Hey Kids! Welcome to the Great Tree Hunt, 2020!

All of the trees are located in the People for Trees Commemorative Tree Walk, which is in the area that is along the access road between North Port Blvd. and Almonte Terrace (across from San Pedro Church and continuing to Louie’s Bicycles). We installed this walk in 2003 to showcase Florida-friendly landscaping and our beautiful native trees! Complete the missing information for each tree on this sheet by finding the tree and reading the tag. The numbers on the trees correspond with the number of each sentence.

Return this completed sheet to the People for Trees Tree Fair, scheduled for May 16, being held at the City Center Green in front of the North Port City Hall, 10am-2pm at the “Tree Hunt” table for a prize (your choice!) and a free one-gallon tree (while supplies last). (If the Tree Fair cannot take place on May 16, visit peoplefortrees.com or our Facebook page for information on how to claim your prize and tree! Or contact Alice White (941) 468-2486 or treelady12001@yahoo.com)

1. The East Palatka Holly was discovered in _______ growing near the town of East Palatka, Florida. It is an __________________________ tree, with the female tree producing many berries for the birds.

2. The Sweet Gum tree produces a __________________________ canopy. It is known as a “survivor” tree because it does well in many different environments, from the Midwest to the South. It has a ________ sap that is similar to a maple tree, which gives it its name. Its trunk will smell sweet – scratch the bark a bit and give it a sniff!

3. The Winged Elm gets its name from the ________ growths that flare out along the trunk. Many different species of ________________ will nest in a winged elm tree.

4. The Slash Pine is the main canopy tree of all of Florida. It has a ________ root that goes straight into the ground and keeps it anchored, even during the high winds of hurricanes. The pine tree produces more ______________ than any other tree in the south and is home to over _______ different species of birds, including being the only tree tall enough and able to support an __________________________ nest!

5. The Mahogany tree is valued for its beautiful, strong wood which is what makes it very resistant to high winds. The mahogany tree is __________________________ which means it loses its leaves in the fall, but grows new leaves very quickly.

6. The Bald Cypress has soft needles that turn a vibrant __________________________ in the fall before they drop. Cypress trees can have “_______ feet” (roots) which is why they are often planted in areas that hold water. Trees help with flood control. A mature tree an absorb up to _______ gallons of water a day!

7. The Sycamore tree is a symbol of strength, protection, and divinity. It is one of the largest __________________________ trees in North America, growing to heights of ________ feet or more! It is deciduous, losing its leaves in the fall. Did you know that one mature tree can provide enough oxygen for ____ people every year?!

8. The Pignut Hickory tree is called that because when the large nut it produces is cut in half, it resembles a __________________________!

Outside temperatures around trees can be up to _________ degrees cooler because of the __________________________ process. This is when evaporation __________________________ water from the roots through the trunk to the leaves where it will vaporize into the air and cool the temperature!