

GAMES of ACADIANA

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: GOA Kickoff

See attached map for quick questions about locations: Volunteer Check-in, Redemption Center, Bathrooms, Concessions, Info, Etc. *Additional event maps are available at Check-in and Information.*

WHAT IS THE GOA KICKOFF?

On Saturday, May 30, join us at Blackham Coliseum (2330 Johnston Street) as we officially kick off the Games of Acadiana 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 10AM to 2PM.

We can't wait to see you there as we commemorate 26 years of hope, service, and Playing with a Purpose!

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.

IS THE KICKOFF FREE TO ATTEND?

Yes, the kickoff is free to attend, however registration for the virtual scavenger hunt and check-in are required. At the registration/check-in table you will receive a wristband that allows free play, and volunteers will be able to assist you in registering for the virtual scavenger hunt.

WHERE DO I PARK?

Free public parking is available on the Blackham Coliseum grounds. Enter down Coliseum Rd off of Johnston St., or directly off of Cajundome Blvd. Volunteers will guide you to the appropriate parking space. Special accommodations are available for those who need to park close to the entrance.

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I'M A SURVIVOR – WHAT DO I DO?

Survivors are welcome to attend a Catholic mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church across the street, beginning at 8am.

Survivors are invited to participate in the Survivor Walk during Opening Ceremonies. Check-in for the walk is inside Blackham Coliseum in the Survivor Area.

Survivors will receive a complimentary T-Shirt, meal ticket, pompom for the Survivor Walk, and air-conditioned seating for a plus one in the Survivor Area – while supplies last, and given on a first-come, first-served basis.

WHAT IS THE SURVIVOR WALK?

The Survivor walk is a cherished GOA tradition that takes place at the start of the Opening ceremonies. MPCS clients are invited to enter the venue to the applause of the crowd, processing to the stage in a powerful moment of recognition, strength, and hope. The Survivor Walk begins at 10am.

WHERE DO I GO TO WATCH THE SURVIVOR WALK?

Survivors who do not wish to participate in the walk may watch from the Survivor Area. All others will be directed to the stands in the Coliseum.

HOW DO I WIN THE NINTENDO SWITCH 2?

Entries for the Nintendo Switch 2 are earned by completing a game card and turning it in at the Redemption Center. Game cards can be picked up at the Check-in tables and available per person (one entry per person).

** All game cards are due by 2pm to qualify for an entry into the drawing for the Nintendo Switch 2

HOW DO I WIN \$10,000?

Keep playing the virtual scavenger hunt through June 13th to earn entries into the grand prize drawing of \$10,000 and 50 prize bundles!

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WHERE DO I GO FOR EMERGENCIES?

Lost and Found, First Aid, and all other questions can be directed to the Information table inside the Blackham Coliseum lobby.

WILL THERE BE FOOD?

Yes; jambalaya plate lunches will be available for purchase as well as hotdogs, hamburgers, and concession snacks, at the Concession Stand inside the Blackham Coliseum lobby.

WHERE CAN I PARK MY STROLLER?

Stroller Parking is available inside the Blackham Coliseum lobby. Visit the Information Table for details.

ARE PETS ALLOWED?

We love our furry friends, but we ask that you please leave all pets at home.

ARE THERE ANY AGE LIMITS TO ATTENDING?

All ages are able to enjoy the Kickoff. There are games geared towards toddlers, teens, and adults. Bring the whole family, there will be fun for everyone!

CAN I REGISTER IN ADVANCE AND SKIP THE LINES?

In order to register, you must download the free Goosechase app, join the 2026 Games of Acadiana experience, and successfully complete at least one mission. We recommend that you **download the app and join the game in advance**. When you arrive on site you can perform the first mission “Welcome to the Kickoff” and then go directly to the wristband table and check-in.

DO I HAVE TO ATTEND THE KICKOFF IN ORDER TO PLAY THE SCAVENGER HUNT?

No, you do not need to attend in order to play the scavenger hunt. However, we will be releasing several limited-edition missions, worth **1000s** of points, that can only be completed at the kickoff event.

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HOW DO I DOWNLOAD THE GOOSECHASE APP AND JOIN THE GAME?

Playing for the first time (no 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.

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- 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.

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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 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!

WHY SHOULD I KEEP PLAYING THE SCAVENGER HUNT AFTER THE KICKOFF EVENT?
The scavenger hunt continues through June 13. You should continue playing because for every 10,000 points you collect by completing missions in the app, you earn a free entry into the drawing for 51 fabulous prizes including a **\$10,000 Grand Prize**.

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OR TYPE “milesperret.org/rules” INTO YOUR BROWSER.

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR PRINTER FRIENDLY VERSION OF KICKOFF FAQs OR TYPE “milesperret.org/faqs/kickoff” INTO YOUR BROWSER.

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TIMELINE

8:00am – Mass recognizing cancer survivors at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

9:00am – Doors Open at Blackham Coliseum

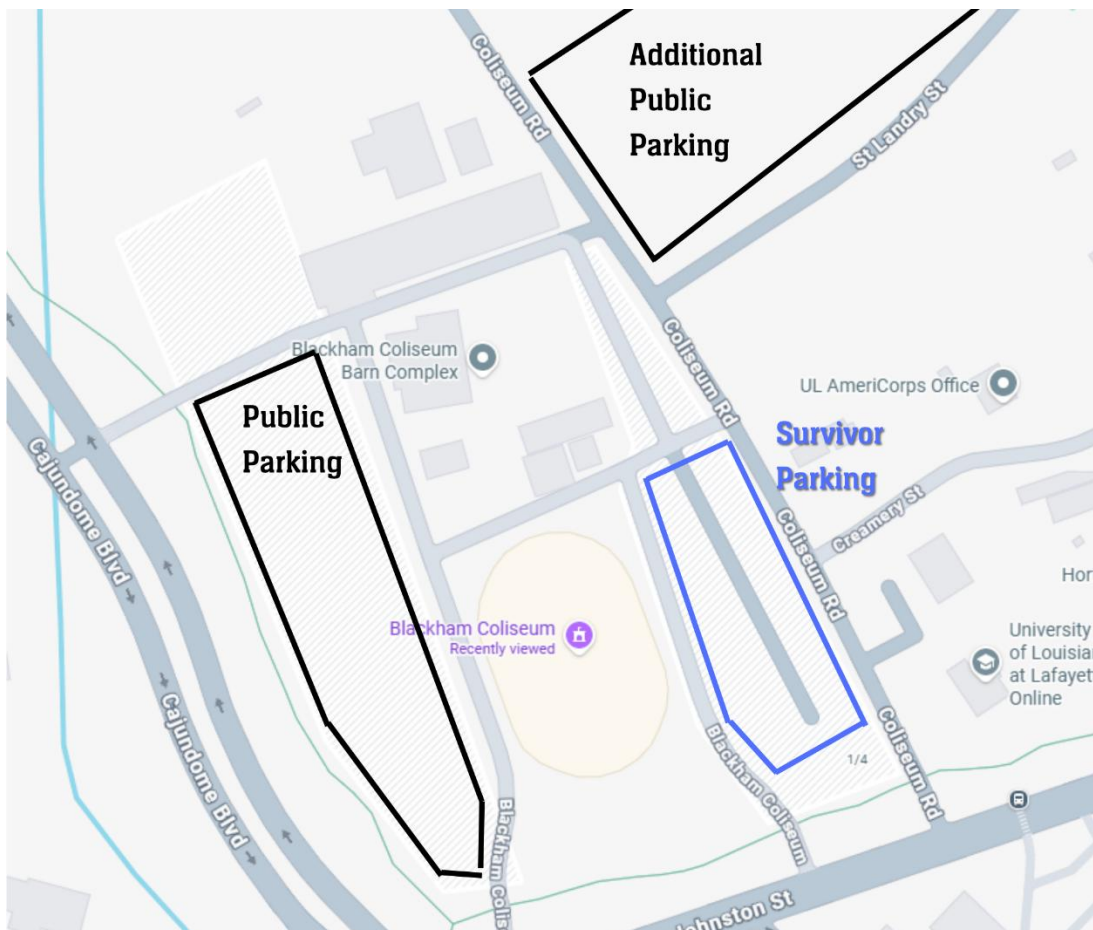
10:00am – Opening Ceremonies begin (featuring the Survivor Walk!)

10:15am – All game stations open

11:00am – Food service begins

2:00pm – All game cards are due at the Redemption Center

- The fun winds down – and the virtual scavenger hunt continues!



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