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Outdoor Meeting Plans for Dens & Packs

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Bias to action!

- Universal Truths
 - Cub Scouting can occupy a unique role in the COVID 19 World
 - A stagnant program may not survive
 - Bored Cub Scouts don't tell their friends, bored parents do
 - For some, getting together will be the content

DO SOMETHING the Scouts won't care if its not perfect





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Considerations

- Mayflower Council COVID guidelines
 - <http://www.mayflowerbsa.org/covid-19/>
- Mosquito Borne Illness
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/easternequineencephalitis/gen/pre.html>

Snack Time

Single Serve Snacks & Drinks



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Simple Meeting Plan

45 Minute Simple Outdoor meeting

- 5 Minutes Welcome, Law, Oath
- 30 Minute Activity
- 10 Minutes Snack & Closing

The Goal of your Den Meeting is to provide Scouts the opportunity to have fun!



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September Meeting Ideas

- Meeting #1 September Kite Flying Meeting
 - Make/Decorate Kits from Kit
 - https://www.amazon.com/bangcool-Painting-Outdoor-Grassland-Activities/dp/B07W6GH6MJ/ref=sr_1_12?dchild=1&keywords=kite+kit&qid=1597795760&sr=8-12
 - Scouts to bring Crayons, Markers, Stickers
 - Adult Partner to Help get kit in the air





September Meeting Ideas

- Meeting #2 Simple Catapult Distance/Height
 - Simple Catapult: Scouts stomp on the lever to get the most distance, or the most height, or to land in a target hoop:





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October Meeting Ideas

- Meeting #3 Service Project for Charter Organization or community member
 - Scouts bring their own rake & gloves. Rake leaves at Church or a member of their community that needs some help





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October Meeting Ideas

- Meeting #4 Short Nature Hike
 - Cub Scout Hiking Game <https://cubscoutideas.com/2476/hiking/>
 - Leave Collecting/Tracing





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November Meeting Ideas

- Meeting #5 Walking Tour of Town Center or historic site.
 - What's famous or historical about our town. Many towns have historical societies that will provide you material for a self-guided tour.
 - Could tie to Veterans Day





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November Meeting Ideas

- Meeting #6 Scavenger Hunt (Hide clues in a local park)
 - Get as creative as you want
 - Check Pinterest for pre-made nature scavenger hunts





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Winter Meeting Ideas

- Consider Sledding, Ice Skating, Snowman Building





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What about the requirements?

- Focus on Fun First
- Substitute in requirement focused activities as appropriate
- Do Your Best





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Other Ideas - - I am sure yours are better

- Last Thought You Need a Den Chief





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Resources you need to see

- Den Leader Tips & Tricks Site
 - <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/den-leader-tips-tricks-video-series/>
- Cub Hub
 - <https://www.scouting.org/cubhub/>
- Cub Scout Ideas
 - <https://cubscoutideas.com>
- GSA Ideas
 - <https://leaderconnectingleaders.com/50-fun-games-and-activities-to-try-at-your-virtual-troop-meetings/>





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OTHER ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS, FROM THE SESSION CHAT AND DISCUSSION



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Participant suggestions - 1

- scavenger hunts have been great
- Boys Life quizzes work great on Zoom and the boys love them (particularly the poop quiz - we did that one several times)
- We have done the scavenger hunts over zoom. We have had themes such as camping, using the law to find something helpful, etc.. We have also done the first letter of each item in the law. Find something that begins with L for loyal, T for thrifty, etc..
- Norwood Trails Committee web page has downloadable activities to do on walks.
- our pack has also talked about geocache/ hike
- Most of the Norwood Trails worksheets can be used on any walk anywhere.

Participant suggestions - 2

- I have done a lot of walking this summer and have been pleasantly surprised how many trails are the result of Eagle Scout projects.
- I was recently introduced to this (marble league):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoELkuqx8Ug>
- We did a star gazing meeting over Zoom for a Tiger elective. Showed some NASA videos, had a simple craft I sent ahead of time, read a bed time story and then we went and looked at Venus
- We are doing the YoYo elective at our Pack Meeting
- We pull-out the "fun" requirements from various adventures and put them together. Lots of obstacle courses, scavenger hunts. Also "egg drop" activity and paper airplane races. I also highly recommend the book "mini weapons of mass destruction" - kids loved the marshmallow catapult.

Participant suggestions - 3

- We grabbed a bunch of paint stirring sticks from a local hardware store and we had the scouts glue a completed square and half-hitch knot on one side and a piece of cord on the other side for the scouts to work on their knots. This could be a simple activity for the scouts to work on.
- We did zoom s'mores. The pack delivered a s'mores kit to each scout. Each scout was able to make a s'more at home with family and fellow scouts.
- We have a Herring Run in Pembroke. We collected a mixed bag of materials and asked the scouts to design their own vessel to sail down the run. We have a Herring Run in Pembroke. We collected a mixed bag of materials and asked the scouts to design their own vessel to sail down the run.
- annual Kite Night Recruitment day planned. We have been doing this for years.

Participant suggestions - 4

- We have played Scribble IO and other zoom games. (*scribble.io ?*)
- *Verbal comment - if you are near a beach, consider tidal pool observation - could combine with sand castle idea below*
- We delivered Trivia Cards and paper to each scout to have a Trivia Game and paper airplane contest via zoom for pack meet too. We also did a beach crossover sand castle contest in July with a lot of social distance.
- we've also talked about doing a walk through of camping items. Sort of like a show of different equipment a tent set up, a camping stove, sleeping bag, etc.. so they can see items you'd need for camping. This could also be changed to different topics such as hiking, mapping, etc.
- our school system is using rope with handles to keep kids apart from buses to classes (*comment on how to keep cubs separated on hikes, another comment was to possibly use yarn vs. rope - safer*)

Participant suggestions - *additional comments*

- “Zoom” games
 - Whiteboard Pictionary, hangman, complete the drawing, etc..
 - What’s missing: cookie sheet with various refrigerator magnets, show, remove one, rearrange, show again, what’s missing?
 - “zoomed in” - show enlarged small segment of an animal photo, guess the animal, show photo
 - “what’s this sound” - search YouTube for games, one example:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1m4h79JZso>
- Just seeing each other is really important to children in quarantine
- New national resource: Den Leader Tips & Tricks videos:
<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/den-leader-tips-tricks-video-series/>