

# The Great Park Pursuit Backyard Challenge

As a safety measure, the start of the Great Park Pursuit is delayed until the COVID-19 threat is lessened, and it is safe to travel the state visiting our many park areas.

Because we are not able to open the Pursuit, and are not accepting impressions at the present time, we are instituting **the Great Park Pursuit Backyard Challenge** to encourage you get your team registered and ready for park season and the 2020 Great Park Pursuit.

## **The Backyard Challenge is simple:**

1. Register your Team (or update your team if needed; once created, your team stays in our system, so you can use your 2019 log in credentials.)
2. Complete any of the challenges listed below.
3. Take a picture while doing the challenge activity – and holding a print of the Backyard Challenge image (located on the last page of this activity sheet) in the photo.
4. Post your photo to the Great Park Pursuit Facebook page.

The Backyard Challenge image can be found in this activity sheet on the Great Park Pursuit website ([www.NEGPP.org](http://www.NEGPP.org)), or on the Great Park Pursuit Facebook page. The image can be printed in either color or black and white.

If you don't use Facebook you can email the pictures to [info@negpp.org](mailto:info@negpp.org).

For each valid challenge completed, your team will receive one chance in a special prize drawing for one of two \$250 Scheel's gift cards.

Teams are encouraged to complete all of the challenges – the more of the challenges your team completes, the more chances you will have in the drawing.

Only one entry per team, per day, is allowed. There are 10 challenges, so 10 is the maximum number of entries a team can have for the Backyard Challenge drawing.

All photos submitted become property of the Great Park Pursuit and may be used for promotional purposes. (Helpful tip: When submitting pictures, avoid sharing things such as street addresses, license plates, or other personal information, especially when taking pictures indoors.)

All other prize drawing requirements will remain unchanged. The Great Park Pursuit Backyard Challenge will remain active until public travel directives are relaxed and the official 2020 Great Park Pursuit post locations and rubbing sheets are released. (We will provide all



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participants two (2) days' notice in advance of ending the backyard Challenge; however it's best to get your entries in as soon as possible.) When The Great Park Pursuit posts locations go live, the Backyard Challenge will end, winners will be drawn and their prizes awarded.

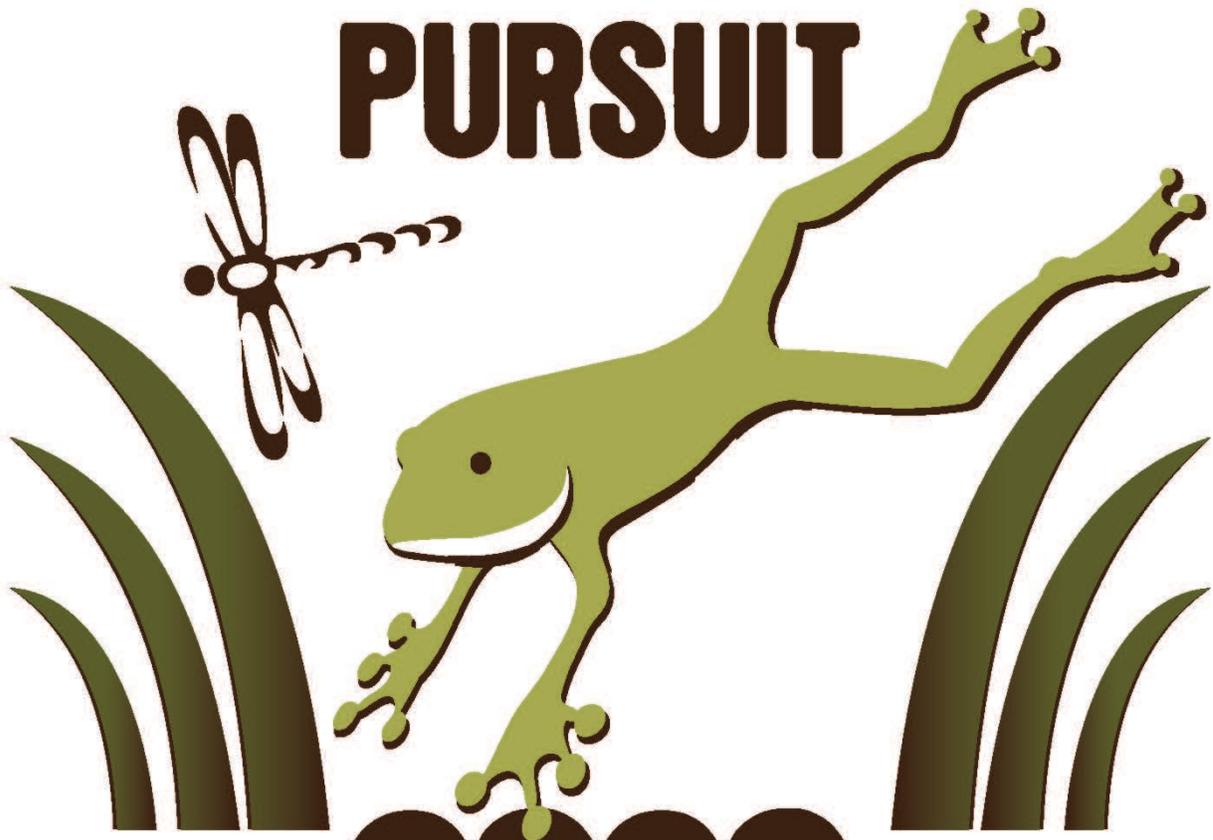
### Backyard Challenges

1. Camp in your back yard, apartment, basement, or wherever you can. Pitch a tent, use your camper, or string up some blankets in the living room. Whatever you do, make it fun.
2. Build a backyard campfire: Always use a fire ring or other safe containment method and follow your local community regulations. If you don't have a yard, create a faux fire indoors, make some s'mores and share stories with your family.
3. Birdwatching: Grab a lawn chair, binoculars, and a bird identification guide. You'll be surprised at the variety of birds that are right in your own yard. You can find bird identification information and a handy checklist on our activities page.
4. Make a bird feeder. Check out this simple pine cone bird feeder on our activities page.
5. Scavenger hunt: Find one crawling insect, one flying insect, one bird, identify one tree, identify one cloud type, make one leaf rubbing, identify one plant other than grass, find something that has a strong smell, find one pointed and one rounded leaf, find something natural that begins with the letter B, or make your own checklist.
6. Make some outdoor comfort food: Roast a hot dog or marshmallow over the fire, make s'mores in your fireplace, cook some Jiffy Pop popcorn, cook with a Dutch oven, try a hobo meal or ash cakes. Or have a picnic in your living room or balcony. (Remember: Never start fires indoors.)
7. Practice fishing: Remove the hook from a fishing pole and replace it with a plug or rounded object and practice casting—make a contest out of it.
8. Outdoor journaling: Make a journal and record the things you see, the things that inspire you, and the activities you enjoy. Draw pictures. Take this journal with you whenever you are outdoors enjoying nature.
9. Stargaze from your lawn, balcony or window: See how many constellations you can identify and what phase the moon is in. Then brainstorm places to visit in future trips for an unimpeded view of the stars.
10. Plant a pollinator garden (also good for fireflies!). In a pot you can sit outside or in a plot in your yard. Plant pollinator-friendly plants and create a list of potential pollinators that you hope to attract. Find a plan that works for your space and have fun making it.

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and show it in your Backyard Challenge photo.*

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