

Scouting Remotely



General Tips for Home Scouting and Cyber Chip

- [Cyber Chip](#) – to help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, the Boy Scouts of America introduces the Cyber Chip for Scouts of all ages.
- [Scouting Show & Tell: Scouting Remotely](#) – general tips for home Scouting
- [BSA YouTube Channel](#) – lots of amazing tips and activities here!
- Don't forget to ["Do a Good Turn Daily!"](#) – Acts of Scouting service you can do from home

Scouts BSA

- [58 Merit Badges Scouts can Complete at Home](#) – *NEW ITEM!*
- [NE Basecamp YouTube Channel](#) – watch and learn outdoor skills!

Spirit of Adventure Council Scout Activity Instructions

- [How to Boost Participation in Virtual Scout Meetings](#)
- [The Importance of Washing Hands](#)
- ["Getting Knots Squared Away" Activity Instructions](#)

Spirit of Adventure Council Scout Activity Videos

- [Doodles – Animation Merit Badge](#)
- [Draw Every Day – Art Merit Badge](#)
- [Learn to Splice – Pioneering Merit Badge](#)
- [Cook a Meal for Your Family- Cooking Merit Badge](#)
- [The Water Cycle- Weather and Environmental Science Merit Badge](#)
- [Plan and Analyze Four Games- Game Design Merit Badge](#)
- [Reinforce a Frame- Home Repairs Merit Badge](#)
- [Conduct a Home Inspection- Home Repairs Merit Badge](#)
- [Mime a Story- Theater Merit Badge](#)

Games & Fun Stuff

- [Gimkit | Live Quiz Learning Game](#)
Online gaming can help engage youth in social interactions in constructive, structured activities.
- Boy's Life: [Stuck Inside? 25 Fun Projects to Do with Stuff From Around the House](#)
Bored? Stuck at home? Even if you can't go outside, you can still have fun.
- [Fun Stuff to Do](#)
More activities from Boy's Life Magazine
- [Fun projects for kids that you can do from home](#)
A list of activities by Cub Scout Rank curated by Scouting Magazine.
- [Mobile Games](#)
Online games for your mobile device, curated by Boy's Life Magazine.
- [JPL Activities by grade level](#)
Here, you can find instructions for making things like rockets, Mars rovers and Moon landers out of materials you have at home.

Online Learning

Lecture Series

- [TED: Ideas worth Spreading](#)
Some of the best lectures ever, online!
 - Pat Moss' Favourite: [Susan Cain: The Power of Introverts](#)
 - Steve Salyards' Favourite: [Carrie Nugent: Adventures of an Asteroid Hunter](#)
- [TED-Ed: Lessons Worth Sharing](#)
All sorts of engaging educational videos
- [Crash Course](#)
Crash Course is a great way to educate yourself, your classmates, and your family on YouTube!
- [Crash Course Kids](#)
- Crash Course on YouTube.
- [The Kid Should See This - Smart videos for curious minds of all ages](#)
Smart videos for curious minds of all ages.
- [Gifted and Talented Online Programs](#)
Enrich your gifted child with these online programs!

Art

- [Easy Crafts for Kids](#)
Easy arts and crafts for little ones
- [The Imagination Tree - Creative play and learning for kids](#)
Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest
- [The Artful Parent - Home](#)
Good, free art activities linked to from this Facebook page

Computer Science

- [Code.org: Learn computer science. Change the world.](#)
A site dedicated to expanding access to computer science in schools and increasing participation by women and underrepresented youth.
- [Blockly Games](#)
Learn computer programming skills – fun and free.
- [Explore Scratch](#)
Creative computer programming

Language Arts

- [Duolingo - The world's best way to learn a language](#)
Learn languages for free

Math

- [Khan Academy](#)
Especially good for maths and computing for all ages..
- [Prodigy: Math Learning Platform](#)
Good for elementary school ages

Science

- [Mystery Science: Lessons for elementary teachers](#)
Free science lessons
- [CREST Awards](#)
Science awards you can complete from home.
- [STEM Simulators](#)
PhET provides fun, free, interactive, research-based science and mathematics simulations.
- [Catalina Island Conservancy Learning at Home](#)
The learning resources designed to encourage staying in touch with nature.

Social Studies

- [Big History Project](#)
Aimed at Secondary age, multi-disciplinary activities
- [World Games](#)
Geography gaming!
- [National Geographic Kids](#)
Activities and quizzes for younger kids

Tinkering and Toys

- [Toy Theater | Fun Online Educational Games for Kids](#)
Educational online games
- [Tinkercad | Create 3D digital designs with online CAD | Tinkercad](#)
All kinds of making

Virtual Museums and other Enrichment

- [Google Arts & Culture: Virtual Museums](#)
Art Collections curated by Google
- [Online Tours: The Louvre](#)
Visit the museum's exhibition rooms and galleries, contemplate the façades of the Louvre...
- [The Museum of the World](#)
The British Museum presents: The Museum of the World
- [Guggenheim Online Collection](#)
- [Museum of Natural History](#)
- [Salvador Dali Museum](#)
- [Air Force Museum](#)
- [Nightly Met Opera Streams](#)
- [Moma Learning](#)
- [Live feed from Monterey Bay Aquarium](#)

Scouting Specific Activities and Challenges

Make the time matter--work on Rank Advancement at home!

- <https://www.scoutspirit.org/at-home/>
More ideas from "Scout Spirit"
- [Hawkeye Council 30 Day Challenges](#) are a great way to keep scouting going!
GLAAC Mirror: <https://bit.ly/scouting-30days>
- [Scoutshare.org](#)
- A resource for sharing remote Scouting ideas and other Scouting ideas in general.

Advancement

The rules of Scouting work very similarly online as they do live. If you have a question about how to make online activities work well, the literature below can provide official guidance. For example, under these circumstances, there's not really any reason why we shouldn't be doing boards of review by videoconference.

- [National Guidance on COVID-19 - Advancement](#)
- [Guide to Advancement](#)
- <https://www.scoutbook.com/>
Unit Management, directly from the BSA.
- [Scoutbook - Den Leader](#)
Den Leader Experience in Scoutbook
- [The Eagle Scout Rank](#)
The Eagle Scout Rank Application Process

Merit Badges Online

1. Find a registered merit badge counselor: Scouts should work with their Scoutmaster to identify a merit badge counselor for the badge or badges they want to earn. (Merit badge counselors — either current or future — should read our guide to being a merit badge counselor for some helpful tips.)
2. Use the official requirements: You'll find a lot of outdated merit badge requirements online. For the most current and up-to-date requirements, go to the BSA's official merit badges page.
3. Understand what made the cut: All 137 merit badges have certain requirements Scouts could complete at home.
4. Have fun: Earning merit badges is one of my favorite parts about Scouting. Other than the merit badges required for Eagle, young people get to pick any merit badge that interests them. That decision should be 100% theirs. If earning a merit badge ever feels like schoolwork ... well, you're doing it wrong.

Merit Badge Listing: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>

Other Online Merit Badge Resources:

- [Central Florida Council - Online Merit Badge Classes 2020](#)
Utilize time at-home to complete merit badge advancement.
- <https://www.meritbadge.info/>
Utilize time at-home to complete merit badge advancement.
- <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/20/merit-badges-for-social-distancing/>

NOVA Awards

[NOVA awards](#) are opportunities for Cub Scouts (Wolf-Arrow of Light), Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts to delve into Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) topics with the help of registered [NOVA counselors](#). Most awards include a [requirement](#) to watch educational videos. In addition, youth can count adventures, badges, and explorations that they've already earned, or use this opportunity to start new achievements.

- [Cub Adventures that apply to NOVA awards](#)
- [Scouts BSA Merit Badges that apply to NOVA awards](#)
- [Venturing and Sea Scouting Explorations that apply to NOVA awards](#)

Special Extensions for Earning Eagle Scout Rank

In the [National Guidance on COVID-19 - Advancement](#) there is a provision for a special extension for Scouts of Life rank whose 18th birthday is a short distance away and their advancement has been interrupted by the COVID-19 virus. If a Scout meets the criteria for the special extension:

- Use the standard form for [Request for Extension of Time to Earn Eagle Scout Rank](#)
- Submit to the District Advancement Chair the form with Scout (or family) statement on the interruption in advancement and a Scoutmaster statement endorsing the extension and describing the Scout's progress towards Eagle rank. Include an Advancement Summary report if available.
- The District Advancement Chair will review and forward to the Council Advancement Committee for final review before approval by the Scout Executive.

Online Boards of Review

- [Boards of Review by Videoconferencing](#)
You don't have to be face to face to run boards of review

Training

Lots of BSA training is available through the online learning center. Now is an ideal time to complete your position-specific training if you haven't already.

For Adults: YPT, Position, and Program

- [My Scouting website](#)
Your source for adult training (and some youth as well)
- Trainer's EDGE Online
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2672801069609177/>

For Youth: Cyber Chip, Den Chief

- [Cyber Chip](#)
Maybe this is an ideal time to renew that cyber chip with all the screen time in front of our youth?
- [Den Chief Training](#)
Den Chief Training gives our youth valuable leadership skills

Walkthroughs and Resources

my.scouting.org

- [Organization Security Manager Help](#)
- [Member Manager Help](#)
- [Training Manager Help](#)
- [How to use Invitation Manager](#)
- [How to use Application Manager](#)
- [Printing Charter Certificates](#)
- [Printing Membership Cards](#)

www.scoutbook.com

- [Getting started with Scoutbook Tutorials](#)
- [Getting Started with Scoutbook Video](#)
- [Why Scoutbook Video](#)
- [Login Help](#)