



Virtual Scouting Tools

Cisco WebEx Meetings

- Up to 100 participants, unlimited duration
- No limits on number of calls
- Allows screen sharing, call recording, file sharing

Google Hangouts

- Requires Google account
- Up to 10 participants, unlimited duration

Zoom Meetings

- Up to 100 participants, 40 minute limit
- No limits on number of calls
- Allows screen sharing and call recording
- How to get started with Zoom
<https://www.theverge.com/2020/3/31/21197215/how-to-zoom-free-account-get-started-register-sign-up-log-in-invite>
- Zoom Coupon code? PORTFOLIOPARTNER-ZOOM

Skype

- Requires Skype account and downloaded app
- Up to 50 participants, unlimited duration
- Allows call recording

FreeConference

- Up to 5 video participants and 1000 audio participants, unlimited duration

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- Unlimited participants, unlimited duration
- Allows screen sharing and call recording

From [https://mailchi.mp/7eade0d5ae62/voyageur-trace-district-information?e=\[UNIQID\]#FreeVideo](https://mailchi.mp/7eade0d5ae62/voyageur-trace-district-information?e=[UNIQID]#FreeVideo)

FaceTime

- For personal use, Apple has a great record on making user privacy a priority and things like end-to-end encryption are a plus

From <https://mashable.com/article/private-zoom-video-chat-alternatives/>

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Activities

Resources

- PTAC Scouting at Home
http://pathwaytoadventure.org/?load_cms=300&fbclid=IwAR06gSiBFcD_RFlhC64aix5efVLLv1V8f9ISJJ5Cs6nuWMPbXFROP71xvs8
- Cub Scout (Heart of America Council) [30-day challenge for Cub Scouts](#)
- The Hawkeye Council also has a [30-day challenge](#) for Scouts BSA and Sea Scouts
- Scoutshare List of Ideas For Being Home With Kids
<http://scoutshare.org/Resources/Articles/giant-list-of-ideas-for-being-home-with-kids>
- [Bryan on Scouting](#) has also published some articles:
 - [Fun projects for kids that you can do from home](#)
 - [Good Turns during the coronavirus: Acts of Scouting service you can do from home](#)
 - [Scouting Show & Tell: Scouting remotely](#)
- BSA Cub and Scouts BSA Podcasts <https://podcast.scouting.org/>

Camping

Facilities

- Cook County Forest Preserves - closing some [locations](#) (including all public restrooms, nature centers, campgrounds, nature play areas, permit offices and the Swallow Cliff Stairs) through **May 11**.
- DuPage Forest Preserves (open) <https://www.dupageforest.org/things-to-do/scouts/scout-programs>
- Lake County FP - <https://www.lcfd.org/check-status-of-trails-and-preserves/>
- Will County FP - <https://www.reconnectwithnature.org/news-events/news/forest-preserve-will-county-coronavirus-closures>
- Kane County - <https://kaneforest.com/>

Pathway To Adventure Camping

- PTAC Camping - <http://www.pathwaytoadventure.org/camping/>
 - Napawan Leader Meeting - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRdoHydj0IA>
- PTAC Campership Program - <http://pathwaytoadventure.org/camperships>

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Special edition of our largest digital Jamboree will allow you to connect to others, learn a whole range of new skills, take good care of ourselves and others and build new friendships during this challenging time.

<https://www.jotajoti.info/>

<https://www.facebook.com/jota.joti.wosm/>

#CampAtHome

- Month-long Virtual Camp across April, from the 01/04-30/04/20
<https://www.campathome.org.uk/?fbclid=IwAR3rI-wipM5BPkqpBVY4b2O80yUy3ZlAB1bB2b0CtxXp6qNss7ee13E8-Qk>
- Scoutsnet
 - Campfire <https://scoutsnet.org.uk/documents/Scoutsnet+-+Campfire.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2905O7UY5B3ziT3JdqyUpAcJM-AsPgpVE7seiFaebbFDBkBXD1Vjdc9GI>
 - Getting Started https://scoutsnet.org.uk/documents/Scoutsnet+-+Getting+Started.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0d4_YU8K92EousP9TNOfgWX9syuXD9EGKxZ6bpyTZFpXwZMJgxeZKFA4I
 - To use the Scoutsnet Two-Way system such as Radio or Zello
<https://scoutsnet.org.uk/documents/Scoutsnet+-+How+It+Works.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2ccsa8GxPdrOZ1sXL5ECH6Ajyk8mHe1ybpWhS1tKtjaNjHJjtKByoApvY>
 - Scoutsnet Callsign Generator https://cdn.fbsbx.com/v/t59.2708-21/91401504_1086681578345611_5719166528524386304_n.xlsx/Scoutsnet-Callsign-Generator.xlsx?_nc_cat=109&_nc_sid=0cab14&_nc_ohc=RTYazNovxdcAX_srtsI&_nc_ht=cdn.fbsbx.com&oh=a91523b7e234583b531dacf454610fe6&oe=5E861ED9&dl=1&fbclid=IwAR0QehHRv0Q15e-Fcf75awRuRHxMhG2A7-DjqryrzW3V9ZSZD59BQJzjX7k

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Service

Bryan On Scouting - Good Turns during the coronavirus: Acts of Scouting service you can do from home
<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/18/good-turns-during-the-coronavirus-acts-of-scouting-service-you-can-do-from-home/>

Organizations perhaps needing assistance consider contacting:

- Helping Hand - Bill Dwyer Bill.Dwyer@hhcenter.org
- Aging Care Connections - Debra Vershelde dvershelde@agingcareconnections.org
- Interfaith Community Partners - Janet Garreau - jgarreauicp@gmail.com
- Beds Plus - Erin Molek - volunteer@beds-plus.org
- Seaspar – Matt Corso mcorso@seaspar.org
- Housing Forward – Etta Martin etmartin@housingforward.org
- Pillars - <https://pillarscommunityhealth.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Volunteer or Activities Directors at elder care facilities

- Plymouth Place – Sandi Kemmerling volunteer@plymouthplace.org
- Kindred Hospice – Vera Junge Vera.Junge@gentiva.com
- Drexel Horizon - <https://www.drexelhorizon.com/contact/contact-us/>

Per the District Service Team Chair – Linda Baran (troopmom15@gmail.com)

- Local animal shelters, foster a pet or donate materials. Visit shelter website for more info
- DIY things from the anticruelty society page > <https://anticruelty.org/diy-donations>

Local hospitals ARE accepting handwritten notes

- Each hospital has its own protocols, reach out to learn how to get them into the staff.
- Remember, wash your hands before you start & maybe even wipe down markers and such.

Too old for crayons & markers, make a short, appropriate video thanking them.

Local law enforcement agencies & other 1st responders would also appreciate notes or snacks to say thanks (store bought only)

Think outside the box...postman, delivery person, bus driver, train conductor...considered essential and continue to work. The items you leave, a snack or bottle of water, must be store bought.

Is there a senior on your block? Maybe ask them if you can help get their garden ready or rake the leaves.

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Advancement

Eagle Advancement

...due to the current situation—effective immediately and through September 30, 2020—council Scout executives may grant extensions, or delegate authority to the Council Advancement Committee to grant extensions

<https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/>

Cub Scout Advancement

Cub Scouts can continue to work on their current den's advancement through July 31, 2020

<https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/>

BSA website

<https://files.constantcontact.com/b9a30f17601/32eed421-729a-4f26-ba27-10d5e0629a69.pdf>.

PTAC Website

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/COVID-19-Update--Individual-Scout-Advancement-Alternatives-and-Guidelines.html?soid=1127193000603&aid=BlSrSwC8Lww>

Bryan On Scouting Advancement during COVID-19: Official details from the BSA

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/25/advancement-during-covid-19-official-details-about-eagle-extensions-and-more/>

Leaders needing to purchase Rank advancement items, please use the following steps.

1. Unit Leader will email in their Scoutbook Advancement report to NDCSupply.Orders@scouting.org
2. Please include contact phone number so that the Customer Service team member can contact for payment information.
3. Customer Service Rep will contact Unit Leader for credit card information, ship to and bill to address, and verify the correct Council along with the actual advancement needed.

Merit Badge Materials

- BSA Merit Badges - <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>
- Merit Badge Requirements and Worksheets - <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp>
- Troop Librarian - <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/07/29/14-things-every-boy-scout-troop-library-needs/>

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the Pathway to Adventure Council Advancement Committee at: PTAC.Advancement@gmail.com or the committee's staff advisor Alex Lohse at Alex.Lohse@Scouting.org.

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Training

- BSA Training - <https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/>
- BSA Training Manager - provides the ability for Key 3s at each organization level to view a dashboard of position-trained leader status and youth protection training status. Key 3s can also add training, search training, print member's training certificate(s), and print various reports.

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/idg/Training_Mgr_Powerpoint.pdf

- PTAC Training - <http://pathwaytoadventure.org/training/>
- Bryan On Scouting Training - <https://scoutingmagazine.org/category/training/>
- How to encourage volunteers to get trained

<https://scoutingmagazine.org/2013/10/encourage-volunteers-get-trained/>

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