**Pack and Den Meetings During COVID-19**

* What are Virtual Pack and Den Meeting ground rules?
* The ground rules are the same as in person. The same code of conduct, scout oath, scout law all apply. Now you also have to remember your Cyber Chip training.
* What are our conceptions of the Scouting Program?
* Wilderness Survival
* Knots / Lashings
* First Aid
* Camping
* The Aims of Scouting are:
* Character
* Citizenship
* Personal Fitness
* Leadership
* The Methods of Scouting are:
* Living the Ideals
* Belonging to a Den
* Advancement
* Family Involvement
* Activities
* Serving the Neighborhood
* Uniform
* According to the Aims and Methods of Scouting, nowhere does it say outdoors or in-person
* When planning your Pack and Den Meetings, set reasonable expectations
* Some Meetings will be a Hit and some will be a miss
* The Scouts will get to see their Den Friends
* Unfortunately, not all scouts will attend all of the meetings
* Take what you do and learn from it
* Stay Positive
* What did your in-person pack and den program look like?
* Gathering - Opening Games
* Opening - Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, Scout Law
* Announcements
* Activities / Advancement Progress
* Game
* Closing Flags
* Clean-up
* What does a successful virtual pack and den meeting look like?
* Gathering - Opening Games
* Opening - Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, Scout Law
* Announcements
* Activities / Advancement Progress
* Game
* Closing Flags
* Clean-up
* What should the timing be for the virtual pack and den meeting?
* Don’t feel meetings need to be 1.5 hours & packed w/ activities!
* Gathering: Approx. 5 minutes
* Opening Activities: Approx. 5 minutes
* Announcements: Approx. 2 minutes
* Adventure/Activity: Approx. 15-30 minutes
* Game: Approx. 5 – 10 minutes
* Remind them what they need to do for next meeting
* Socialization Time: Approx. 15-20 minutes
* Above timetable ranges 45 to 75 minutes
* Timing tips for a successful pack and den meeting
* Try and stay above 30 minutes
* If scouts are looking bored, cut something short
* If they are having a great time, consider letting it go longer
* Some games to play while on a virtual meeting are:
* Scavenger Hunts
* Favorite cooking tool
* Favorite Toy (Show and Tell)
* Scout Law Hunt – Find something that reminds them of a point in Scout Law
* Give the scouts a list of things to find. See who comes back first
* Two Truths and a Lie
* Each scout / scouter thinks of two statements about themselves that are true and one statement about themself that is not true
* Other scout / scouter's guess which statement is the lie
* Guess Who
* Have Scouts turn off camera, put on a “disguise/costume”
* They turn camera back on
* Other participants guess what they are dressed as, or who each Scout is.
* If everyone has the boardgame, the boardgame could be played as well.
* Mad Libs
* Trivia Questions
* Jeopardy style
* What are some tips for my in-person pack and den meetings?
* Drive-thru activities
* Be very transparent with pack and den about safety precautions taken
* Follow local ordinances for number of people allowed to safely gather
* Keep scouts and scouters physically distant
* Make sure that the adult leaders are serving as a good role model with proper PPE (Masks, Gloves, etc)
* Temperature / symptom checks at all in-person gatherings
* What are some tips for my video conference pack and den meetings?
* Know where your camera is at all times
* Review Cyber Chip / Digital Etiquette with all participants
* Use mute and turn off video as needed
* Host needs “End Meeting for All” at the end of all pack and den meetings
* Take a screenshot of every meeting to post!
* Make sure that two (2) adults are on every call to follow youth protection guidelines
* Consider having co-hosts, one who can serve as a moderator
* Have fun!
* Other Resources
* Online Training
* Make sure you are up to date!
* Don’t forget to go to Roundtable

On the scouting.org website, they have a page full of Scoutbook hacks, den meeting tips, and adventures. The address is https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/den-leader-tips-tricks-video-series/