

**Christmas Quiz – 2025**  
Overview and Rules  
23 December 2025

This years Christmas Convergence Quiz (2025) will be done on Christmas Day at ElkPlace for those in attendance, or remotely by all other households. I plan to make the Quiz, the “Picks Form”, and these instructions available (as PDFs) a day or two before Christmas for those who can’t make it to ElkPlace, but who may be interested in taking the Quiz. Those doing so ‘remotely’ will be on the ‘Honor System’, and I would ask that you submit your ‘Picks’ to me by 4 PM (MST), Christmas Day if you want me to factor your scores in to the tally. In past years ‘remote participants’ have sent their picks as phone images (JPGs) of the completed Picks Form, or simple ‘lists’ of their Picks. (If you don’t want your scores factored in with the folks playing doing the quiz live, but want to take the quiz ‘just for fun’, you’ll have the materials ‘on hand’ for that.)

The ‘**Third Round**’ of the quiz process, is where the participants are first quizzed on who they thought contributed a particular image, and then the image contributor is revealed and they are encouraged to provide (brief) details related to the particular image. **This will be done “live” for those gathered at ElkPlace.** Whereas ‘remote participants’ will do **Round One** and **Round Two** using the prepared a PDF (~ 8.6 MB) of the quiz slides that are in my ‘Powerpoint’ (.ppt) (~ 27.6 MB) presentation, **I will administer the ‘live’ version of the Quiz using the ‘Powerpoint’ (.ppt) version of the Quiz.**

So, **for those taking the Quiz at home**, after you download the Quiz [PDF] and “Picks” form(s) [PDF], I would ask that you **administer “Round One” and “Round Two” of the traditional quiz to those in your household.** You’ll be on the ‘honor system’ here. Recall, during “Round One” we step through the slides one at a time, having you mark your picks as you go. In our traditional group setting, there are often calls for “wait, wait - can you go back one !” Hopefully this won’t be necessary in playing the “home version”, but let’s allow folks to go back one image, if needed.

Recall ‘**Round Two**’ allows for a second pass through all of the images with an opportunity for individual participants to “change” their picks to try to compensate for the fact that they should **only have four “picks” allotted to any one household.** Also, **it is only prior to starting “Round Two” that participants are allowed to review through the thumbnails on the back of the “Picks” form** to get an overall sense of the images in the quiz, with hopes of discerning which four images belong to a particular household. [Note: a ‘NEW !’ “(Readers Digest-like) Large Print” Edition of the Thumbnails is available this year.] After you have completed “Round Two” I would ask that you forward a copy of your “Picks” form to me by email (or as a TEXT). I would like your form in hand by 4 PM (MST), before we begin “Round Three” during our LIVE “Reveal” session.

**FOR REMOTE QUIZ TAKERS:** - some thoughts on how to get your ‘Picks’ to me. If you have a printer, you could print the form, mark your picks with a highlighter (or circle your “picks”) as you’ve done in years past. When Ann & Wendy took the quiz remotely ( 2 years before last ?) they submitted their completed “Picks” form(s) by taking a smartphone picture of it, and emailing it to me. Another alternative, if you have a word processing program (eg Word or LibreOffice), you can use the **.doc format file (as emailed to you)**, mark your “Picks” in either bold or a color other than black, save your edited .doc file with a filename that has your

initials in it, and email that to me. Last year Drew and Doris simply submitted a text file with the Slide # and their "Pick" for each of the slides, by email. Perhaps you have a different method of submitting your picks to me. Do what works for you.

The '**Third Round**' of the quiz process, whereby the participants are first quizzed on who they thought contributed a particular image, and then the image contributor is revealed and they are encouraged to provide (brief) details related to the particular image will be done **"live" (for those gathered at ElkPlace).**

**Remote Quiz Takers will miss "Round Three". I ask they send me their picks on or before 4 PM (MST) on Christmas Day.** I will get them 'graded' along with those that are participating 'live', and factor your scores in with the others. And, after we've scored the Picks of those participating live, I can email out the 'Answer Sheet' to you all who took the quiz 'at home'.

Do let me know if this all makes sense. If you have questions, chances are others do too, and if you'll get them to me I'll try to compile a list of them with answers so that we'll all be on a level playing field.

The households/teams this year are:

BMS (Bill and Mildred Schrupp)  
PVdL (Philomene Van der Laan)  
GUPP (George)  
WSAS (Wendy & Ann)  
BAKA (Brent & Kitana)

DDS (Drew and Doris)  
DLS (Don Schrupp)  
FSLD (Frosty Schrupp / Lindsey Diana)  
PVLC (Phillip & Lynn)  
SSLS (Sharon & Larry Shatswell)