -- about 15 items in all.

They could hardly wait for us to finish our first cup of coffee before they hurried us into our coats and out into the yard. You have to admire their enthusiasm!

From across the yard I hear my daughter giggle, as my husband, apparently, is getting "colder and colder." I have to giggle, too.

I'd better get cracking. I don't want my husband to finish first!

### N Is For Nature

A scavenger hunt is a great way to explore your backyard, neighborhood, or any green space. It's fun for the whole family and a surefire activity for a playdate. As your children grow older, they'll be able to make their own scavenger hunt lists to challenge you and their friends.

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