

Easter Egg Hunts Follow up:

After querying over 29 responses mostly from Connecticut departments it seems that most departments do as we do here in Canton. Commission members assisting as well as our program supervisor and I carry around extra winning eggs and some of the plastic candy filled eggs. We give them to or drop them in front of kids who don't get any or get only a few eggs. Our Easter bunny also meets with all the children and has a never ending supply of Hershey kisses.

Some of the suggestions that were interesting were, limiting the number of eggs a child can pick up, having the Easter bunny up on the field to gently escort parents who are participating off the field. Other options used by other communities were: having the girl scouts run the program, having a breakfast with the Easter bunny, having other events running along with the hunt, giving each child a number corresponding to an egg that he/she must find. One community also puts a note in each egg that corresponds to a prize they will win. And finally the more amusing responses I received was: "the problems you mentioned were the reason we scrapped the event."

At least half of the respondents agree with me that the biggest problem is "greedy parents." It seems there is no workable answer to this. In Canton we remind the parents that "the hunt is for the kids" and we still see the kids flying through the air "ala" superman attached to a parent sprinting to an egg. I guess that's just a hazard of the job. I hope this helps you run a more successful Easter Egg Hunt.

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