Virtual Alternatives to Unit Activities

Scouting still continues and the above listed guidelines/requirements may be difficult to implement and still have a fun program. If your Unit has not already done so, you should consider virtual alternatives to keep the Scouting program going.

Meetings: (Den, Patrol, Pack, Troop, Crew, Committee, Board of Review, Merit Badges, Scoutmaster Conference and Patrol Leaders Conference)
- Video conferencing software (Zoom, Google Hangouts, Microsoft Teams)
  - Make sure you know how to use the software prior to the meeting
  - Youth Protection Guidelines are still in place.
- Using online games, like Kahoot, for inter-patrol competitions.
- Email pictures of the advancement earned until the actual recognition can be presented.

Campouts: the use of video conferencing software allows us to have different version of a Campout. Campouts done in this manner still count toward all advancement requirements.

Example of a possible format of a virtual campout:
- Friday
  - Camp site set up (tent outdoors to sleeping bag in house are all acceptable)
  - Pioneering project strongly encouraged (flagpole or camp tool)
  - If possible, a campfire site with appropriate safety items
  - Show your Unit leader pictures or video of your site
- Saturday
  - Breakfast - best attempt to be done as if you were on a campout
  - Morning flags - this can be done with a screen share of the American flag and a regular opening
  - Skill work - rest of the morning is working on Scout skills/ Advancement items
  - Lunch - best attempt to be done as if you were on a campout
  - Afternoon - Meet with adult leader to review skills/advancement worked on.
    - Submit a song, skit, etc that you or you and your family will do
  - Supper - best attempt to be done as if you were on a campout
  - Campfire - virtual fire, Scouts and family are encouraged to sit around their own fire.
    - Skits, songs, etc
    - Recognize Scouts for their work
    - Scouts Own
    - Smores or treat of family’s choice