



Welcome Minsi Trials Council Den Leaders

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Guidelines for the forum.

Some will be participating via smart phone/ computer/ and others will be calling in by phone.

- During the presentation, everyone will be on mute. This will reduce noise feedback and allow others to clearly hear.
- If you should have a question, those using video conferencing please use the chat area. The MTC Field Staff will answer in writing or respond verbally during the call. Those on the phone, please wait until open forum session.
- All the material will be made available within 12 hours of the presentation at minsitrails.org/update

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Helpful Tips

Familiarize yourself with your screen or phone.

- Locate the mute icon.
- Locate the video icon.
- Locate the chat icon

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Conducting Virtual Scouting Meetings

- Before you get started, it is important that both leaders and Scouts are familiar with the [BSA's Social Media Guidelines](#) and Scouting's [Youth Protection Guidelines and Barriers to Abuse](#)
- It is important that all these safeguards are followed the same as they would be in an in-person setting. Check out this [great article](#) from Bryan on Scouting on how Scouting's Barriers to Abuse work online.
- A great first program to run might be the BSA's [Cyber Chip Program](#). There are four, age-appropriate program levels and Scouts can earn a patch for completing.

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Selecting a meeting platform

If you are going to meet virtually, you need to select the right platform to use.

- There are many platforms that allow you to conduct virtual meetings.
- There are also many that allow you to meet at no cost.
- Make sure you check out the details of each platform and find the best system that works for you. Conduct a test run w/adults 1st!
- Here are a couple of that we have researched that may fit the needs of your Scouting group.

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Zoom

Zoom has several different tiers of plans, but the FREE version would be great for most Scouting groups.

It includes:

- Ability to have up to 100 people in a meeting
- 40 minute limit on group meetings
- Unlimited number of meetings
- Screensharing capability
- Options for both conference call and video chat
- Breakout rooms for small groups
- Some of the great resources from Zoom are their tools and instructional videos for anyone that has never conducted a virtual meeting. Regardless of which system you choose, check out their [resources](#).
- Best practice is to use a “entry password!”



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WEBEX

Like Zoom, Webex has several different tiers of plans, but again, the **FREE** version might be just what you are looking for.

It includes:

- Ability to have up to 100 people in a meeting
- No limit on the length of your group meeting
- Unlimited number of meetings
- Screensharing capability
- Options for both conference call and video chat



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Free Conference Call

Free Conference Call doesn't just offer Free Conference Calls, they also have a robust FREE Video Conference service and claim to be able to handle up to 1,000 participants.

It includes:

- Ability to have up to 1,000 people in a meeting
- No limit to the length of your meeting
- Unlimited number of meetings
- Screensharing capability
- Options for both conference call and video chat
- Breakout rooms for smaller groups



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Google Hangouts or Classroom

Google Hangouts is a simple way to connect with Google contacts (or those outside of your network) and can be used for personal or business reasons.

Use this tool for individual conversations, team meetings, recorded demos, and more.

- Top Free Features:
- Up to 25 video participants
- Video, audio, and messenger conversations
- Video meeting recordings
- Join calls using Google Calendar
- Screen sharing



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Types of Meetings

Conducting the Meeting

Try to keep your meeting as close to the structure of a normal meeting. There is a great example in this [article](#). There isn't anything to physically set up or teardown, but you can conduct most of the rest of the meeting as normal.

- Den Meetings
- Pack Meetings
- Committee Meetings
- Adult Planning Meeting
- Summer Resident Camp or Day Camp Promotions. Let us know – Contact your District Executive.

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Simple Meeting Guidelines

- In advance, send a email w/ who, what, when.
 - Encourage uniform to be worn by all.
- Start with an opening – Pledge of Allegiance.
- Take roll at the beginning of the meeting calling each scout. This helps ensure their mic works.
- Talk first about the etiquette for the virtual meeting. Talk about coming on and off mute. Have them raise their hand.
- Have program adults “promoted” to co-hosts in the call. Help with scouts not aware they are off mute. Help manage calling on youth to chat.
- Restrict chat to hosts only. Otherwise scouts gets off task.

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For Den / Pack Meetings

- Make it FUN! FUN! FUN!
- For younger scouts. Put on a music for a two minute “dance” break to shake the wiggles out. It helps with scouts that have trouble sitting still.
- Acknowledge that they have done well listening and participating.
- Resources
 - Minsitrails.org
 - [Virtual Program Helps](#)
 - FaceBook pages: [Minsi Trails Council page](#), [Minsi Trails Council Den Leader page](#), [Akelaland page](#), [Camp Minsi page](#), [Settlers Camp page](#)
 - Share pictures, stories etc.....
 - Advancement during COVID-19 <http://www.minsitrails.org/update>
 - Scouting at Home <https://www.scouting.org/scoutingathome/>
 - Cyber Chip Home Program <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/cyber-chip/>
 - Bryan on Scouting / Scouting Magazine <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/>

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For Den / Pack Meetings

- **Cont - Resources**

- [BSA Social Media Guidelines](#)
- Home Programs or virtual field trips:
 - [Franklin Institute](#)
 - [NASA at Home](#)
 - [Crayola](#)
 - [Jamboree on the Air](#)
- Minsi Trails Council is willing to do a Virtual GoToMeeting with your Pack to promote Summer Resident Camp and Day Camp. Contact us at Akelaland@minsitrails.org
- [Minsi Trails Staff Contacts](#)

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Cub Scout Advancement

Extending the program year!

Cub Scout related questions:

Q: May parents sign off on Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements?

A: Yes. Through July 31, 2020, parents and other adults in the Cub Scout's family, may sign off on Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements. We strongly encourage that parents use the Scouting App or ScoutBook to record completion of their child's requirements.

Q: If my den is behind in advancement due to COVID-19, can my Cub Scout continue to work on advancement through the summer?

A: Yes. Cub Scouts can continue to work on their current den's advancement through July 31, 2020. This is to provide any additional time a Cub Scout needs to complete their badge of rank; if they earn their badge of rank prior to July 31, 2020, they may advance to the next rank.

Take advantage of all our Cub Scout Summer Programs [Minsi Trails Camping](#)

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Den Leader Open Forum

Value Add – Advancing Scouts through the Ranks

With “Stay at Home Scouting”, how can we or others help you with some specific rank requirements?

Use the icon “raise your hand” icon.

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Thank you Minsi Trials Council Den Leaders

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