

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
 - Smoires or treat of family's choice