

# GAMES ACROSS ACADIANA

## 2023 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHO DOES GAMES ACROSS ACADIANA BENEFIT?

All proceeds from Games Across 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, June 2, 2023 at 8:00am to Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 8:00pm (CST).

### WHO CAN PLAY?

Anyone can play Games Across 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.

### HOW TO JOIN THE HUNT

Download "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 **X4339K** or by tapping the search icon and entering "**2023 Games Across Acadiana**" in search bar.
- c. Once you have selected 2023 Games Across Acadiana, press the "Let's Go!" button.
- d. Either create team or join team
  - To create a new team press "Create Team"
    - Here there are options to: (a) select a team picture, (b) edit your team name, (c) note your team passcode – if you want others to join your team and participate with separate mobile devices, they will need this code.
    - 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 approximately 65 “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. Theoretically, if all missions are performed (excluding bonus points or bonus entries) a team can earn up to 5 entries.

The hunt begins on Friday, June 2, 2023 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.

## 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.** 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.

- 10,000 points = 1 entry into drawing
- 20,000 points = 2 entries into drawing
- 30,000 points = 3 entries into drawing
- 40,000 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
- 18 tech/electronics prizes
- Gift cards from local businesses and restaurants

A full listing of prizes will be available on the MPCS website. All winning tickets associated with the first 50 prizes awarded will be placed back into the hopper for the drawings for the Grand Prize.

Drawing will take place on Saturday, June 24; it will be broadcast live on the MPCS Facebook page, 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 (PHOTOS, VIDEOS, TEXTS) BECOME PUBLIC?**

Unless otherwise stated (i.e. “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.

### **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. 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 SUBMISSION?**

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

### **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.

### **WHAT 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. Additionally, MPCS staff members will be available on each Saturday during the game, from 10am to 2pm in the MPCS lobby, to answer any questions you may have.

## DOES IT COST TO PLAY?

It does not cost to play Games Across Acadiana. The application software (GooseChase) is free to download any time and the game will be available for free play June 2 (8:00am) through June 17 (8:00pm).

## WHAT ARE MY CHANCES OF WINNING?

A random drawing will be held on June 24 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 each at [shopmilesperret.com](http://shopmilesperret.com). Raffle tickets will be available for purchase beginning Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 8:00am (CST) and ending Sunday, June 18, 2023 at 11:59pm (CST).

## 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 them 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).

## ARE THERE WAYS TO GET 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:

- **Change for Miles** — Earn 10,000 bonus points for each full Change for Miles bottle returned to MPCS before June 17, 2:00pm. Empty bottles may be found in the MPCS lobby. Note: Extra points are not awarded immediately; they will be added to your totals within 24 hours of submission. Beginning this year, 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 to Miles Perret Cancer Services via Venmo. To be eligible for bonus points, the Venmo transactions must be completed no later than June 17, 2:00pm. [View all Change for Miles Venmo rules here](#)
- **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 “Compass Rose,” “EGGspress Yourself,” and “The Greatest Show on Earth.” 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.
- **Concentration** – Remember the old game show *Concentration*? We do – so we added a Concentration style rebus puzzle to our game this year. As you reach certain milestones in earning points, the Mission Masters will send you clues to a rebus puzzle. Once you obtain all 6 clues, solve the puzzle. Enter your guess via the mission “Bonus: Concentration Puzzle.” Guess correctly and you will earn 5,000 bonus points! The points milestones are as follows:

- 3,500 points – Clue #1
- 7,250 points – Clue #2
- 11,500 points – Clue #3
- 15,500 points – Clue #4
- 19,000 points – Clue #5
- 23,500 points – Clue #6
- Double Points Days — When completing certain missions on their assigned “double points” days, the values for those missions will double. Don’t worry; if you have already completed that mission, you can redo the submission on the Double Points Day and receive the extra points. Note: Extra points are not awarded immediately; they will be added to your totals within 24 hours of submission. 2023 Double Points Days are as follows:
  - Sunday, June 4th: The Greatest Show on Earth
  - Tuesday, June 6th: CrocStar
  - Thursday, June 8th: American Gothic
  - Monday, June 12th: There She Blows!
  - Thursday, June 15th: Add Sprinkles
- Early Bird Registration — All teams that register to play 2023 Games Across Acadiana (i.e. “Join the Game”) by 11:59pm (CST) May 19, 2023 will be awarded 500 bonus points.
- Lego Mania! — This mission requires a photo be taken of a jar filled with Lego pieces. The jar is located in the MPCS lobby. When you submit the photograph, add a caption to your submission guessing how many Lego pieces 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.
- Why We Play – All teams registered by 5:00pm Friday, May 26, will receive a special mission/survey (via app notification) to perform prior to the start of the game. Those teams successfully completing the mission by midnight, May 31 will be awarded 750 bonus points.

## ANYTHING NEW THIS YEAR?

Yes! Last year, in the missions “Au Revoir” and “Wishin’ for a Mission” we asked for your suggestions. We compiled those ideas and incorporated many of them into this year’s game.

- Again this year, the game starts on a Friday. Thus, you will receive your mission list before the weekend and can make plans accordingly.
- Every Saturday during the game, we will staff the MPCS Lobby with game specialists (10am to 2pm) who can answer your questions.
  - 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 sunflowers. Personalize the sunflower, 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!
- We noticed your interest in the parish missions. This year we added Lafayette Parish. We have also continued the inclusion of a 2nd mission in each of the ten (10) parishes MPCS serves. In each parish, in addition to the traditional mission, you will be asked to locate a poster with a giant QR Code and photograph it. For each QR picture submitted, your team will be awarded 500 points. Additionally, scan the QR Code in each parish to obtain a unique letter. Once you have obtained all 10 letters, unscramble them to guess the “Parish Mystery Word.” Submit your answer in the “Bonus: Parish Mystery Word” mission. Guess correctly and your team will be awarded 5,000 points.
- In an effort to accommodate out of town players, this year we will accept Venmo contributions for the Change for Miles bonus. [View all venmo rules here](#)
- Play with a Purpose – The Board of Directors of Miles Perret Cancer Services is doing something a little different this year. Rather than sponsoring a traditional mission, in 2023, the Board will offer a

“matching” opportunity. For every mission you perform successfully, the MPCCS Board of Directors will make a \$2.00 donation to MPCCS 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 2022 there were 9,602 submissions for Games Across Acadiana. Our goal this year is 15,000 submissions. Help us reach that goal – it would result in a \$30,000 donation from the Board!