

The Great Northern Trails Goose Chase: Participant's Guide

February 11, 2021 – March 10, 2021

Fun! Prizes! Goose! (Wait, what?)

The Northern Trails District invites Scouts to participate in a Scavenger Hunt style event with activities doable anytime during a four-week period. Scouts can score points for their team or patrol by completing missions doable within Covid restrictions. For example, activities might involve finding something at an outdoor location, or doing a fun task outdoors and submitting a picture of it. Submissions and scoring must be done via the GooseChase app, available for free on Android and iPhones.

Scouts will travel around the district and encounter interesting and fun events requiring Scout skills and creativity.

Who

Teams/patrols of four to ten Scouts compete against other teams across the district in this wild competition! Challenges are designed for ScoutsBSA boys and girls, but many are also doable by Cub Scouts as well.

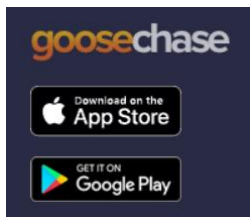
Scouts will need access to a phone or tablet with cell or WiFi connectivity to get credit for missions. Leaders and parents are welcome to “join” the team and observe. Mission challenges must be done by Scouts, but anyone including leaders or parents are welcome to “Like” submissions.



Getting Started

To get started, you need to know your team name and the team “access code”, which you get from the adult leader who registered your team. You will need them in step 4 below.

Step 1: Install the app on a phone/tablet



Download the GooseChase app at the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

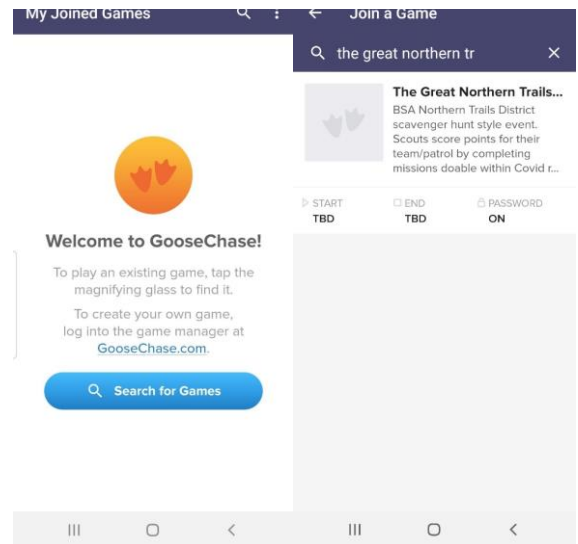
Step 2: Run the app



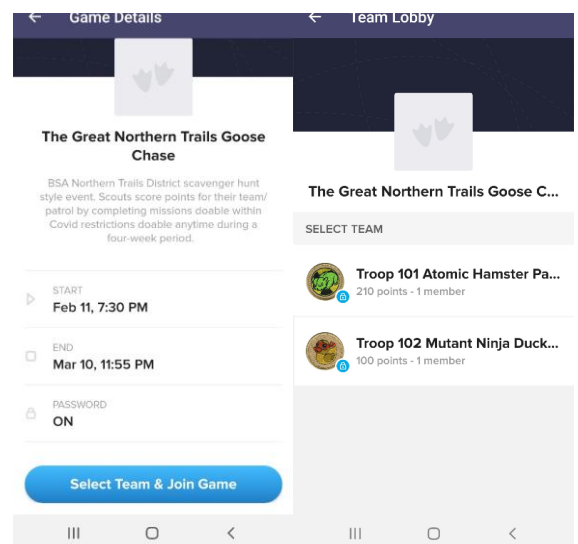
Once downloaded, you can either create an account (with a parent’s permission) or simply “Play as Guest”.

Step 3: Find the event

Tap the “Search for Games” button. In the search box, type **The Great Northern Trails Goose Chase**, and you’ll find our event.



Step 4: Join your team



Tap the “Select Team & Join Game” button at the bottom, and then find and select your team.

The app will prompt you for the team’s access code to join. Enter the access code given to you by your adult leader.

Missions and Submissions

On February 11th, we will release the first set of missions at about 7:30pm.

Here's what you need to know for each mission you do during the game:

- Each mission will tell you what needs to be submitted (text, photo, video, or be at a given location):



Text: enter the correct word or phrase. Leading/trailing spaces, and upper/lower case don't matter, but punctuation and internal spaces DO matter. If you think you're right but the answer isn't accepted, recheck your spelling!



Photo/Video: take a photo or video clip that meets the requirements (as verified by our judges). You can resubmit photo or video missions as many times as you want. For example, videos can be at most 30 seconds long, so you may need to practice a few times before you submit.



Location: to get credit, you must be in the right place (usually within about 50 meters).

- Submitting is real time, so you cannot use pictures/videos from a different event or outing you may have participated in. Please note: you will need to be on cell connection or WiFi to post your submissions.
- You will be notified via the app when new missions are released, when someone likes your submission, and when the judges add or deduct points.
- The submission page for each mission has an optional "Caption" field where you can add a comment. These comments will be visible to all teams, so maintain Scout Spirit and be careful to not say anything you don't want public. Other the other hand, if you say something witty you may get more likes!
- Not all missions will be available at the start. More will be released each week.

A leaderboard will automatically populate, so you'll be able to keep track of where you are against other teams/patrols. This is a fun way to have some friendly competition with other Scouts around the district!

How to Win

1. Submit as many challenges as your team/patrol can. More challenges means more points!
2. Each team only gets credit for a mission once, not once per member. All challenges can be completed by at most two Scouts in the same location, so coordinate who is doing each challenge to accomplish more of them!
3. Judges will periodically award extra bonus points (or even apply penalties) so your score might be adjusted at any point.
4. **Submissions will be accepted through 11:55 PM Wednesday March 10th, 2021**
5. Overall Top 1, 2, and 3 will be the highest aggregate points based on submission and judging at the end of the event.
6. Prizes will be awarded on March 11th, 2021 at the District Roundtable meeting.



Pro Tip: Fun is Key!

Yes, there are many scout skills that will be involved but it's ok to get a little silly, crazy, and creative. As long as you are having FUN, you are doing the event right! Besides, there may even be bonus points for getting the most likes or the judges' favorites.

COVID-19 Restrictions

The Goose Chase is made to be fun, but please keep in mind any state, county, and CDC guidelines that your area may currently be restricted to. We've tried to keep this mind when building the event, but please respect the rules and regulations as necessary.