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UF group to raise money for diabetes with Scavenger Hunt

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The UF Health Troupe will host a scavenger hunt on Sunday to raise money for the American Diabetes Association.

Teams of six to 10 students will complete a series of tasks in order to win prizes, such as signed Gator football jerseys, iPod shuffles and gift cards for local restaurants.

The event will begin at noon at the Swamp Restaurant, where teams can pick up their hunt list. In past years, the list required participants to take a picture of their team napping in an inappropriate location, sitting on a conveyor belt in a grocery store and break dancing on a cardboard box.

Hayley Rosen, a UF senior event management major, organized the scavenger hunt this year for the American Diabetes Association.

"[The participants] love the scavenger hunt," Rosen said. "They enjoy going around Gainesville doing stuff they wouldn't normally do, like duct taping a member to the wall."

Participants will carry donation cans with them to different locations around

Gainesville, and some of their tasks will incorporate information on diabetes.

The teams will submit photos of their completed tasks to Facebook before 7 p.m. and return to the Swamp Restaurant for a free concert, guest appearances from Gator athletes and the announcement of the winners.

Health Troupe, a UF student organization that raises awareness in the college community about ways to prevent diseases through a healthy lifestyle, hopes to gather about 30 to 50 teams on Sunday and raise about \$5,000 for the American Diabetes Association.

The scavenger hunt is sponsored by Galigani Robertson Law Firm, University Club Apartments and the Swamp Restaurant.

Students can register online for \$10 at www.theswamphunt.com.

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