GAME PLANNING CHECKLIST

Congratulations on deciding to host an Extreme Event Game! This checklist will help you plan your game and assemble the game materials.

Before you begin...
You'll need to decide whether or not to use the Digital Game Portal to facilitate your game.

1. Is there reliable Wi-Fi in your game room?
   YES: You may be able to use the Digital Game Portal. Proceed to question 2.
   NO: You cannot use the Digital Game Portal. Use a printed script instead. You will also need one computer, speakers, and a projector.

2. Can you get or borrow 7 laptops or tablets to use during your game?
   YES: You may be able to use the Digital Game Portal. Check the technical requirements on p. 155 to make sure your devices will work, then proceed to question 3.
   NO: You cannot use the Digital Game Portal. Use a printed script instead. You will also need one computer, speakers, and a projector.

3. Do you want to use the Digital Game Portal?
This question is more subjective. Try a Demo Test Game to preview the Digital Game Portal experience. Here are some of the reasons why facilitators have opted to use the Digital Game Portal—or not.
   YES: I think a more high-tech experience will be more engaging for my players. Or, I want to simplify game assembly and facilitation by using fewer printed materials.
   NO: I'm afraid of technical glitches or want to minimize players' use of technology for other reasons. Or, I want more flexibility to tweak/customize the script.

What You’ll Need
Your needs depend on how you choose to facilitate the game—for example, whether or not you are using the Digital Game Portal. First, cross out the items that do not apply to you. Then, use the remaining checklist to assemble your required materials.
People
- 12-48 players
- 1 facilitator
- 1-2 helpers to assist the facilitator

Room
- 1 room large enough to fit all players
- 6 tables with chairs to seat all players
- A microphone and podium (optional, but highly recommended for large groups)

Technology
If you ARE using the Digital Game Portal, you’ll need:
- 7 laptops or tablets (see technical requirements on p. 155)
- Reliable Wi-Fi in the game room
If you are NOT using the Digital Game Portal, you’ll need:
- 1 computer, connected to a projection screen, with visual effects pre-loaded (p. 154)
- 1 computer, tablet, or smartphone, connected to speakers, with access to sound effects
  (can use the same device for both visual and sound effects; see p. 154)

Character Name Tags (p. 4)
- 1 name tag per player

Resource Cards (p. 13)
- 1 deck of resource cards

Challenge Boards (p. 34)
If you ARE using the Digital Game Portal, these are optional, but recommended.
If you are NOT using the Digital Game Portal, these are required.
- 6 printed challenge boards

Sector Cards (p. 119)
If you ARE using the Digital Game Portal, these are optional.
If you are NOT using the Digital Game Portal, these are required.
- Printed sector cards
In-Game Handouts (p. 126)
If you ARE using the Digital Game Portal, these are optional.
If you are NOT using the Digital Game Portal, these are required.
  □ Printed in-game handouts

Post-Game Handouts (p. 135)
  □ 1 handout per player

Script & Instructions (p. 137)
If you ARE using the Digital Game Portal, do not use the printed script and instructions.
If you are NOT using the Digital Game Portal, the printed script is required.
  □ Printed copy of Script & Instructions for facilitator and each helper

Next Steps (p. 156)
  □ I have reviewed the next steps.