

2025 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO DOES GAMES OF ACADIANA BENEFIT?

All proceeds from Games of Acadiana will benefit Miles Perret Cancer Services (MPCS), a local nonprofit resource center dedicated to serving the families of Acadiana fighting, surviving, and living with cancer.

WHEN DOES THE GAME BEGIN AND END?

The app is available for free download now; it will be activated for play from Friday, May 30, 2025 at 8:00am to Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 5:00pm (CST).

WHO CAN PLAY?

Anyone can play Games of Acadiana. However, you must be at least 18 years old to claim a prize. If the winner is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian may claim the prize on their behalf. MPCS Board of Directors and MPCS employees are not eligible to participate in any prize drawing.

DO I NEED TO PLAY WITH A TEAM?

While the app requires you to create a team, you are not required to play with others. You may create a team of one member or join your family and friends in earning points together. But remember - a team can submit only one photo or video per mission. Additionally, any prize won will be awarded to the **individual** designated as the Team Captain (See below, "Team Captain"). Hint: Your team members may reside anywhere in the world! This is a good way to accomplish Parish Missions - ask friends from other parishes to join your team.

DO I NEED TO PLAY EVERY DAY?

No, play when you want, where you want! Our virtual scavenger hunt is all about fun on your terms – no need to play every day or complete every mission. Jump in, skip around, and enjoy the adventure your way!

HOW TO JOIN THE HUNT

Download the "Goosechase" app from Google Play or the App Store

- a. Create a new account with an email, username, and password of your choice.
 - Note: If you created an account in a previous game, you can log in to that account.
- b. Search for the game by using game code 4N7XYH or by tapping the search icon and entering "2025 Games of Acadiana" in the search bar.
- c. Once you have selected 2025 Games of Acadiana, press the "Let's Go!" button.
- d. Either create a team or join a team.



- To create a new team press "Create Team".
- Here, there are options to: (a) select a team picture, (b) edit your team's name,
 (c) note your team's passcode if you want others to join your team and participate with separate mobile devices, they will need this code.
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- Once you've edited and are ready to move on, press "Join this Experience?"
- If you are joining a team that's already been created, select that team and enter the team's passcode (obtain code from team creator).
- e. Enable notifications We strongly recommend you allow notifications as we will be sending instructions and bonus opportunities throughout the game. Additionally, we will send the winning teams notifications through the app.

HOW DO I PLAY?

The hunt consists of over 100 "missions." Each mission has a certain point value. The goal of the scavenger hunt is to perform missions so as to accumulate the number of points required to "earn" entries into the prize drawing. A team may earn more than one entry.

The hunt begins on Friday, May 30, 2025 at 8:00am (CST). Upon entering the hunt, you will see a listing of available missions with their point values. You may select any mission you are interested in; missions need not be performed in the order listed. To complete a mission, select it from the list and press the "Do This Mission" button. The app will request access to your camera or microphone - press "OK?" Once you perform the task associated with the mission, you must submit the evidence (photo, video, or text) as indicated. All photo and video evidence must be captured through the Goosechase application. You cannot upload any photos or videos from your camera roll or capture photos of photographs or computer screens unless otherwise indicated in the mission. Your submission will be forwarded automatically to the Mission Judges and points will be awarded.

Make sure you are completing missions accurately (e.g. "take a picture with a zebra" means take a picture with a real zebra, not next to a zebra on a computer screen). The Mission Judges will review all entries for completion and accuracy. Mission Masters will contact you with any issues; if points are deducted, they will explain the deduction and offer suggestions for a successful resubmission.

Still confused? No worries - come to the Birthday Bash Kickoff! We will have game specialists onsite during the event ready to help! See event details under "Anything New This Year?" below.

WHAT IF I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT A MISSION?

Game questions may be submitted via email to huntacadiana@gmail.com. Mission Masters will monitor the email and respond as soon as possible.

TEAM CAPTAIN

While missions may be performed in any order, we suggest that your first mission be "Who's the Captain?" (500 points). This mission calls for the designation of a team captain. Whether you are a team of one or are playing with friends and family, ALL TEAMS MUST DESIGNATE A TEAM CAPTAIN; failure to complete this mission may result in a team forfeiting any entries earned. Simply press the "Do This Mission" button, type the first and last name of the team captain, and click on "Submit." While the name will be visible to you and your team members, it will NOT be visible to the public in the activity feed. Make sure the captain has a photo ID; they will need to present it in order to claim a prize.

HOW MANY POINTS DO I NEED TO EARN ENTRIES INTO THE DRAWING?

An entry will be awarded for each 10,000 points earned. No partial entries are awarded. There will be no rounding up. For example:

- 10,700 points = 1 entry into drawing
- 18,500 points = 1 entry into drawing
- 21,000 points = 2 entries into drawing
- 49,000 points = 4 entries into drawing

Note: the entry is assigned to the team captain (see above, "Team Captain"); team members do not receive individual entries.

Once the hunt has ended, all entries will be entered into a database and assigned an individualized random ticket number. Entry tickets with team captain's name, team name, and assigned ticket number(s) will then be printed and placed in a raffle hopper along with the purchased entries.

PRIZE DRAWING

Fifty-one (51) prizes will be awarded. Each prize is valued at over \$50. Prizes include:

- Grand Prize \$10,000
- Tech/electronics prizes
- Gift cards from businesses and restaurants

A full listing of prizes will be posted on the MPCS website by May 16, 2025. All winning tickets associated with the first 50 prizes awarded will be placed back into the hopper for the drawing for the Grand Prize. The drawing will take place on Saturday, June 21; it will be broadcast live on the MPCS Facebook page (@milesperret), beginning at 10:00am (CST). You need not be present to win. Winners will be contacted via phone, mail, email, and/or the app.

WILL MY SUBMISSIONS BECOME PUBLIC? I.E. PHOTOS, VIDEOS, TEXTS

Unless otherwise stated (e.g. "Who's the Captain?" mission), all submissions (photos, videos, text) are posted in real time to the app activity feed. Thus, they are visible to every person participating in the game. DO NOT SUBMIT PERSONAL INFORMATION you consider private (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, YOUR IDENTITY OR HOME ADDRESS). Additionally, participation in the game serves as acceptance of the Terms of Use and consent to the promotional use of said photos, videos, or texts without compensation or any additional consent. Participants release and waive any claims and demands against MPCS arising from its use of his/her name, image, or likeness.

CAN I SUBMIT A VIDEO OF ANY LENGTH?

No. Videos must be captured through the app (Goosechase) and can only be up to 30 seconds long. If a video mission takes longer than 30 seconds to complete, don't stress. Try to capture yourself finishing the mission as proof of completion. Don't forget to put all required details in the captions.

Note: It is not necessary to use the entire 30 seconds. If you complete the mission in under 30 seconds press "Submit."

CAN I COMMENT ON MY PHOTO/VIDEO EVIDENCE?

Before submitting your evidence, you have the option (and in some missions, the requirement) to caption your photo or video. You also have the option to revise your caption after submission. In the Mission tab, move over to your "Completed" column. Select the mission you would like to revise, and press the three dots (...) on the right side of your team name. Press "Edit Caption." Once you have edited/added your caption, don't forget to press "Save."

CAN I COMMENT ON PHOTO/VIDEO EVIDENCE OF OTHERS?

You cannot comment on photo/video evidence of others. However, you may "Like" other submissions by pressing the thumbs up symbol associated with those submissions.

CAN I REVISE MY PHOTO/VIDEO EVIDENCE AFTER SUBMISSON?

Yes. In the Mission tab, move over to your "Completed" column. Select the mission you would like to revise, and press "Redo Mission."

You can delete your submission as follows: in the Mission tab, move to your "Completed" column. Select the mission you would like to delete. Press the 3 dots (...) to the right of your team's name. Press "delete submission" and confirm with "Ok."

WHAT HAPPENS IF I GO TO SUBMIT A PICTURE OR VIDEO AND THE SCREEN IS BLACK?

Unfortunately, this is an application error. The best thing to do is close out the application and try again. If this happens after you take your picture or video, your evidence may be lost and you will have to try again before the mission is considered complete.

HOW DO I KNOW HOW I AM DOING IN COMPARISON TO OTHERS?

Using the navigation tabs at the bottom of your screen, you can keep track of how you are doing via the activity feed and the leaderboard. Both tabs are updated in real time.

HOW DO I RETRIEVE MESSAGES FROM THE MISSION MASTERS?

Periodically, the Mission Masters will send you messages. They will arrive via "notifications" and may be retrieved within the app with the "bell" icon on the navigation tab.

Tip: The Mission Masters will be releasing exciting bonus opportunities and time sensitive updates throughout the game. Make sure you have notifications for the Goosechase app enabled in your device's settings so you don't miss a thing!

DOES IT COST TO PLAY?

It does not cost to play Games of Acadiana. The application software (Goosechase) is free to download any time and the game will be available for free play May 30 (8:00am) through June 14 (5:00pm).

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES OF WINNING?

A random drawing will be held on June 21 at 10:00am. Fifty-one (51) prizes will be awarded. Your chances of winning depend on the total number of qualified entries.

ARE THERE OTHER WAYS TO ENTER THE DRAWING?

Earning points is not the only way to obtain entries. Additional entries may be purchased for \$20. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase beginning Monday, March 31, 2025 at 8:00am (CST) and ending Sunday, June 15, 2025 at 11:59pm (CST). Visit milesperret.org/raffle to purchase your additional entries.

WHY ARE SOME SUBMISSIONS IN THE FEED HIDDEN?

From 8:00pm through 8:00am, the activity feed will be hidden from view. During those hours, you can continue to perform missions and submit evidence. Points will be awarded immediately; however, the submissions will not be reviewed for accuracy until the morning. When the feed goes "live" again at 8:00am, all submissions, including those submitted overnight, will become visible again in the activity feed.

CAN MPCS REMOVE A SUBMISSION?

While MPCS does monitor the feed, it is important to know that the feed occurs in real time. MPCS cannot review the submissions prior to their becoming part of the feed; thus, be mindful that other teams could submit content you may feel is offensive, indecent, objectionable, or inappropriate for viewing. MPCS has the ability to remove such content and does so when warranted. MPCS reserves the right to remove any submission it, in its sole discretion, deems objectionable. Should you have concerns about a particular submission, please contact us at huntacadiana@gmail.com.

WHY DID MY SCORE CHANGE WITHOUT NOTIFICATION?

Occasionally we get questions from players about score changes. Please note that if the Mission Masters adjust your score (either by adding bonus points or subtracting points for an incomplete mission) you will always get an official notification via the app. If your score has increased without a notification, it is possible that one of your teammates performed a mission and didn't advise you. If your score has decreased without a notification, it is possible that one of your teammates has left your team. If/when a teammate officially withdraws from your team, all points that teammate earned for your team will be subtracted from your score. Unfortunately, this is done automatically within the app; the Mission Masters cannot alter this outcome.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I "LEAVE" THE EXPERIENCE?

In the settings section of the app, there is a link entitled "Leave Experience?" NOTE: This is **NOT** just "logging out" of the game. Pressing the "Leave Experience" link will result in you permanently deleting ALL of your submissions. The Mission Masters have no way of restoring submissions.

ARE THERE WAYS TO EARN BONUS POINTS?

An entry into the prize drawing will be awarded for each 10,000 points earned. There are a few ways to boost your scores with bonus points:

- Early Birds
 - Registration All teams that register to play the 2025 Games of Acadiana (i.e. "Join the Game") by 11:59pm (CST) May 16, 2025, will be awarded 1,000 bonus points.
 - Early Bird Mission All teams registered by 5:00pm Friday, May 23, will receive a special mission (via app notification) to perform prior to the start of the game. Those teams successfully completing the mission by midnight, Wednesday, May 28 will be awarded 1,500 bonus points.

- Attend the Birthday Bash on Saturday, May 31st for exclusive missions worth thousands of points.
 See "Anything New this Year?" for further details.
- Candle Conundrum This mission requires a photo be taken of a jar filled with small wax candles. The jar is located in the MPCS lobby; on May 31st it will be located at the Birthday Bash. When you submit the photograph, you will be given the opportunity to guess how many candles are in the jar. The team(s) coming closest to the correct number (without going over) will be awarded 10,000 bonus points! Points will be awarded after the close of the game.
- Change for Miles: Earn 10,000 bonus points for each full Change for Miles bottle returned to MPCS before June 14, 2:00pm. For the duration of the game, bottles can be collected or returned at the MPCS lobby, Monday through Thursday (8am 5pm), Friday (8am 4pm), and Saturday (10am-2pm). Note: On Saturday, May 31st bottle pick up and drop off will be located at 2234 Kaliste Saloom Road (behind The Bayou Church) at the Birthday Bash. Note: Extra points are not awarded immediately; they will be added to your totals within 24 hours of submission. If you are not able to travel to the MPCS office to return full bottles, you may earn 10,000 bonus points for each \$20 donation made via Venmo. To be eligible for bonus points, the Venmo transactions must be completed no later than June 14, 2:00pm. View all Change for Miles rules by clicking here or typing "milesperret.org/change" into your browser.
- Completion Bonus Feeling adventurous? This year, those teams that complete EVERY mission (regardless of their final points total) will be entered into a special drawing for an Apple iPad (8th generation). Think it can't be done? Last year 27 teams completed all 135 missions. Remember, when counting missions, we include all missions released on May 30th, all missions released during the game, all parish missions, all expiring missions (including those released exclusively to attendees at the Birthday Bash), and all unlocked missions; it does not include the Early Bird Mission nor does it include "hidden giveaway" missions. The results of the drawing will be announced on June 21, and the winner will be notified. Note: See Parish Mission bonus below if you complete all missions you will qualify for the Parish Mission drawing as well.
- Creativity Bonus Returning this year, by popular demand, we have designed a way to reward those teams that go the extra mile with their submissions. Following the close of the game, an independent committee will review all submissions for the missions "Birthday Wishes," "Let Them Eat Cake," and "The Art of the Party." Judging the submissions on creativity and style, the committee will determine the 1st place winner for each of those missions. The 1st place winners will be awarded 10,000 creativity bonus points. The points will be added to their final score after the game has closed. Winners will be notified via the app.
- Mission Masters Bonus Ever wonder what Mission Masters do all day and night? We watch the submissions around the clock! Each Mission Master reviews every submission (even the hidden ones) at least once. We may feel a little "screen-weary," but we are always entertained. Since we are in the unique position of seeing all submissions, this year we want to get in on the action. Each Mission Master (this year there are 3) will award 10,000 bonus points to their favorite submission of the game. These points will be awarded after the close of the game. Winners will be notified via the app. Don't worry. Mission Masters do not play the game; we have no vested interest.
- Parish Mystery Word In each of the 10 parishes we serve, we have hidden a birthday candle in the shape of a letter. Visit all 10 parishes, accumulate the letters, and unscramble them to discover the Parish Mystery Word. A correct response is worth 5,000 bonus points. New this year teams

successfully completing all parish missions and the Parish Mystery Word Scramble (31 missions in all) will be automatically entered into a drawing for an Apple iPad. (8th generation). The results of the drawing will be announced on June 21, and the winner will be notified.

- Sponsor Surprise Days On certain days throughout the game, Sponsor Surprise missions will appear. These missions are complements of our presenting sponsors and will be worth 2,500 points! Is there a catch? Yes, Sponsor Surprise missions will be available for a limited time only. They will be posted at 8am on the relevant day and MUST be performed by 10pm that night. At 10pm the mission will expire and no longer be available for play.
- Venmo for Miles Have any friends or family (or even social media followers!) who want to help propel your team to victory? Here's how! Anyone can make a donation of \$20 or more via Venmo to @MilesPerretCS, including your team name in the comment section. For every \$20 donated, your team will receive a bonus of 10,000 points! To be eligible for bonus points, the Venmo transactions must be completed no later than June 14, 2:00pm. View all Venmo for Miles rules by clicking here or typing "milesperret.org/venmoformiles" into your browser.
- You certainly are a competitive bunch! If you doubt us, just watch the leaderboard as teams vie for the top spots. In 2025 the top three (3) teams on the leaderboard (after all scores are finalized by the Mission Masters and all bonuses awarded) will be awarded \$300, \$200, and \$100 respectively.
- And More . . . We always keep a few surprises up our sleeves. So, make sure you enable your inapp notifications.

ANYTHING NEW THIS YEAR?

Yes! In honor of our 25th Games of Acadiana, we've added a few new ways to celebrate:

 Join us for a Birthday Bash kickoff event. On Saturday, May 31st, we will transform the green space along Settler's Trace Boulevard (behind the Bayou Church, 2234 Kaliste Saloom Road) into a hub of excitement with fun games, engaging activities, and interactive attractions including an obstacle course, inflatable mini golf, and a monster spider jump! The event is free and open to the public. The hours are 10AM to 2PM.

Have questions about how to play the scavenger hunt? We will have Games experts there to help you get started and lots of missions available to perform. And for you seasoned hunters, there will be several exclusive Birthday Bash missions available on site where you can earn thousands of points!

We can't wait to see you there as we commemorate 25 years of hope, service, and Playing with a Purpose!

- Unlocking Missions This year we've added a little twist to the scavenger hunt. Some missions are
 like keys: complete them, and surprise missions will magically appear. These hidden gems are
 worth big points, so give each mission a shot. You never know what kind of fun (or points) you'll
 unlock!
- Celebration Garden This year, earn 1,000 points when you visit the lobby of the Miles Perret
 Cancer Services office and take a photograph with one of our large party hats. Personalize the hat,
 letting us know something or someone you are celebrating and we'll "plant" it outside, around the
 office. Join us as we watch our garden grow!

• Road trip anyone? In 2025, each of the 10 MPCS service parishes has three unique missions: (1) a traditional "Welcome" mission highlighting a landmark in the parish, (2) a "Scramble" mission requiring you to visit a parish library and discover a hidden birthday candle in the shape of a letter (don't worry – it's easier than it sounds), and (3) a "GPS" mission requiring you to visit a public park near the library and enter its geographic coordinates (again – easier than it sounds). Each parish mission is valued at 500 points and the Parish Mystery Word mission is valued at 5,000 points; so, completion of all 31 missions will earn you 20,000 points – that's 2 entries!

New this year: in addition to the points earned for completing the missions, every team that completes all 31 parish missions will be automatically entered into a drawing for an iPad (8th generation). So, fire up GoggleMaps or Waze and hit the road. Hint: To keep you entertained, we may release a few parish riddles along the way.

- Play with a Purpose For the 3rd year, the Board of Directors of Miles Perret Cancer Services will offer a "matching" opportunity. For every mission you perform in the game, the Board will make a \$2.00 donation to MPCS to support our clients, including the purchase of various items such as wigs, essential medical supplies, nutritional supplements, mastectomy items, gas cards to fund travel to treatment locales, etc. In 2024 our teams performed 15,988 submissions resulting in a \$31,976 donation from the Board. Our goal this year is even higher, so plan to give it your all this summer!
- New t-shirt This year, we held our first GOA t-shirt competition. Over 200 students from local schools submitted designs. The winning design has been added to our collection of t-shirts for sale. Check out our inventory at milesperret.org/merch.