

Navigate Adolescence Presents:

Navigating the Case of the Missing Dog

Part Scavenger Hunt, Part Mystery, Part Game of Deduction



Ideal for families with young people ages 8 and up!

Your dog has gone missing! Your team's job is to navigate your way around town using your powers of deduction to solve this "Clue" like mystery of who found your missing dog, and just what it was that made your dog stop chasing a squirrel and beg for attention!

You will go to 10 different destinations around town where you will find clues that will help you solve the mystery. You will need about an hour to an hour and a half, and a cell phone that can read QR codes to play and to gather clues at each destination.

Playing the Game

Your dog has been found by one of the great-great-great-great grandchildren of Downers Grove's historically significant families. Using the clues given, and the process of elimination, see if you can figure out who found your dog and just what it was that made your dog stop chasing a squirrel!

The six people who might have found your dog:

- Blake Blodgett – Works for Metra as a train conductor
- Cooper Carpenter – Works at the Post Office
- Caitlyn Cheever – Is a college student who hopes to someday become the first female President
- Dylan Downer – Is a waiter and the lead singer of a band called "The Founders"
- Olivia O'Neill – Is a middle school principal
- Skylar Stanley – Is a high school history teacher

The six possible things that made your dog stop in his tracks:

- A bacon-flavored dog treat
- A bacon-shaped dog toy
- A bacon-topped pizza
- A pound of bacon in a grocery bag
- A broccoli-topped pizza
- A bacon and maple flavored donut

Winning the Game:

Solving the Mystery:

Solve the mystery and earn the most bonus points to win \$100 of Downtown Dollars. (In the case of a tie for total points, your team will be entered in a random drawing to determine the winner.)

- You will earn 10 points for correctly identifying who found your dog
- You will earn 10 points for correctly identifying what made your dog stop chasing a squirrel
- You then have the chance to earn up to 30 Bonus Points*

***How to Earn Bonus Points:**

Before the Game:

The VIP's of DG History (Up to 20 points)

Look up and identify the historical significance of each potential dog-finder's ancestors and earn one bonus point for each correct answer, and 10 points if you get them all correct. (Hint: Google the last name of the potential dog-finder, followed by the phrase "Historically significant Downers Grove family" to find your answers. There are also links dedicated to Downers Grove Hometown History, and a Downers Grove walking tour that you can check out for more info!)

You can then earn more bonus points if you can correctly identify how each person is similar to their ancestor. You will earn one bonus point for each correct answer, and 10 points if you get them all correct.

During the Game:

Proof You Were There (Up to 15 points):

Take a photo of your team in front of each location that you end up at as you search for your dog. Make sure to include the sign of the name of each location. One bonus point will be earned for each photo that includes your team and the sign of the name of the location – you will earn 15 bonus points if you take a photo at every location!

After the Game:

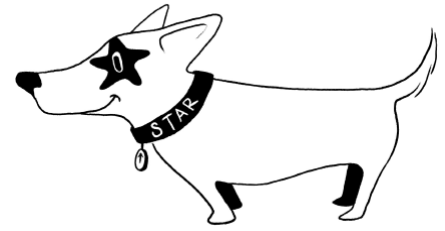
Name the Navigate Programs (Up to 5 points):

The name of four of Navigate's programs are mentioned in the game's backstory. Earn one bonus point for each correct answer and 5 bonus points if you get them all correct! (Hint: Check out our website at navigateadolescence.org to find the names of all our programs.)

Submit Your Answers:

Submit your answers by going to info@navigateadolescence.org and email us your guess for who found your dog, and what item made your dog stop chasing the squirrel, as well as your bonus point answers and photos.

To Play the Game



Step #1

You will need to:

- Print out this page and bring it with you to play.
- Print out the “Navigating the Clues” page and bring it with you to play.
- Bring a phone with the ability to scan QR codes and to help you search Google to figure out the clues if needed
- Head to Fishel Park and get ready to trace the path that Star follows through town!

Step #2

Once you arrive at Fishel Park, read this backstory out loud to your team:

Your dog named Star loves two things; chasing squirrels and eating bacon. You and your family were walking Star here at Fishel Park when a squirrel ran right in front of you. Star pulled and pulled and managed to break free of his leash and kept chasing the squirrel straight down the pathway through the old cemetery and onto Main Street. You have searched and searched and were just about ready to trek on back to your car and start driving around to keep looking for him when you get a text. Luckily, Star was wearing his dog collar with a compass-shaped dog tag on it that had his name and your phone number on it, and the person who found Star has just sent you a text, but unfortunately the text message reads more like a riddle than a text:

Text message and Clue #1:

I found your dog Star! He is adorable – and he must really love bacon, because as soon as he saw what I had in my hand, he stopped in his tracks and started begging! We are waiting for you outside of the bookstore on Main Street. See you soon!

Pro Tip: After you read each clue in this game, ask your group:

- *Where do you think we are going next?*
- *Can we eliminate anyone from List 1?*
- *Can we eliminate any item from List 2?*

(Hint for Clue #1: Whatever made your dog stop sounds as if it is bacon-related! Look to see what item on List #2 is not bacon related. Put an “X” next to that item.)

Step #3:

Head to the next destination.

(Bonus point alert: Don’t forget to take your group picture at EVERY destination!)

Step #4

Read the next text out loud to your group:

Text message and Clue #2:

Sorry I missed you, but I couldn’t wait -- I have a lot of errands to run today! However, there is a note in the window to tell you the next place we are headed.

The rest of your clues will be found on a poster that looks like a sheet of notebook paper and has a picture of Star the Dog on it. Scan the QR code in the corner of the poster to get your clue. As you move from location to location, you will be looking for the same poster, and will scan the QR code to get your next clue.

Navigating the Clues:

Place an "X" in the box as you eliminate each option to help you solve the mystery!

List #1	
The name of the person who might have found your dog:	
	Dylan Downer <ul style="list-style-type: none">Is a waiter and the lead singer of a band called "The Founders"
	Skylar Stanley <ul style="list-style-type: none">Is a high school history teacher
	Caitlyn Cheever <ul style="list-style-type: none">Is a college student who hopes to someday become the first female President
	Blake Blodgett <ul style="list-style-type: none">Works for Metra as a train conductor
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List #2	
The things that might have stopped Star from chasing the squirrel:	
	A bacon-flavored dog treat
	A bacon-shaped dog toy
	A bacon-topped pizza
	A bacon and maple flavored donut
	A broccoli-topped pizza
	A pound of bacon in a grocery bag



Clue reference sheet:

Clue #1 – a text message located in the intro document:

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Clue #2 – a text message located in the intro document:

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Scan the QR code in the corner of the poster in the window that looks like notebook paper for your next clue!

Clue #3 (QR Code on the poster at Andersons)

I was standing here waiting for you, when I ran into my friend who was getting ready to go to work. He asked if I wanted to grab a coffee before he hopped on board. We just headed across the street to get a Pike's Place Brew. I'll meet you there! I'll leave you a note if I go anywhere else!

Clue #4 (QR Code on the poster at Starbucks)

Sorry this is such a busy day for me! I was standing outside of Starbucks and looked up Forest Ave. and realized that I needed to pick up a retainer for my nephew from Dr. Z – so if you miss me, I'm heading there next. Interestingly, someone offered Star a bacon-flavored dog treat while I was waiting – but for some reason he wasn't interested?!! I'll leave you a note if I go anywhere else!

Clue #5 (QR Code on the poster at Zack Frazier Orthodontics)

Dr. Z. wasn't in, so I didn't stick around long – sorry! But I ran into my friend who was on his route and needed to drop off a package on Mochel at the DGEDC. (Sounds like alphabet soup to me!) I need a few things in that direction, so I told him that Star and I would walk over there with him. I'll leave you a note if I go anywhere else!

Clue #6 (QR Code on the poster at the DGEDC)

Mr. Cassa at the DGEDC offered Star a slice of the bacon-topped pizza he was eating, but Star took one sniff and sneezed! Maybe he is allergic to cheese?! I needed a little Earl Gray to start my day tomorrow, so I am going to pop into the store just a few doors north of the DGEDC. I'll leave you a note if I go anywhere else!

Clue #7 (QR Code on the poster at Culinary Tea)

Sorry – Zach at Culinary Tea was so quick that I did not stick around long, and as I was leaving, I ran into my neighbor who was home from college. She needed to get a birthday present for her sister Evelyn, (who shares her name with her favorite shop in town). I can see the shop from here, so I am going to head there with her. I'll leave you a note if I go anywhere else!

Clue #8 (QR Code at Evelyn Jane's)

While I was waiting outside of Evelyn Jane's, a dog walked by with a bacon-shaped dog toy in it's mouth! I thought Star might like it, seeing as he seems to LOVE bacon, but when the other dog squeaked it, Star jumped and barked. I think he thought it was a mouse!!! But what luck, I ended up right next door to a store that has awesome gifts and cards – and today is my mom's birthday, so I'm going there next! I'll leave you a note if I go anywhere else!

Clue #9 (QR Code at 221 Creations)

This is my lucky day, 221 Creations had just what I needed – and I ran into my friend who is a musician. His band is going to be playing at the Irish Restaurant and Bar in town this week so we are walking down there so he can take care of some details. Star seemed to really like my friend! At first, I thought it was because he had a bag of groceries with bacon inside, but Star didn't even seem to notice! So off we go – I'll leave you a note if I go anywhere else!

Clue #10 (QR Code at Ballydoyle)

I met the nice owner of Ballydoyle's and as Dylan and I were talking to him another friend of ours came up, and she was on her way to go buy donuts for her whole high school history class. When she said donuts – Star went BONKERS!!! He started jumping up and down, barking, wagging his tail, and running in circles!!! I think I had it all wrong!!! All along, I thought that Star loved bacon because of what I had in my hand when he stopped me outside of Anderson's and started begging – but it turns out he loves something even more than bacon!!! I'm heading to the bakery on Main Street with my friend (and a very excited Star) to get her class some donuts. I'll meet you there!!!

Solve the mystery!

Using your powers of deduction, you should now have all the answers to solve the mystery!

- *Where is your final destination?*
- *What item was it that made Star stop in his tracks and start begging?*
- *What is the name of the person who found Star?*