

Online Ideas and Resources

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The Advantages of going on-line

- Available to everyone regardless of location, or health concerns
- A way to expose scouts to things that would be difficult to do in person
 - Guest speakers, virtual tours, etc.
- Some merit badges and scout skills work well with merit badges
- YouTube videos are easily shared!

The RULES

- Encourage cameras on*
- Go over scout-appropriate behavioral expectations (no inappropriate chat, appropriate names, background pictures, etc).
- Take advantage of break-out rooms

Check-In Questions

- Rate your mood/energy on a scale of music – Lullaby, Elevator music, Disco Grovy, Country Swing, Rhythmic Hip Hop, 90's Dance, or Heavy Metal
- Internal Weather Report (stormy, sunny, rainy, etc)
- “Would you rather” – Eat something too hot or too cold...
- Which mediocre super-power would you rather have: Spaghetti fingers, the ability to hover two inches off the ground, be invisible only when no one is looking at you, or, have another set of eyes somewhere else on your body.
- Recent new show you'd recommend
- Hardest Merit Badge
- Vote for one song over another

Scavenger Hunts

- Find something meaningful to you that starts with an “R”
- You have five minutes to find your scout book, merit badge sash, mess kit, and...
- You have one minute to bring back the weirdest thing you can find.
- Scavenger hunt - elimination. Name 1 thing, whoever can't find gets eliminated. Find another - whoever can't find gets eliminated. Or, each item represents a point. Have a couple of extra hard ones at the end for double points.
- The more creative challenges are the most fun to share.
- Find three things in your house that describe three different points of the scout law (in three minutes)
- Take it in turns to call out an item – the first person to bring a correct item back could name the next item.
- Use a clue rather than naming an item – how about ‘something soft’ or ‘something that begins with s’? You could even use items to spell out your group’s name or the theme of your session. Make it competitive by awarding bonus points to people who come back with an item no one else has chosen.

Kahoot

- App available on your phone <https://kahoot.com/>
- Trivia multiple choice
- Points for right answer and timing
- Immediate feedback and rankings

Situation: Zombie Apocalypse

- Groups of scouts are sent to breakout rooms to rank order supplies from most to least useful and come up with a plan for rescue. Results are shared in the main session
- *It's the summer of 2020 and the Zombie Apocalypse has begun. Before transmissions went down, scientists deduced it was spread by the Murder Hornets. Your group has managed to find one another and compile your gear into one large cache, knowing there is strength in numbers. Because the virus spread so quickly, you each have only what you were able to grab.*
 - *bug spray*
 - *golf club*

- *shovel*
- *night vision goggles*
- *pile of lumber*
- *your choice of one of the Scout Six/Ten Essentials*
- <https://lookwiderstill.home.blog/2020/10/19/scouting-tech-virtual-games-for-scouts/>

Various Games

- **Board Games** – classic board games online - <https://says.com/my/tech/11-classic-board-games-that-you-can-play-online-with-your-friends-for-free>
- **Crafts**- can you have everyone start with the same basic items and see who can create a structure that is the tallest?
- Pinewood Derby car made of items found around your house?
 - Apps for radar guns available. Would they work for Pinewood derby cars? Everyone submits their speeds?
- **Google Classroom** – you can have a shared document that multiple scouts can edit.
- Photo competitions with a theme/Photo Scavenger Hunts
- **Identify Pictures** (or pictures of prior events, or pictures of types of trees, etc.)
- **Holiday Themed games** –
 - **Halloween:** Have everyone keep their cameras off and offer three clues in the chat about what their costume is. Have a big reveal. Everyone share their carved pumpkins
 - **Winter Holidays:** Everyone shares their Christmas trees/play the Dreidel Game
- **I Spy** (based on what you can see in everyone’s background)
- **Monster Drawing** – One person describes the drawing of their monster but doesn’t let others see it. At the end everyone shows off their drawings as see who comes closest.
- **Cooking**
 - Top Chef (mystery ingredient) then everyone eats together online sharing recipes/ideas.

- Everyone brings a random ingredient to the screen and shares. Then cohorts go to breakout rooms to plan a meal. Everyone comes back to vote on best menu.
- **Music**
 - Play music while you're waiting to start the meeting (vote on the best songs)
 - Name that Tune
- **Talent Show**
- **Show and Tell:** Bring your pet to the zoom meeting day,
- **Pioneering:** Cohorts can compete (video their creations)
- **Cohort Challenges:** Have each cohort propose a different challenge to the other groups (one/month).
- **First Aid:** Demo on parents/siblings/pets. Can still do First Aid Baseball or Jeopardy
- **Bingo Card Generator** <https://myfreebingocards.com/bingo-card-generator/edit/aw7fs>
- **Online version of Apples to Apples** (make sure you click on the family-friendly version) <https://notallbad.cards/>
- **BSA Trivia Quiz** <https://scoutermom.com/17966/scouts-bsa-trivia-quiz/>
- **Online version of Pictionary** [Skribbl.io](https://skribbl.io)
- **Uno** <https://play.unofreak.com/create>
- **Escape Rooms:**
 - https://www.simplemost.com/free-digital-escape-rooms/?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=sharing&utm_content=article-before
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1q8h-S-6iV_TKEtZ3f5s3u5M_bFZdMrATHJI5q0xy9fU/edit
 - <https://www.escaperoomherndon.com/backtothepresent>

TV Game Shows

- **Jeopardy-** <https://jeopardylabs.com/browse/> (there are many already created for scouts)

- **Family Feud**
- **The Price is Right:** The four contestants bid in order from left to right and must bid as close as they can to the actual retail price without going over. Contestants bid in dollars and not cents as the retail prices are rounded off to the nearest dollar and may not bid the same amount as any player bid previously for that prize.
- **Who Wants to Be a Millionaire** (Who wants to be an Eagle Scout?) Multiple Choice, Phone a Friend, Ask the Audience, etc.
- **Name that Tune!** I can name that tune in 10 seconds... Variation: I can tie that knot in 10 seconds

Bracket Games

- Best Halloween Candy
- Best song
- Best camp song/skit
- Best MB
- Worst MB
- Best Camp Meal

Youtube.com

- Scouter Karl YouTube videos (cooking demos) https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfjG-0gqB5HyV4St_fH3qsQ/videos
- Cub Scout Eric Videos on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuN3J1CjJtZivf32Vzlli1g/videos>
- Scouting with Nick Jonas and Kevin Hart <https://youtu.be/-vQaWytKI-Y> (some language)
- Fascinating video of scouting from the 40's (beware of cheesy music) <https://youtu.be/KdTqDRZCLg4>
- How to complete the Red Rope Challenge (Tie 14 knots in one minute) <https://youtu.be/8NtzUITftsE>
- Scouter Rob – TTFC videos <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1nrhdtsFOdvHw0EfT3t9pQ>

Merit Badges/Advancement

- Online Merit Badge Classes-Scouts BSA (Facebook page) or Merit Badge Counselor (Facebook page)
- Many online, self-paced google classroom set-ups – your mileage may vary...
- https://epicmeritbadges.com/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwit_8BRCoARIsAlx3Rj7Rv_mYDpnrl8_Y0l801udVEMJXyTCp13T0WYdKcQNcgfrBxFy-IfAaAvNuEALw_wcB (there can be costs \$20/badge here)
- <https://www.edmondhistory.org/for-children/merit-badge-programs-for-scouts-bsa/> (\$10/badge with scholarships available)
- **Many resources to add pizzazz to MB or Cub Scout Advancement**
 - Weather (weather videos!)
 - Citizenship in the Nation (School House Rock!)
 - Art (videos of how an artist uses a particular medium)
 - Pets (virtual Pet Show)
 - Museum Tours to enhance a MB
<https://artsandculture.google.com/>
- **Knot Matching game:**
<https://www.coast.ocbsadaycamp.org/btp/knots-game.html>
- Marin Co. Humane Society tour
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KyOBdhMstps>

Other Sources

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- http://troop72campspirit.org/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/scout_trivia.pdf
- <http://www.danbeard.org/scouting-at-home-self-guided-activities/>
- <https://hookedoninnovation.com/2020/05/13/25-strategies-to-engage-zoom/>
- Facebook: Polecat patrol
- <https://www.scouts.org.uk/activities/?section=Scouts&setting=Online>

- <https://www.learnscoutsbsa.com/> - videos, online advice, podcasts, articles
- <https://scoutadelic.com/>
- <https://mdscbsa.org/scouting-remotely/>
- **Cascade Pacific Council** - <https://cpcbsa.org/tools/advancement-academy/>
- <https://www.ocbsa.org/resourcehub/>

Game Collections

- <https://healthoverhurry.wordpress.com/2020/03/23/zoom-youth-group-games/>
- <https://youthgroupgames.com.au/collection/top-ten-virtual-youth-group-games/>
- <https://lookwiderstill.home.blog/2020/06/15/scouting-activities-scoutergories-zoom-game/>
- <https://meaningfulmama.com/fun-games-to-play-over-zoom-or-facetime.html>
- <https://scoutsmarts.com/virtual-scout-zoom-meeting-ideas/>
- <https://youthgroupgames.com.au/collection/video-call-games-for-kids/>
- <https://www.jackboxgames.com/games/> (there is a price for this but only one person has to buy it- there is a limit to the number of players)

Service

- **Scouting for Food**
- **Operation Gratitude** <https://www.operationgratitude.com/express-your-thanks-virtual/>
- **Portland Backpack** <https://www.portlandbackpack.com/new-index>
- **Wooftrax** – phone app that tracks your walking mileage and has sponsors that will donate to a dog shelter of your choice.

