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Could snake-slithering become the next national fad? It's part of the City Chase competition June 7.

BEST BET: City Chase seeking ultra-competitors for reality TV-style contest

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SAN DIEGO ---- Wanted: County residents with a good knowledge of the local geography, a spirit of adventure and a good sense of humor to take part in the first local round of City Chase, an international reality TV-style competition.

Founded five years ago and billed as the "World's Largest Urban Adventure Series," City Chase pits teams of two in a six-hour series of oddball competitions at secret locations all over San Diego on Saturday.

Participants must decipher clues to find the locations of contest stations hidden around town (traveling by foot and public transportation only), where they must take part at whatever competition they find there to earn City Chase points. The first team to accumulate 10 points and cross the finish line will qualify for the national competition later this year (that winner will represent the United States at a world contest in November).

The contests range from rappelling off buildings to solving Sudoku puzzles, endurance tests, fire-hose spraying, kayaking, snake-slithering (which involves submitting to having a large snake put down your shirt), fish-sniffing, speed-eating and more. Past City Chase event held in recent months in Philadelphia, Atlanta and Chicago drew several thousand competitors.

Registration, which is \$190 per team, can be done at citychaseusa.com. Team check-in begins at 8 a.m. Saturday with the kickoff at 10 a.m. and finish at 4 p.m. Awards will be given out at 4:30 p.m.