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Ways to keep your program going while practicing social distancing in Scouts BSA

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

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.

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

If needed, conduct Eagle Boards of Review via videoconferencing. Units can administer BORs up to and including Life rank but should follow the guidance in The Guide to Advancement Section 8.0.1.6 Boards of Review Through Videoconferencing. District Advancement Chairs will provide directions on Eagle BORs. Ensure to maintain two-deep leadership throughout the virtual meeting.