

## **2026 Frequently Asked Questions – Scavenger Hunt**

### **WHO DOES GAMES OF ACADIANA BENEFIT?**

All proceeds from Games of Acadiana 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 will be available for free download on March 30. It will be activated for play on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 8:00am. Note: The Mission Masters have been known to release bonus missions and sneak peaks to those who register early. The scavenger hunt will officially end on June 13, 2026, at 5:00pm.

### **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!

### **WHO CAN PLAY?**

Anyone can play the Games of Acadiana Scavenger Hunt. 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.

### **DOES IT COST TO PLAY THE SCAVENGER HUNT?**

It does not cost to play the Games of Acadiana Scavenger Hunt. The application software (Goosechase) is free to download on March 30, 2026, and the game will be available for free play May 30 (8:00am) through June 13 (5:00pm). **Note:** you can improve your score by submitting bottles of change

or Venmo donations; however, while appreciated, these donations are not required to earn entries.

### **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.

### **HOW TO JOIN THE HUNT**

#### **Playing for the first time (no Goosechase account):**

- a. Download the "Goosechase" app from [Google Play](#) or the [App Store](#)
- b. Tap "Get Started."
- c. In the "Find your Experience" box enter **GOA123** or **2026 Games of Acadiana**; the game should appear.
- d. Tap "Sign up."
- e. Enter your email. Either adopt the suggested password or create your own. Tap "Sign up."
- f. Tap "Let's Go" and "Join" (confirming your email).
- g. Either create a team or join a team.
  - 1. To create a new team** press "Create Team."
    - i. Enter the name of your new team. Note your team's passcode - if you want others to join your team and participate with separate mobile devices, they will need this passcode.
    - ii. When you are ready to move on, press "Next."
    - iii. Here you will be asked for a nickname; if you are a team of one player, you can enter your team name again. Press "Done."



2. **To join a team that's already been created**, scroll and select that team; press “Join.”
  - i. Enter the team's passcode (obtain passcode from team creator), and press “OK.”
  - ii. Here you will be asked for a name you would like to be called within the team. Enter your nickname and press “Done.”

**Already have a Goosechase account:**

- a. 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 “**GOA123**” or by tapping the search icon and entering “**2026 Games of Acadiana**” in the search bar.
- c. Once you have selected 2026 Games of Acadiana, press the “Let's Go!” button.
- d. Confirm your email by pressing “Join.”
- e. Either create a team or join a team.

- 1. To create a new team** press “Create Team.”

- i. Here, there are options to: (a) create your team’s name (if you’ve played before, you can reuse your same team name), (b) note your team’s passcode - if you want others to join your team and participate with separate mobile devices, they will need this passcode.
- ii. When you are ready to move on, press “Next.”
- iii. Here you will be asked for a nickname; if you are a team of one player, you can enter your team name again. Press “Done.”

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**Enable notifications** - We strongly recommend you enable notifications within your device’s settings; we will be sending instructions and bonus

opportunities throughout the game. Additionally, we will send the winning teams notifications through the app.

Still confused? No worries – contact us at [huntacadiana@gmail.com](mailto:huntacadiana@gmail.com) or come to the Kickoff at Blackham Coliseum (Saturday, May 30, 10:00am – 2:00pm)! We will have game specialists onsite during the event ready to help!

## **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.

Upon registering for the hunt, you will see a listing of available missions with their point values. Some missions may be available early; however, the full playlist will be dropped on May 30 at 8:00am (CST). 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 may 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, text, GPS) 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 unless it is specifically allowed in the mission instructions.

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.

## **ARE THE MISSIONS REALLY JUDGED FOR ACCURACY?**

When you submit an answer for a mission, the app awards points immediately. But don't get comfortable just yet. A team of judges monitors all submissions for accuracy and content. If they spot a problem, the Mission Masters will subtract the points and send you a message explaining how to fix the issue.

Many players wonder what might lead to point deductions. Check out some of the questions we've received over the years; these should help clear things up.

- **Can I submit anything?** Nice try. Every submission is reviewed. If we ask to see three people performing the mission, we will not accept two people and one stuffed animal, one person and two pets, or one person holding photographs of two friends.
- **Does my photo/video have to be clear?** Yes, please! If we can't see what's happening, we'll have to subtract the points.
- **Can I take the photo from really far away?** Sadly, the app does not include a zoom feature for judges. So, if we need binoculars to figure out what's going on, the mission may not count. For us judges, it's all in the details.
- **Can I just take a screen shot of another team's submission?** We know it's tempting, but **NO!** Every team must submit its own original work. Besides, Mission Masters have seen every trick in the book, and the pixelation usually gives it away.
- **I can't visit all the parish landmarks and libraries. Can I just take a picture of them on my computer?** Sorry, these missions must be completed at the actual locations. Photos of computer screens, books, or online images won't work. But don't despair, there are lots of other points out there to collect. Pro Tip: If you can't visit a particular parish, recruit someone who lives there to join your team (use your team join code to make this happen). They can complete those missions for you. . . but don't forget, you may have to share a prize with them!
- **What if I'm playing alone and the mission directs me to do something with one or two other people?** This is where friends and family come in. Recruiting helpers is absolutely fine. In fact, half the fun is getting others involved. Note: your helpers do not have to be official teammates or sign up through the app.

- **You're asking me to sing and dance, and honestly, I'm just not that talented. What do I do?** Don't worry; this is not American Idol and we're definitely not Simon Cowell! At GOA we celebrate enthusiasm, not talent.
- **I'm too shy to show my face in the pictures and videos?** No problem! Not every mission requires a close-up. Get creative with masks, props, and camera angles. Just make sure the judges can see all the elements of the challenge.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT A MISSION?**

Game questions may be submitted via email to [huntacadiana@gmail.com](mailto:huntacadiana@gmail.com). Mission Masters will monitor the email and respond as soon as possible.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF THE MISSION MASTERS SUBTRACT POINTS FROM MY SCORE?**

Occasionally the Mission Masters will delete points from a mission you have performed incorrectly. Don't worry, they will give you a hint about what you did wrong and how to correct it. You can revise/edit your submission as follows: In the Mission tab, move over to your "Completed" column. Select the mission you would like to revise. Press the 3 dots (...) to the right of your team's name, and press "Edit Answer."

### **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 and all 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 (raffle tickets).

## **PRIZE DRAWING**

Fifty-one (51) prizes will be awarded. Each prize is valued at a minimum of \$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 Monday, May 18, 2026. All winning entries 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 20; 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 the Goosechase app, phone, mail, and/or email.

## **WHAT ARE MY CHANCES OF WINNING?**

A random drawing will be held on June 20 at 10:00am. Fifty-one (51) prizes will be awarded. Your chances of winning depend on the total number of qualified entries.

### **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 simply 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 OR DELETE MY PHOTO/VIDEO/TEXT EVIDENCE AFTER SUBMISSION?**

You can revise/edit your submission as follows: In the Mission tab, move over to your "Completed" column. Select the mission you would like to revise. Press the 3 dots (...) to the right of your team’s name, and press "Edit Answer." 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 bar at the bottom of your screen, you can track your progress via the activity feed and the leaderboard. Both tabs are updated in real time. **New this year**, while you will always know your score, the leaderboard will not be visible until the second week of the game. Remember, while we all love a little friendly competition, every entry has the same chance of winning. In fact, in past years, teams with just one entry have walked away with some of our biggest prizes! So, keep playing, keep earning points, and most importantly – have fun Playing with a Purpose!

### **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 bar. **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!

### **HOW DO I CHECK AND SEE IF POINTS HAVE BEEN DEDUCTED FROM MY SCORE?**

To see what missions need a do-over, go to app navigation bar (bottom of screen) and press the "account" icon (the one on the far right). You will see a listing of all missions your team has performed. Look for red bubbles; those are missions that need some attention. You should also see a hint as to how to fix the problem. To make corrections, select the mission you would like to revise, press the 3 dots (...) to the right of your team's name, and tap "Edit Answer." It's as easy as that!

### **HOW DO I SEE IF MISSION MASTERS HAVE ADDED MY BONUS POINTS?**

If you return full bottles of change or solicit Venmo donations you are entitled to bonus points as follows: 1 full bottle of change = 10,000 bonus points; \$20 venmo donation = 10,000 bonus points. A quick way to ensure that your points were added is as follows: go to app navigation bar (bottom of screen) and press the "account" icon (the one on the far right). You will see a listing of all missions your team has performed. Look for green bubbles; those should confirm your bonus points. Remember, bonus points are added manually; it can take up to 24 hours for the bonus points to appear in your score total. If you have questions, contact the Mission Masters at [huntacadiana@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

### **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 and will be reviewed by the judges.

### **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](mailto:huntacadiana@gmail.com).

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF I "LEAVE" THE EXPERIENCE?**

You can leave the experience by swiping left on the experience icon. Note: this is **NOT** just "logging out" of the game. Pressing the "Leave" will result in you permanently deleting ALL of your submissions. **Warning:** The Mission Masters have no way of restoring those submissions.

### **WHAT ARE EXPIRING MISSIONS?**

Some missions, once they appear, are set to expire before the end of the game. These are typically surprise missions and are worth many points. The expiration day and time will be clearly marked on the mission. Pro Tip: Check your notifications frequently for new mission releases.

### **WHAT ARE UNLOCKING MISSIONS?**

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! We try to give subtle hints in unlocking missions – so read carefully.

### **ARE THERE OTHER WAYS TO ENTER THE DRAWING?**

Earning points is not the only way to obtain entries. Additional entries (raffle tickets) may be purchased for \$20 each. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase beginning Monday, March 30, 2026, at 10:00am (CST) and ending Sunday, June 14, 2026, at 11:59pm (CST). Visit [milesperret.org/raffle](https://milesperret.org/raffle) to purchase your additional entries.

### **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:

- **GOA Welcome Email Puzzle:** This year, every team that registers before 6:00pm (CST) on Thursday, April 30th, will receive a welcome email with a link to a puzzle. This puzzle must be completed by 8:00pm (CST) on Thursday, April 30th, to receive 1,000 bonus points.
- **GOA Kickoff:** Attend the Kickoff Saturday, May 30 for exclusive missions worth thousands of points. See “Anything New this Year?” for further details.
- **Change for Miles:** Earn 10,000 bonus points for each full Change for Miles bottle returned to MPCS before June 13, 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 30 bottle pick up and

drop off will be located at 2330 Johnston Street (Blackham Coliseum) at the GOA Kickoff. 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 MPCCS 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 13, 2:00pm. View all Change for Miles Venmo rules by clicking [here](#) or typing “milesperret.org/change” into your browser.

- **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 8pm that night. At 8pm 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 13, 2:00pm. View all Venmo for Miles Rules by clicking [here](#) or typing “milesperret.org/venmo” into your browser.
- **Keep checking back:** We will be adding more bonus missions and ways to score bonus points soon.

## **ANYTHING NEW THIS YEAR?**

Yes!

- **We've Moved!** Our new address is **110 Capital Drive**, Lafayette, LA 70508. We are so happy with our new space. It allows us to offer expanded programs and help more clients. We are anxious to see you there.

- **Join us for a GOA Kickoff event.** On Saturday, May 30, join us at Blackham Coliseum (2330 Johnston Street) as we officially kick off the Games of Acadiana Virtual Scavenger Hunt. The kickoff will feature a Survivor Walk, interactive games, and high-energy entertainment. The event is free and open to the public. The hours are 10:00am to 2:00pm. 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 avid hunters, several **exclusive missions, worth 1000s of points**, will be available only on site. We can't wait to see you there as we commemorate 26 years of hope, service, and Playing with a Purpose!
- **Keep checking back:** As we further develop the game we will be adding more information here.

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