

# VIRTUAL GIRL SCOUTS

## TIPS, TRICKS & IDEAS FOR SUCCESS






## WELCOME TO THE GS VIRTUAL WORLD

This step by step guide is designed to help you navigate the path to fun and successful virtual troop meetings. Steps 1 through 7 will help you plan and prepare to start hosting meetings online. The rest of this guide has lots of tips, tricks, and fun ideas to keep your girls engaged in the virtual space.



*Also, don't forget to look for the new virtual program icon, pictured to the right in the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK). It identifies badge program plans that include an alternate virtual activity. The new updates also feature additional resources to help you adapt program virtually.*



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# STEP 1

## CHOOSE A VIRTUAL PLATFORM

Below are some free and low-cost tools that troops and communities in other councils are using for virtual meetings. While we cannot endorse or support specific online meeting tools, we encourage you to look at these, explore additional options, and discuss which platform best supports your troop needs with your parents and girls.

### VIDEO AND AUDIO-CONFERENCING TOOLS

**Zoom** – Meeting durations maximum of 40 minutes in free version

- » FAQs: [bit.ly/zoom-faq20](https://bit.ly/zoom-faq20)
- » Zoom Guide for Educators: [bit.ly/zoom-ed-20](https://bit.ly/zoom-ed-20)

**Skype** – Meeting up to 10 participants free

- » Support: [support.skype.com](https://support.skype.com)

**Webex** – Limited file and content sharing in free version

- » Help Center: [help.webex.com](https://help.webex.com)

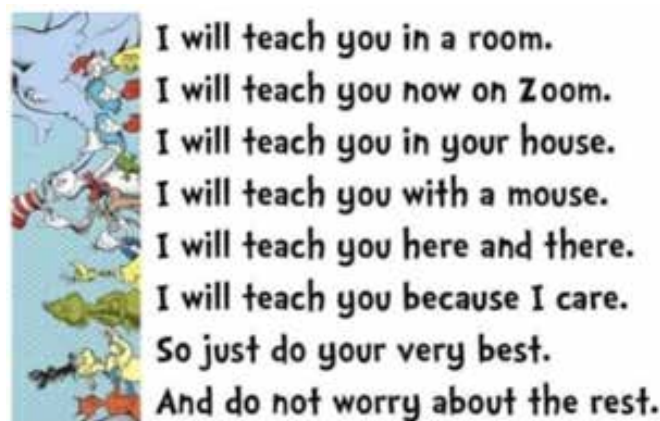
### CHAT AND COLLABORATION TOOLS

- » Microsoft Teams
- » Slack
- » Private Facebook Groups

### ADDITIONAL LOW-COST TOOLS

- » GotoMeeting
- » Google Hangouts Chat & Hangouts Meet

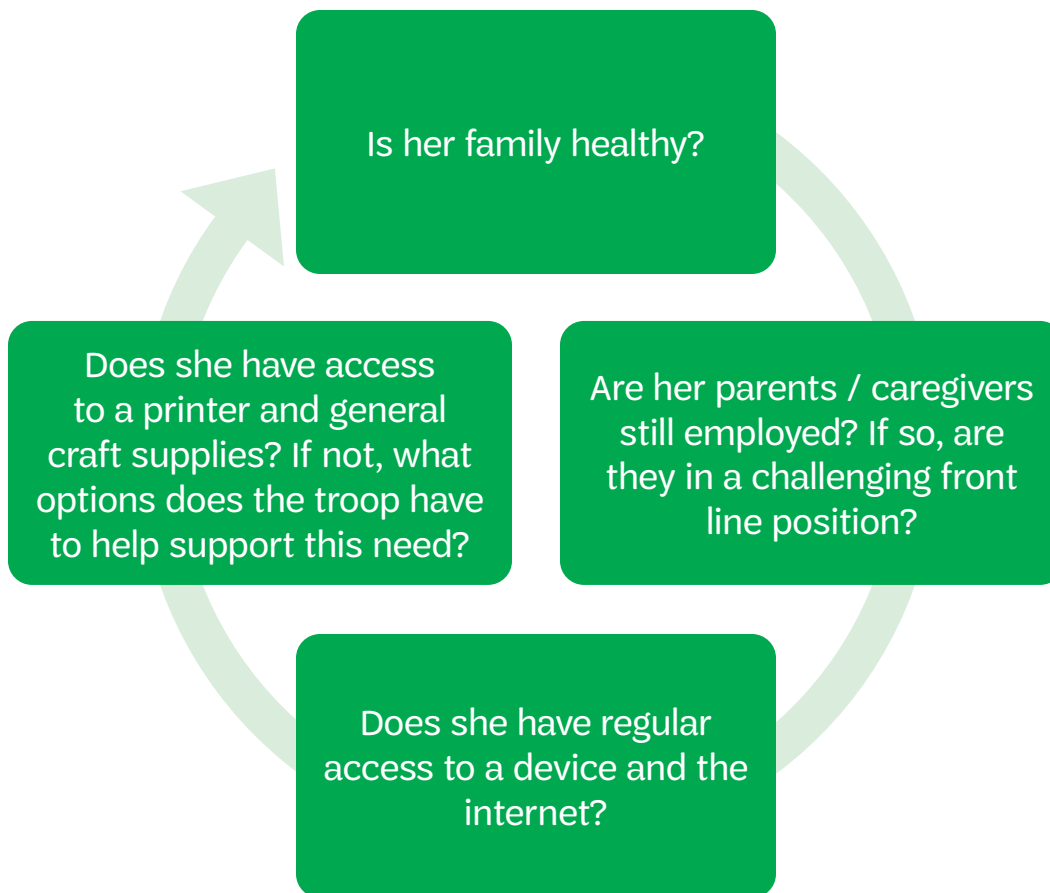
Additional links with more information are available at [www.girlscoutsaz.org/virtual-gs](https://www.girlscoutsaz.org/virtual-gs)



## STEP 2

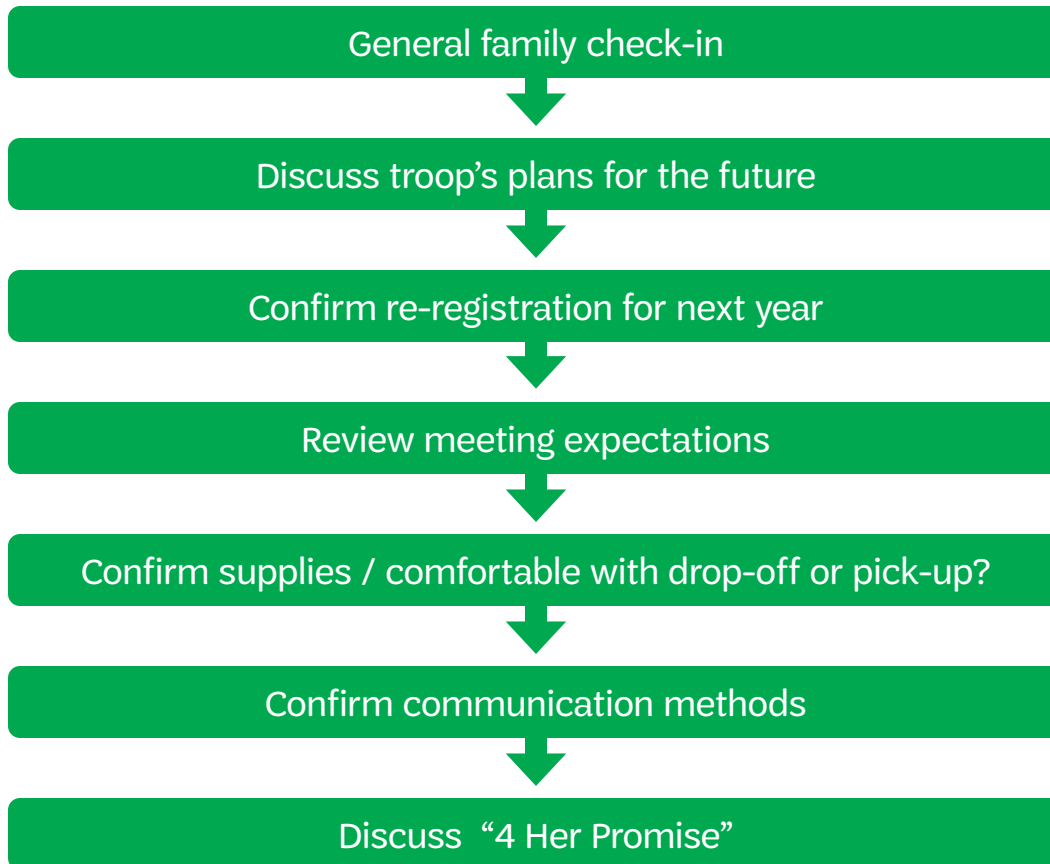
### CONSIDER EACH OF YOUR GIRL'S CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES...

All the questions below will impact your program plans. Recognizing these challenges and addressing them ahead of time can help you make the Girl Scout experience better for each of your girls.



## STEP 3

### HOST A PARENT CHECK-IN/UPDATE MEETING

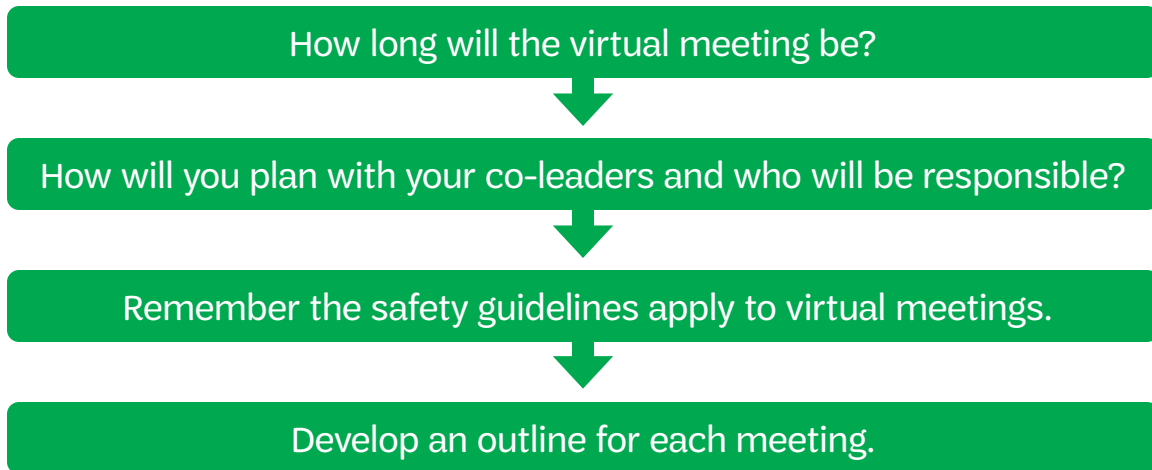


#### THINK EACH ITEM THROUGH:

- » How are your families doing? Do they need anything? Do they have any questions about GS, etc.?
- » Make sure parents are comfortable with their girl being in a virtual meeting space and on camera. If not, offer the option of turning the camera off.
- » Discuss troop plans/contingency plans (including meetings, trips, bridging, etc.) for the future.
- » Confirm if they want their daughter(s) to be re-registered for the upcoming year.
- » Discuss meeting expectations and the general supplies needed for the upcoming virtual meetings. How & when will you let them know what supplies they will need to have on hand for each meeting?
- » Confirm if families feel comfortable picking-up supplies from your patio or with you dropping supplies off to their front doors if needed.
- » Do they have a printer if you send documents to print and/or necessary craft supplies?
- » Discuss the 4 Her Promise volunteer opportunity for parents to provide leader assistance. Find interested parents for leader support roles for the upcoming year. Find the 4 Her Promise flyer at [girlscoutsaz.org/volunteer-resources](https://girlscoutsaz.org/volunteer-resources).

## STEP 4

# CONSIDERATIONS



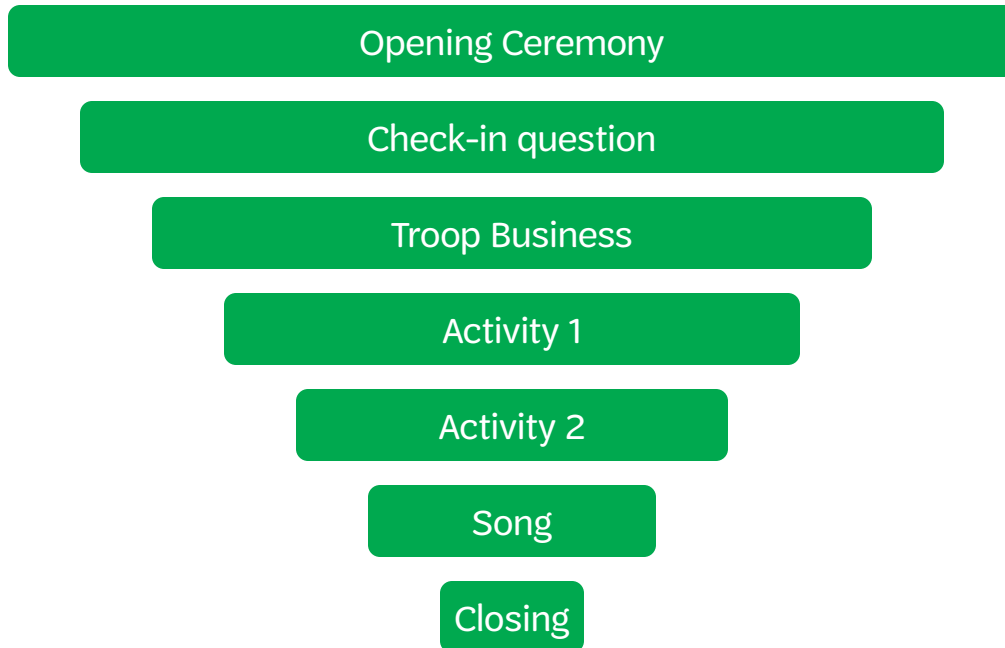
### CONSIDER:

- » How are you going to contact the girls/families to invite them to these meetings? Phone calls/phone tree, text, email, Facebook message? And who is going to make this contact?
- » How long will the virtual meeting be? We suggest no longer than 45 minutes to an hour, especially for Daisies & Brownies.
- » Plan with your co-leaders who will take attendance, allow girls to enter the meeting, screen share, create supply lists, etc.
- » Take the Safety guidelines into consideration. Do you have the appropriate leader to girl ratio? If not, ask the parents to stay in the virtual space or ask one of your registered parents for assistance. Consider if you have any registered adults in your troop that could help out if needed. Make sure to ask them if they would be willing to assist before needing them. Refer to our [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#).
- » Develop a meeting outline that can be shared via the screen share option to help stay on track. This could be on a word document or a PowerPoint. Write out the check-in question, promise & law, meeting framework, and any song lyrics (you could also imbed music to sing along with). This document/ppt can then be altered and reused for each new meeting. Make sure only to share the screen when necessary. You want to allow the girls to connect and see each other as much as possible.

## STEP 5






### REVIEW THE FRAMEWORK FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS

The framework is the same as an in-person meeting. The delivery model changes, so a few accommodations need to be made.



## STEP 6

### THINK ABOUT WHAT YOUR TROOP MEETINGS WILL LOOK LIKE

- ✓ Use the Framework provided above for you meeting structure and decide if you want to plan either one or two activities.
-  Make sure to have back-up plans in case the girls are not engaged.
-  Find games & songs to use as a transition between activities.
-  Find some fun, easy games or virtual activities the get creative and think about ways to connect them badgework or fun patches.
-  Consider taking virtual field trips or reading stories during your meeting.
-  Leave the virtual meeting open after the meeting has ended to allow the girls time to reconnect and talk.

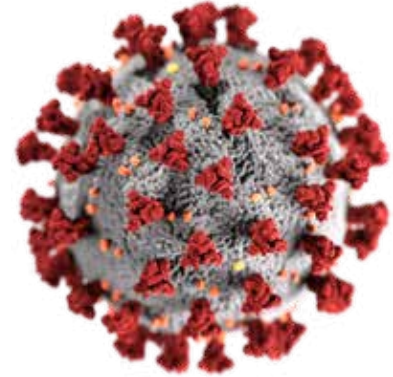


# STEP 7

## IDENTIFY & CONSIDER POTENTIAL CHALLENGES

### WHAT TO DO IF COVID-19 BECOMES A TOPIC?

- » The girls and their parents may want to know the Girl Scout perspective and current council guidelines. Updates can be found at [girlscoutsaz.org/covid-19](https://girlscoutsaz.org/covid-19).
- » Most importantly, stay calm and breathe. And know that it's ok to discuss.
- » Remember, this is happening all around the world, and girls may want to talk about it. It could be a very positive discussion that could lead to earning a patch or doing a troop service project or just helping the girls get through this unprecedented time.
- » Some additional resources regarding how to talk to kids about COVID:
  - [bit.ly/talk-c19](https://bit.ly/talk-c19)
  - [fredrogers.org/coronavirus/](https://fredrogers.org/coronavirus/)



### MISTAKES & BLOOPERS HAPPEN. HOW ARE YOU GOING TO RESPOND?

Live by example. Model that making mistakes is ok. We tell the girls to keep trying, time to show it!

- » Virtual meetings are new to most of us, so mistakes are bound to happen.
- » Be patient & gentle with yourself and the girls.
- » Make the mistakes FUN!
  - Make a mistake on purpose to show everyone it's ok to mess up!
- » Brush it off and try again!
- » Don't get discouraged or be afraid to pivot mid-meeting if you feel that you're losing the girls.
- » Have an interactive back-up game or activity to use if needed.
- » Consider taking a quick break from less interactive activities to do a fun, interactive song such as Old McDonald's Farm, The Princess Pat, YMCA, or the Hokey Pokey.

# VIRTUAL MEETING TIPS

## VIRTUAL MEETING ETIQUETTE

During your first virtual meeting, brainstorm a list of ideas with the girls regarding how they will be respectful during your future virtual meetings. This is also a great time to review the basics of the platform you're using (Zoom, Skype, etc.).

### Ideas for your list:

- » Mute your microphone when you're not talking
- » Don't be shy
- » Raise your hand if you have a comment
- » Stay present (pay attention)
- » Find a quiet place
- » Minimize distractions
- » Be aware of the camera!!!
- » Be patient & kind
- » No private chat conversations (leaders can control this through zoom)
- » HAVE FUN!!!



## HOW CAN YOU WORK VIRTUALLY WITH YOUR MULTI-LEVEL TROOP?

- » Use break out rooms in Zoom for different levels.
- » Use multiple meeting links to meet by level. Girls can all initially meet as the troop in the first meeting and then break out into separate meetings by level.
- » Have different levels meet separately on different days or at different times.
- » If meeting together, keep it light and fun, start with easy things like earning patches instead of badges, and focus more on just connecting.
- » Remember, you can create your requirements for a fun patch or try out one of the Council's patches at [girlscoutsaz.org/councils-own](https://girlscoutsaz.org/councils-own).

## HOW DO I GET GIRLS TO ATTEND OUR VIRTUAL TROOP MEETINGS?

- » Think about what your girls like. Make space for them to connect and consider doing some fun games & activities to get them excited and comfortable in the virtual space.
- » Invite the girls to lead & make future meeting plans (with guidance)
- » Offer incentives - such as earning a badge or patch. Patches are a simple way to begin since they have no formal requirements.
- » Make sure to send out a reminder to the girls or their families before the meeting!
- » Don't get discouraged if girls are slow to begin attending.
- » If you have girls that aren't attending, don't be afraid to reach out to them or their families to find out why.

## **HOW DO I MAKE MY VIRTUAL MEETINGS GIRL-LED?**

- » Initially, have the girls create their own list of etiquette ideas and a Virtual Troop Agreement. This may also be a good time to earn the safety pins and take the internet safety pledge.
- » Have girls brainstorm ideas for virtual activities, badgework, and patchwork.
- » Allow them to plan their upcoming meetings either together as a troop during a planning meeting, individually or in small groups.
- » Allow girls to take turns leading an activity.
- » Take turns hosting check-in/closing.
- » Ask girls to explore virtual field trip or service project ideas for the troop.
- » Ask girls to take turns teaching the troop a new Girl Scout song at each meeting.

## **HOW DO I KEEP THE GIRLS ENGAGED & FOCUSED DURING MY VIRTUAL MEETINGS?**

- » Find activities that require continuous or at least frequent engagement from each girl throughout the meeting.
- » Use coloring sheets to keep girls focused during the meeting. That way, they are still listening.
- » Gather feedback from the girls by asking framing questions like Roses & Thorns (See More Closing Ideas page). This gives the girls space where their voices can be heard and allows you to make improvements.
- » Make sure that the girls have their virtual meeting display set to the grid view to show everyone in the room, not just the sidebar with a few of them.
- » Don't get discouraged or be afraid to pivot mid-meeting!
- » Don't be afraid to alter the Badge curriculum as needed to fit virtually!!!

# IDEAS FOR YOUR VIRTUAL MEETINGS

## MEETING CHECK-IN

### WHAT IS A CHECK-IN?

- » It's a quick question/activity that officially starts the meeting
- » It provides a space for everyone's voice to be heard initially
- » It connects everyone
- » It builds comfort & trust among the girls



**Remember check-ins should be simple and not challenging or uncomfortable to answer!**

### Sample Check-ins:

What makes you happy?

What do you look forward to when you wake up?

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

What is your favorite flavor (candy/ice cream)?

Best / Funniest / Favorite GS memory

What is your favorite season or holiday?

If you could own any type of pet, what would it be?

If you could meet anyone, who would you want to meet?

What do you want to do when you grow up?

Find additional fun questions at [bit.ly/2znjQRf](https://bit.ly/2znjQRf).

### ALTERNATE CHECK-IN IDEAS

- » Silly, Flash Movements – each girl does a movement as she states her name, then the group as a whole copies the move. Keep going until everyone has had a turn!
- » Simon Says – [730sagestreet.com/keeping-kids-healthy-active/](https://730sagestreet.com/keeping-kids-healthy-active/)
- » Alphabet name game – Each girl names something (provide a category such as animal, food, character) that begins with the same letter as their name.
- » Draw your favorite flower/animal.
- » Share an object that describes how you feel right now.
- » Ask a question that relates to the badgework you will be working on during the meeting.

*Also, don't forget to ask the girls if they're working independently on any virtual patches or badges before continuing the meeting! If you know your girls are, they could also show what they've done during check-in!*

# ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR VIRTUAL MEETINGS

## COVID-19 TIME CAPSULE

Natalie Long has designed some super cute, easy-to-print COVID-19 pages for both girls and teens/adults. E-mail the link (with credit) or drop-off printed copies to your girls and have them complete the packet to share at your next meeting!

### Pages include:

- » Page To Draw Family Picture
- » All About Me
- » How I'm Feeling
- » My Community
- » What I Am Doing At Home
- » Handprint Page
- » Special Occasion Page
- » Letter To Myself Sheet
- » Interview For Parents
- » Letter From The Parent



Check out Natalie's website by Long Creations – [letsembark.ca/time-capsule](http://letsembark.ca/time-capsule)

## TAKE A VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

### Places to explore

- » [The Phoenix Symphony Broadcast Series \(Mondays\)](#)
- » [First Friday Art Walk](#)
- » [Scottsdale Arts Festival](#)
- » [Tempe Spring Festival of the Arts](#)
- » [Odysea Aquarium](#)
- » [Arizona Science Center](#)
- » [Butterfly Wonderland](#)
- » [Lowell Observatory](#)
- » [Montezuma Castle](#)
- » [Hawaii Volcano](#)
- » [National Aquarium](#)

Take field trips to a virtual level to accomplish badge requirements. For example, a fire station, planetarium, NASA, or a state park. These could apply to badges at all levels:

- » **Daisies** – Outdoor Artmaker, Good Neighbor
- » **Brownies** – Computer Expert, Bugs Badge, Petcare
- » **Juniors** – Detective, Musician
- » **Cadettes** – Special Agent, Space Science Researcher
- » **Seniors** – Space Science Expert, Eco Explorer
- » **Ambassadors** – Water

## VIRTUAL SCATTEGORIES – SWELLGARFO.COM

*This could work towards the Game Visionary badge for Seniors.*

- » Best played with smaller groups & Cadette+
- » Ask each girl to bring a pencil and two sheets of lined paper for the meeting.
- » Each girl then needs to list 1-12 on her paper. Once everyone has their numbers written down, they look at the screen to see the auto-generated letter.
- » Once everyone has their list ready and knows the letter, the leader can click the play button. Then everyone will have 2 minutes to write words that describe the topics generated on the screen.
- » Each word must start with the auto-generated letter and coincide with the topic listed for that line. For example, if line #2 stated Ice Cream Flavors and the letter was B-girls could list Berry, Banana, Bubble Gum, Bunny Tracks, etc.
- » For each answer accepted by the group, girls score 1 point, 2 points if they come up with a word that is two words together with the same letter such as belly button.
- » There can only be one answer per line, and if someone else uses the same item, no one scores the point!
- » The winner is the person with the most points at the end.

## ALPHABET CHALLENGE

- » Best played with smaller groups & Brownie level+
- » Ask each girl to write A – Z straight down on a sheet of paper. Then give her a set time (probably between 2-5 minutes) to write something down for each letter of the alphabet based on a topic such as animals, countries, grocery items, ocean creatures, etc. Then starting with the first letter, everyone shares their answer. Girls discuss which answers are valid and then count them at the end of the round based on the score system below.
  - 2 points for each unique answer
  - 1 point if someone else had the same answer
  - 0 points if no answer, or the answer wasn't accepted by the group.



## TWO TRUTHS & A FIB

*This is a great virtual activity to bridge into badges relating to honesty.*

**POSSIBLE BADGE LINKS:** *Cadette Special Agent, Daisy Honest & Fair Petal*

- » This is a quick, easy game that can be played with many girls & at all levels.
- » Have girls write down two things about themselves that are true and one false thing.
- » Call on girls one at a time to share their answers.
- » After they have shared, allow troop mates to guess which item is the Fib.
- » The girl who guesses correctly first gets to go next or call on someone else to go next if she has already gone.

## 20 QUESTIONS

This is a simple game that can be played with many girls & at all levels.

Depending on the age of the girls, the leader can determine the items to guess, or the girls can take turns choosing items. You can also select a theme to help guide the girls' questions such as animals, famous people, Disney characters, etc.

Once the leader or a player has an item in their head, everyone starts asking questions. Have them raise their hands, and the leader or player can then call on them. Girls can begin guessing the item at any time. However, it is helpful to ask multiple questions first, and remember they can only be yes/no answers! If the girls get stuck, they can always ask for a hint too!

You can keep track of the number of questions asked or just allow the girls to play. Either way, it's great fun!


After the first player's item has been guessed, it works well to allow the girl who guessed the last thing, to take the next turn or call on someone else if she has already had a turn.

### Tips:

- » If your troop chooses not to use a theme for the items, it's always helpful to start narrowing down the possibilities by first asking if the item is a person, place, or thing.
- » It's also fun to have the girls come to the meeting prepared with an item to guess, this allows them to think through hints!
- » Don't hesitate to change or add new rules based on group dynamics!

## STAY AT HOME CHALLENGE

This patch can be done as a troop, or you can encourage the girls to do this with their families. It's a great way to get her family involved in Girl Scouting! [bit.ly/gscapc-stay-home](http://bit.ly/gscapc-stay-home)



## STAY @ HOME CHALLENGE

Share pictures of your challenge tasks to our social media platforms - @gsapc | #gsapc

| POINTS REQUIRED PER GIRL SCOUT LEVEL |           |           |           |           |            |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| DAISY                                | BROWNIE   | JUNIOR    | CADETTE   | SENIOR    | AMBASSADOR |
| <b>25</b>                            | <b>35</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>55</b> | <b>65</b> | <b>75</b>  |

**1 POINT EACH**

- Make your own puzzle by coloring a picture then cutting it into at least 6 pieces - see how long it takes you to put it together - increase the difficulty by cutting more pieces
- Build the biggest Lego pyramid you can, post a picture
- Clean your room and make your bed without being asked
- Make a sock puppet
- Draw a self-portrait
- Read to your pet or stuffed animals
- Watch your parents favorite Disney movie

**2 POINTS EACH**

- Make breakfast or lunch for yourself and your family - post a picture and tag us
- Make your own poppicles using juice - try ice cube trays and toothpicks or a cup with a spoon
- Google how to make ice cream by hand - try it out and post a picture and tag us
- Watch an online tutorial about how to make a napkin into an animal - post a picture of it on our page
- Make up a dance and perform for your family
- Play Hop Scotch
- Wash a car or bike
- Create an online photo collage of you and your friends and send it to them
- Follow a DIY Youtube video and make something new

**3 POINTS EACH**


- Google how to make your own play dough - make it!
- Look around your house for items you can use to build a car - race it on a track you make
- Make a friendship bracelet and send it to a Girl Scout in your troop
- Complete a jigsaw puzzle
- Research Girl Scout High Awards

**5 POINTS EACH**

- Send a real paper letter to someone you know and ask them to write back
- Learn how to make a family recipe - find out who brought it into the family and if there's a special occasion when people eat it
- If you have younger siblings, be their teacher for the day and help them with their schoolwork
- Help the universe by starting plants/flowers inside then transplanting them outside when ready - give yourself points for each plant successfully replanted outside, see how many you can grow while inside
- Post a book review on a blog
- Clean a closet
- Teach your family a TikTok dance and give yourself extra 2 points if you post a video
- Learn to make origami
- Study for your driver's license
- Post a video about why you love Girl Scouts

**10 POINTS EACH**

- Complete all work to earn a badge - give yourself points for each badge earned
- Write in a journal every day while you're out of school to document how you're feeling about everything that's happening
- Gather all your board games and create a new game using the pieces - write down the rules and play - post a photo of your family playing and tag us
- Build a house/fortress out of cardboard that's big enough for you to fit inside - decorate it and send us a picture with you inside
- Upcycle a t-shirt into a reusable bag
- Plant a food inside, document from start to when it germinates (when you can see it above the dirt) - post a picture and tag us
- Do a load of laundry from start to finish - folded and put away in your dresser drawer/closet
- Use no personal electronic devices for a full 24 hours - including cell phone, computer, television



**Complete these activities on your honor. When finished, email the GSACPC Council Shop to place your patch order - [shop@girlscoutsaz.org](mailto:shop@girlscoutsaz.org)**

Special thanks to CSNPENN for sharing this program with us.

If you enjoy these activities check out the Get Outdoors Challenge - [girlscoutsaz.org/get-out](http://girlscoutsaz.org/get-out)

## SCAVENGER HUNT

Find ways to incorporate what girls want to learn about into a badge or patch earning project.

**POSSIBLE BADGE LINKS:** Seniors – Game Visionary

This is a great game for any sized group & level. It's also a great way to engage hesitant girls. Some councils even have a Scavenger Hunt patch available for purchase on their shop websites!

**Directions:** The leader calls out different household items for girls to find. Every girl leaves to find the item and then returns with it (or something similar - encourage the girls to be creative and resourceful!). Once each girl has flashed her item to show the group, she needs to put it away. As girls return from putting their items away, they need to give the thumbs-up sign to signify that they are ready for the next item.

**There are many great lists available online, but here are a few ideas to help get you started.**

## TRY SOMETHING NEW

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something a certain color       | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that smells    | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that sinks    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something with eyes             | <input type="checkbox"/> Something metal          | <input type="checkbox"/> Favorite toy            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Sock                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Cookie Cutter            | <input type="checkbox"/> A GS SWAPS              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Begins with a certain letter... | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight               | <input type="checkbox"/> A hat                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something round                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Something cold           | <input type="checkbox"/> Any type of card        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something that lights up        | <input type="checkbox"/> Utensil                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Something with a Zipper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certain color & sparkly         | <input type="checkbox"/> Toy with wheels          | <input type="checkbox"/> Tape                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A GS patch or badge             | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that lights up | <input type="checkbox"/> Toy Block               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something with beads            | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that rings     | <input type="checkbox"/> Something Musical       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something w/ a battery          | <input type="checkbox"/> Something plaid          | <input type="checkbox"/> Measuring Device        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something that opens            | <input type="checkbox"/> Something you read       | <input type="checkbox"/> Something handmade      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something that floats           | <input type="checkbox"/> A penny                  | <input type="checkbox"/> A map                   |

Trying new things is an essential part of Girl Scouts! Whether it's related to a badge or not, there are so many fun things that can be learned at home...

- » Learn the Promise and Law in Spanish or Sign Language
- » Find someone who can talk to the troop virtually about an exciting career or subject.
- » Learn a new skill for your next camping trip
- » Watch YouTube videos to learn how to make something





## PLAN OR PARTICIPATE IN A VIRTUAL SERVICE PROJECT

### Make Toys & Comfort Items for Shelter Pets!

This is a fun, simple way to engage your troop or families virtually in a meaningful service project. Girls can help make shelter pet toys from household supplies!

GSACPC has teamed up with the Arizona Humane Society and PetSmart to offer multiple, great opportunities to coincide with this project! As girls participate, they can also earn their pet care badge (Daisy-Seniors) and earn the PetSmart Paws patch!

Follow the link below to receive more information and for some great ideas regarding how your troop (or families) can participate and for project plans & ideas! [bit.ly/3ayc97J](https://bit.ly/3ayc97J)



### Create Something to Help Others

**POSSIBLE LINKS:** *Journey Take Action Projects or Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards*

- » Make homemade bookmarks which you can donate to your local library or senior center
- » Make homemade cards to donate to hospitals for patients & to thank health care workers
- » Make no-sew, knit or crochet blankets and then donate them to a hospital or shelter
- » Make Non-slip socks for seniors and donate them to a nursing home
- » Make Self-care, First Aid or Birthday kits to donate to a local shelter
- » Make homemade masks to share with family & friends or to donate to hospitals & shelters

### Find Ways to Connect to Others

- » Record a get-well/thank you video and send it electronically to a hospital or nursing home
- » Write letters, poems, songs, or create a story & draw pictures to help combat loneliness at hospitals or nursing homes

### Share your Skills

- » Tutor classmates or troop sisters in subjects you excel in. You could even start your own online study group!
- » Be a Virtual Techie and support your family, friends, and neighbors' technical needs by way of virtual help, a call line, or instructional videos. Help them learn how to navigate the internet for their needs. Educate them on how to order groceries or order audiobooks from their local library.
- » Make your own how-to video to share with your troop. You could share your favorite hobby or craft project or even explain to your Girl Scouts sisters how they could complete a certain badge while at home.

## SHOW & TELL, THEMED PARTY OR HOST A TALENT SHOW!

**POSSIBLE BADGE LINKS:** *GS Ways Badges, Junior Playing in the Past, Junior Social Butterfly, Ambassador Dinner Party*

Who doesn't enjoy **Show & Tell**? Determine a fun theme and have girls bring their items to the upcoming meeting. Ideas include pets, favorite toys, baby pictures, etc. This is also an excellent opportunity to encourage girls to work on at home patches or badgework that they can show off during the next meeting!



**Costume party** – Think about ways to make it relate to a badge. For example, can girls make animal masks that link to the Outdoor Art Maker Badge or dress up like Juliette Low to work on the GS Ways Badges.

**Other themed party ideas** – pajama party, fort party (every girl builds an indoor fort and then meets in it), Disney (then watch a movie together), princess, etc.

**Talent Show** – Have each girl come to the meeting with some talent or skit prepared! Remind girls that they can work together before the meeting to prepare if they want to work with another troop mate.

## MAKE SOMETHING FROM RECYCLABLES

**POSSIBLE BADGE LINKS:** *Daisy Board Game Design Challenge, Daisy GS Rollercoaster Challenge, Brownies Bug Badge, Brownies Racecar Design Challenge, Junior Jeweler, Cadette Outdoor Art Apprentice, Seniors & Ambassadors can creatively tie recyclables into their own badge & journey activities.*

Girls can make lots of creative things from recyclable materials that they already have at home. Encourage your girls to be resourceful and use what they have! Also, consider how many of these projects can also be creatively tied into badge work.

- » Create hats or jewelry – then host a Virtual fashion show!
- » Make a Board Game
- » Build a Racecar
- » Make a boat
- » Build a bridge
- » Design a robot
- » Build a marble, toy car or ball roller coaster
- » Make a cute craft project
- » Create a homemade journal
- » Make a purse
- » Marble Maze



## INDOOR CAMPOUT

**POSSIBLE BADGE LINKS:** *Daisy Buddy Camper, Brownies Cabin Camper*

Take the girls fort building skills to the next level and host an indoor virtual campout...

- » Start in the evening or late afternoon
- » Have an opening ceremony
- » Let the girl's show off their forts
- » Do a few of the fun activities, games and challenges from this presentation
- » Work on some virtual badgework or a Journey
- » Do a fun, simple craft project
- » Sing Girl Scout songs
- » Go outside and Stargaze! This can be tied this into some badgework!
- » Provide a patch for participation

*Think about a small campout kit for each girl that includes everything they may need for your troop campout: craft supplies, s'mores ingredients, glowsticks, cookie mix, friendship bracelet thread, SWAPS materials, printed activity materials, etc.*

## HOST A GS FAMILY NIGHT

- » Family Trivia – There are a lot of resources out there, but one council staff uses is Kahoot! [kahoot.com](https://kahoot.com)
- » Family Challenges – baking, creating, designing!
- » Family skit/talent show
- » Family Yoga
- » Make ice-cream in a bag
- » Make Slime
- » Dance Party or Karaoke
- » Mother/daughter tea party
- » Father/daughter date or activity

## DECORATING CHALLENGE

**POSSIBLE BADGE LINKS:** *Brownie Snacks Badge, Junior Simple Meals, Cadettes New Cuisines, Seniors Locavore Badge, Ambassador Dinner Party.*

Get the girls input and have them decorate items they all have on hand at the next meeting! Can you tie this into some badgework?

Maybe they can decorate...

- » Cupcakes / cookies / cakes
- » Toast / pancakes
- » Binders
- » Notebooks / Journals
- » Hallways / Rooms / Forts

Tell girls to get creative and use what they have...

- » **Food items** – Use chocolate pieces, icing, food coloring, sprinkles, crushed candy bars, fruit, cheese, veggies, cereal, cookies, marshmallows, toothpick flags, peanut butter, cream cheese, Nutella
- » **Paper items** – Use paint, markers, colored pencils, crayons, stickers, gems, sequins, washi tape, tissue paper, ribbon, vinyl, decorative duct tape, scrap paper, tin foil, yarn/string or even feathers!
- » **Space items** – Crete paper, balloons, homemade signs, ribbon, holiday lights, stuffed animals, blankets



Take it a step further and have the girls assign awards; Most Colorful, Most Creative, Most Innovative, etc.!



## VIRTUAL KARAOKE – LEARN & SING NEW GIRL SCOUT SONGS

With a bit of planning, Karaoke can be great fun virtually!

- » Have the girls come up with a list of songs at the meeting before Karaoke or use Girl Scout songs.
- » Once you have a list of songs, create a shareable document or PowerPoint to add the lyrics to. Also, embed or link YouTube videos on each slide/page for the music.
- » Girls can break-out into separate meeting rooms to practice before presenting to the troop, or this can be done as a group.

**Tip:** *When sharing documents/videos with audio, there are boxes on the share screen page that will need to be checked (in Zoom) before the sound will work!*

## READ MY LIPS

**POSSIBLE BADGE LINKS:** *Brownie Senses*

- » This a super fun game that will make you and your girls laugh! It can be played with any sized group and with all levels.
- » Girls take turns “mouthing” lyrics to a song. Then the group has to guess by reading their lips what they are mouthing!



**Tip:** *Have the girl who is “mouthing,” mute herself as she speaks/sings.*

## WOULD YOU RATHER

This is a fun, simple game that can be played with small to medium-sized groups, and all levels can play. It's great to help troop members get to know each other better.

Troop members each take turns developing two scenarios. Then everyone from the troop takes turns, deciding which scenario they would prefer.

For younger troops, there are many scenario lists available online so that the girls can just answer as opposed to coming up with the scenarios initially.

Example: Would you rather have a giant pet or pocket pet? Allow each girl a moment to answer this individually, then move on to the next scenario.

- » [bit.ly/wondermomwb](https://bit.ly/wondermomwb)
- » [bit.ly/minds-bloom](https://bit.ly/minds-bloom)

## MEMORY TRAY/KIM'S GAME

This is another great game that can be played at all levels.

The leader or designated girl should put together (before the meeting) a tray full of about 20 items. The tray should remain covered while directions are provided to the girls. They will then be given 30 seconds (or some amount of time) to try to memorize all of the items on the tray before they are covered again! Then the girls have to name off as many objects as they can remember seeing!

**Tip: Remind the girls that they need to be honest and fair while playing this game. No writing is allowed!**

Kim's game is a Girl Scout version of the Memory Tray activity that links to multiple badges, including GS Ways, Games, and Senses. If your troop hasn't played the game before, it's a great way to learn more about Juliette Gordon Low and also work on badge work.

Follow the links below for more detailed information and lists to play Kim's Game!

- » [bit.ly/kim-game](https://bit.ly/kim-game)
- » [bit.ly/meetjlg](https://bit.ly/meetjlg)

## SWAPS

### **Special Whatchamacallit Affectionately Pinned Somewhere**

Girls can make swaps at the virtual meeting to exchange with a pen pal or each other. You can even use things around the house or recyclables so that parents don't have to buy supplies.



## CHARADES/PICTIONARY

These games can be played with small to medium-sized groups and at all levels.

**Charades:** Each player comes up with their small list of words or phrases (2-3) to act out on their turn, then everyone takes turns trying to guess what each person is acting out on their turn! The person who guesses correctly gets to go next or choose someone else to go next.

**Pictionary:** The same concept as Charades, except the selected person draws a picture to represent the word or phrase they want the group to guess. They can use paper or some virtual application, including Zoom that has a drawing feature (which would only add to the fun!). If you don't use the application drawing feature, you should have the girls who are drawing hold the paper up every 10 seconds, so that the group can continue guessing as she draws.

## WORDS WITHIN WORDS

This can be played with any sized group and Brownies +

Have the girls prepare for the meeting by bringing paper and a pencil. You will need to bring a list of Girl Scout words or phrases (or non-GS words). Give the girls one word or phrase at a time and set your timer for 1-2 minutes (depending on your group). See which player can make the most new words using the same letters within the word! You can also have a collective goal to see which word your troop finds the most words within.

### Example: Girl Scout

- |                                |                              |                               |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> girl  | <input type="checkbox"/> rig | <input type="checkbox"/> list |
| <input type="checkbox"/> scout | <input type="checkbox"/> so  | <input type="checkbox"/> coil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> out   | <input type="checkbox"/> sir | <input type="checkbox"/> soil |



## BE PREPARED, NOT SCARED PATCH & ROCKERS

Be Prepared, Not Scared at [bit.ly/zombie-challenge](http://bit.ly/zombie-challenge)



## VIRTUAL BADGES

Virtual Badges provide a chance to try something fun and different with your girls. Don't stress about the guide activities. Get creative, be resourceful, and find ways to make the badge activities virtual. Just remember to make sure the girls have met the learning objectives for each badge you complete.

Find virtual activities and resources from GSACPC, GSUSA and sister councils at [girlscoutsaz.org/virtual-gs](https://girlscoutsaz.org/virtual-gs).

Have your troop – as a group or individuals – sign up for Council-led virtual programs and activities at [girlscoutsaz.org/activities](https://girlscoutsaz.org/activities). And sign up for national virtual events open to all girls nationwide (hosted by GSUSA and sister councils) at [girlscouts.org/at-home](https://girlscouts.org/at-home).

**When in doubt, reach out to your Service Unit Team or our Council Staff teams: [girlprogram@girlscoutsaz.org](mailto:girlprogram@girlscoutsaz.org) or [volunteerlearning@girlscoutsaz.org](mailto:volunteerlearning@girlscoutsaz.org). We're here to help!**

## TRADITIONAL GS ACTIVITIES THAT CAN BE DONE VIRTUALLY

Get Creative! We have no idea how long this pandemic may last. What can you do now to celebrate troop achievements and give your girls meaningful experiences? Even if you can't do things the traditional way or you plan to do them in person at a later time, think about what you can do now. And don't forget to ask the girls for their input!

- » Court of awards – end of year gifts, patches, badges, etc.
- » Connect with other Troops to be Pen Pals!
- » Virtual Bridging
- » High Awards



## CLOSING IDEAS

- » Sing Make New Friends
- » Simple/ One-word check-out question
- » Everyone makes a silent wish, then recites...

“Side by side, or miles apart, we are sisters, connected by the heart.”

Leader (or girl) then calls out the name of each girl one by one. She makes her wish, then gives a signal that she has made her wish, and the caller moves on to the next girl.

Roses & Thorns – everyone names a rose (favorite activity) & a thorn (something that can be improved on for next time)

- » Girl Scout Chant
  - “PEACE” – peace sign in front of you,
  - “OUT” – thumbs up motion over your shoulder
  - “GIRL SCOUT” – three finger salute in front of you
- » End with See You Later Alligator poem or a line from within it.

