Scouting at Home – Scouts BSA

Are your Scouts at home?
Scouting can take place anywhere – even in the comfort of your home!

Here you will find a resource hub for parents and leaders to help support Scouting at home, with stay-at-home educational activities for any Scout rank, tips for continuing to work on advancements and kid-friendly content that connects Scouting with their daily lives. We will continue to add new content and resources to this hub regularly.

Our goal is to make it easier to deliver the Scouting program by making plans more accessible to Leaders and those who can help Leaders like our parents.

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- ALWAYS remember to obey youth protection policies when using online service or phones for scouting. This includes but is not limited to: Two deep leadership, no one-on-one contact..etc.
- Conduct virtual Patrol Leaders Council meetings via teleconference or web video conferencing. Ensure to maintain two-deep leadership throughout the virtual meeting.
- Encourage Patrol Leaders to communicate digitally with their patrol members.
- Conduct online merit badge counselor meetings using web video conferencing tools such as Google Hangouts, Zoom, Skype, FreeConference or Facebook. Ensure to maintain two-deep leadership throughout the virtual meeting. Note completing a worksheet and emailing it does not constitute a “virtual discussion”, rather use interactive video or phone conversations.
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Merit Badges that can be completed at home include:

- Family Life
- Personal Management
- Personal Fitness
- Reading
- American Heritage
- Pets
- Emergency Preparedness
- Public Health
- Medicine
- Radio
- Citizenship in Community
- Citizenship in Nation
- Citizenship in the World

Remember: You still need a Merit Badge Counselor! If parents want to be Merit Badge Counselors, check out this resource sheet.

Other Activities:

- Plan and cook a meal for your family.
- Encourage Scouts to post online stories from history and how humanity was able to overcome such difficulties and give people hope.
• Hold a virtual gaming meet. Or use Kahoot to host an online quiz.
• Encourage Scouts to communicate with Scouts around the world. Learn about the World Organization of the Scouting Movement (WOSM). Introduce JOTA/JOTI.
• Coordinate a community-based support network. Work with your Chartered Organization to develop a plan. Offer your unit assistance in helping the needy.
• Post examples of how Scouts are helping the community on social media. Make sure to tag us in your post using #ATLScouts

Hold Scoutmaster Conference using web video conferencing. Ensure to maintain two-deep leadership throughout the virtual meeting.

References, policies, and procedures for the Eagle Process are included in a separate resource. Please refer to that for all Life to Eagle, Project Approval, and Board of Review items.