

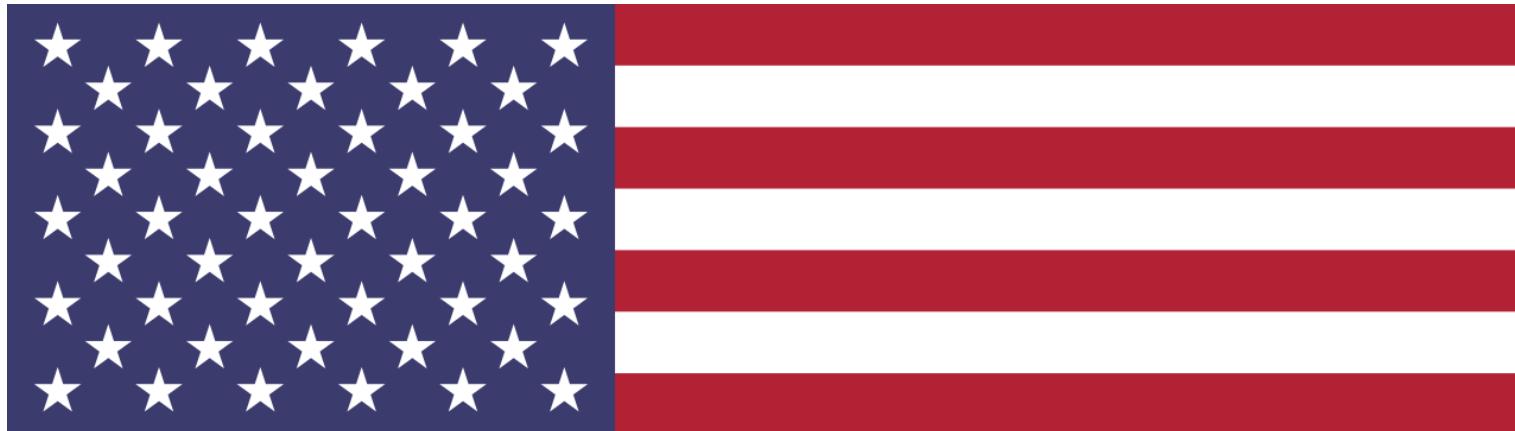


Special Roundtable: Remote Scouting Opportunities

Thursday, March 26, 2020



Opening



BSA Youth Protection Electronics Policy

- No one on one conversation (always include a 3rd person, usually the scout's parent)
- <https://scoutingwire.org/social-media-guidelines/>



- This could be a great time to work with your scouts on their Cyber Chip
 - <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/cyber-chip/>



Unit Meetings Online

- Video Conferencing Options
 - GoToMeeting
 - Zoom
 - Google Hangouts
 - Others?
- For Troops, how do we keep the PLC involved in planning and carrying out the meetings?



Scouting Outside of Meetings

- All Scouts BSA ranks from Tenderfoot to Eagle have a requirement to “Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law.”
- How can Scouts of all ages strive toward this? Foster discussions with your scouts about this
 - Do a good turn daily
 - “A Scout is Clean”



Cub Advancement at Home

- Some ideas for activities for Cub Scouts which can be done at home
 - <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/19/fun-projects-for-kids-that-you-can-do-from-home>
- From <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/>:
 - **Q: May parents sign off on Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements?**
 - Yes. Through July 31, 2020, parents and other adults in the Cub Scout's family, may sign off on Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements. We strongly encourage that parents use the Scouting App or ScoutBook to record completion of their child's requirements.
 - **Q: If my den is behind in advancement due to COVID-19, can my Cub Scout continue to work on advancement through the summer?**
 - Yes. Cub Scouts can continue to work on their current den's advancement through July 31, 2020. This is to provide any additional time a Cub Scout needs to complete their badge of rank; if they earn their badge of rank prior to July 31, 2020, they may advance to the next rank.



Scouts BSA Advancement at Home

- According to BSA, 58 merit badges can be completed or nearly completed **at home**.
 - <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/20/merit-badges-for-social-distancing/>
- Online merit badge courses
 - offered at <http://scoutmasterbucky.com/index.htm> (scout should get SM approval before signing up)
- Virtual meetings of scouts with a counselor can be set up
- Electronic Signatures for rank and award applications (including merit badges) are acceptable now through September 2020
- Scoutmaster conferences and Board of Review can be conducted online as needed



Jamboree on the Internet

April 3-5

- <https://www.jotajoti.info/>
- A special edition of the Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) is planned for April 3-5 to help scouts from all over the world connect with each other during this time of social distancing.
- To get involved, all scouts need is a good internet connection, a computer or smartphone, and a smile on your face!

