

How to Host a Troop Meeting on Zoom

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Before hosting your virtual troop meeting, please read the Virtual Troop Meeting Safety Checkpoints, which can be found under the Volunteer Resources tab on the Council website.

Here's a sample agenda for a 30 minute troop meeting:

Arrival Activity: (5 minutes) Consider having a welcome question on the screen for the girls to answer in the chat box.

Opening Ceremony: (5 minutes) Recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law and/or sing a song together. Whatever you'd normally say or sing together... do it!

Business: (3 minutes) Take attendance, share any news and your agenda here.

Activity: (12 minutes) This is a great time to work on badge activities, play games or do a simple craft together! Think about how to prepare your girls for your activity—if they will need supplies, try to keep them simple and likely to be found around their house. Send out a supply list before your troop meeting so they can come in prepared. This will help you make the most of your time.

Closing: (5 minutes) A modified Friendship Circle is possible! Instead of squeezing a hand, have each girl say the name of another person in your virtual circle after she makes her wish OR invite girls to grab a stuffed animal to squeeze. Encourage the girls to be creative!

Here are some specific ideas to get started:

- **Show your Girl Scout pride:** Ask girls to wear their uniforms, just like they would in a regular Troop meeting.
- **Get silly:** Play charades or Pictionary. Have a scavenger hunt for silly items that might be around the house. Sing songs together!
- **Get the wiggles out:** Do yoga or have a virtual dance party! Play Simon Says!
- **Quiet together time:** Read stories aloud or do a group add-a-line story. If you have a Daisy troop, read a Petal story!
- **Get artistic:** Draw portraits of one another and share. Follow a video tutorial for a simple paint-along project. Learn origami together!
- **Explore STEM:** Create a race car from found materials. Share favorite recipes and send them out for others to try. Create a cookbook. Have a Top Chef Challenge. Share science experiments.
- **Include all Girl Scouts:** Learn the Promise and Law in American sign language or other languages. Check out WAGGGS resources for international ideas.
- **For older girls:** Watch a TED Talk and discuss. Create your own videos. Remember: You can screen share, so anything that you can put on your screen can be shared with each other, like videos, pictures, and more.

Remember that not everyone will be able to engage with Girl Scouts in the same way. If virtual meetings don't work for your troop, that's ok! Reach out to the Council and we can help you find other ways to connect with your troop remotely.