

April Roundtable: Remote Programming Ideas

Hello Headwaters,

Below are some of the notes and topics that were discussed at our Virtual District Roundtable at the start of the month. We had a long conversation about remote programming ideas and what both Troops and Packs can be doing to keep their Scouts engaged and connected.

Headwaters District is also here to help your Unit! We can help you host meetings for your Unit or for your Committee. Get in touch with Headwaters@mayflowerbsa.org to talk with our Key 3 (listed on our District Webpage) and we can help set up a Google Hangout meeting.

Resources for Units:

- Check out our Webpage on Scouting From Home: <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/scouting-at-home/>
- Check out our Webpage on Covid-19 updates: <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/covid-19>
- Share your cool ideas for Scouting from Home on our Facebook Page!
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/167191867249406/?ref=bookmarks>
- **Share what your Unit does on social media and tag #MayflowerScoutsinAction**
- Troops: Life Scouts can petition extensions to work on Eagle Scout – see this link HERE: <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/petitioning-advancement-extensions/>

Ideas for Remote Programming from April Roundtable:

(These ideas were suggested by those in attendance in the

chat)

- April is Child Abuse Prevention month, some Units are going to try presenting the Learning For Life videos to the troop via Zoom.
<https://www.youtube.com/user/lfldigitalvideo/playlists>
- Are people talking with their Unit about the current COVID19 situation? If so, how deep into it do you go
 - Asking people in the Health care field to join a virtual meeting is a Win-Win! They get to tell young people and families about health safety and your Scouts get informative programming
- Scavenger Hunt idea, have Dens, Patrols or Scouts attend a Zoom call and tell them common household items that they need to go and get and return to the screen – patrols or dens earn points for who gets them the quickest
- Kahoot is a great way that you can create trivia games that all your Scouts can join with a personalized room code: <https://kahoot.it/>
- A good website for Merit Badge Requirements and workbooks: <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp>
- Drawful 2 is free from Microsoft right now <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/p/drawful-2/c1mpl1qhqvj5?SilentAuth=1&wa=wsignin1.0&activetab=pivot:overviewtab>
- Multiplayer .io games at <https://poki.com/en/online-worlds> – we tried skribbl.io with uno as a backup
- One ScoutMaster set up a Minecraft server the Scouts use but adults manage
- Another online virtual play space that kids are used to is Roblox
- Houseparty: <https://houseparty.com/> has a drawing feature, also trivia – we're going to try Houseparty for patrol meetings

- Watch Parties with Facebook and Netflix too! You can host a virtual “Campout” with a communal movie night
- Jackbox games is a party pack of different games that people can join with a personalized room code – Drawful is a fun game for all ages – be aware that some games can be more mature – https://jackboxgames.com/drawful-two/?utm_source=social&utm_medium=d2free&utm_campaign=d2free&utm_content=d2free
- Does your Unit have ideas of how to continue doing some Community Service?
 - “We were talking, the adults of Troop 100, about doing separate days of trail cleanup, 1 family at a time kind of thing”
 - “At our Committee Meeting, recognizing that we will be socially distant for Earth Day and that many are out walking, to encourage our scouts to take a trash bag and do their own clean up – perhaps a prize for the most trash collected at month’s end.”

Share your ideas with us!

We’ll be hosting another Virtual Roundtable on May 7th. Check our Council Calendar for a link and more information. Check your emails from our Roundtable Commissioner Nick Keyes –

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy.