



Transition slide

Virtual Den Meetings

- ▶ Virtual Meetings should still have a focus on fun and advancing Scouts to the next rank
- ▶ In-person meeting plans can be modified for virtual
- ▶ Virtual Meeting Considerations
 - Early and complete communication to parents
 - Material needs
 - Shorter activities to keep attention
- ▶ Utilize the Scouting at Home videos and Den Leader Virtual Resources
 - For examples on how to do activities
 - To show parents what you will be trying
 - To show what materials you may need

Discuss at a high level how a Virtual Meeting should still have a focus on Scout development and advancement. They don't have to be just filler because they are virtual.

Put an emphasis on the value of communication to parents. Communication needs to be early enough for parents to plan and to see the value of the activity. Make plans for materials needed and how to get them to the Scouts. Options include:

- Having parents gather them themselves
- Have the Den gather them and deliver
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Den Leader Virtual Resources



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Paws of Skill Adventure
Presented by Mid-Iowa Council



Grow Something Adventure
Presented by Dan Beard Council



Cubs Who Care Adventure
Presented by Northern Star Council



Adventure in Coins
Presented by Simon Kenton Council

- <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/den-leader-tips-tricks-video-series/>

Short video helps were created for every Cub Scout Adventure this summer. These videos do not replace a den meeting but can help a Den build or instruct a virtual meeting. Many of the videos walk through some of the activities. Den leaders can watch these videos to get ideas, send them to parents to help explain how an activity will go, or show them in the Den meeting.

These videos are available to anyone at the link listed.

Example Virtual Den Meeting Plan



Wolf Elective - Grow Something

Opening (5 Minutes)

- Pledge of Allegiance
 - Display a photo of video of the American Flag
- Scout Oath and Law
 - Display the words if Scouts are newer

Talk Time (5 minutes)

- Overview of the meeting
- Den/Pack announcements

Den Activity (30 minutes)

- Grow Something Requirement #1
- Materials needed
 - Seeds & Soil
 - Container for planting
 - Water
- Walk Scouts through planting a seed in a container and watering it
 - Utilize Grow Something video if desired/needed
- Have them draw the first weekly drawing & explain that they should do this once a week for 30 days.

Closing (5minutes)

- Quiet reflection on topic relevant to Scouts in the Den



Virtual Den meetings should still have all the aspects of a normal meeting. Have an opening and a closing. Cover important announcements. Make sure Scouts understand what they have accomplished in the meeting with the activity.

Virtual Den Meeting Tips

- ▶ Virtual Meetings may take more pre-planning than in-person meetings
- ▶ Communicate the plan to parents at least a week in advance of the meeting to:
 - Allow parents to gather materials
 - Prepare to help Scouts with the activity
 - Get Scouts excited to participate
- ▶ Plan how to distribute materials
 - Ask parents to gather on their own
 - Buy as a Den and deliver
 - Buy as a Den and ask parents to pick up
- ▶ Practice teaching the activity remotely ahead of time

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