



Mt. Diablo Silverado Council - Boy Scouts of America



Pack 800 – Alamo, CA

Thoughts on Running an online Cub Scout Meeting

Before the meeting: Plan & Communicate!

Develop safety and security protocols to keep the meeting private and appropriate. Designate at least one person to admit participants and remove anyone who doesn't belong.

Devise clear and simple ground rules for Scouts and their adults. Communicate them ahead of time and go over again at the beginning of the meeting. These are Pack 800's:

Be Courteous: Stay muted during presentations. If you have a question, use the "raise your hand" or chat to let us know.

Be Loyal: Stay focused. Only have this meeting open on your computer. Only use the chat to let us know if you have a question.

Be Cheerful: Participate and Have Fun!

During the meeting: Engage!

Keep it as interactive as possible. This can cause a lot of noise, so participants will usually need to be muted so everyone can be heard. If it's loud, mute the crowd.

- Encourage interaction between participants at home by inviting them to discuss something together, such as something they are grateful for today. Give them a few minutes then continue.
- Songs that have actions/movement. Get everyone to stand up and follow along.
- Stories with assigned movements. For example, Goldie Locks and the Three Bears: every time I say "Goldie Locks," skip around in a circle; every time I say "Bear," roar.
- Applause and cheers. Unmute everyone for applause time and make it loud and proud.
- Games! (Yes, you can play something other than video games on a computer)
 - *Go Find It* – show an object, everyone gets 15 seconds to find something that is the same or similar (made of same material, same shape, same color, etc.) Depending on meeting size, Scouts can explain what they chose and take turns being the leader.

- *Mastermind* – everyone gets a spoon and a fork. The mastermind sends a message “with his mind” about which he will choose, counts down “3, 2, 1!” and everyone holds up their spoon or fork. If you match the mastermind, you got the message. Take turns being the mastermind.
- *What Is It?* – leader draws a picture one line at a time. Scouts try to guess what it is at each line.

Keep it fresh: Have some kind of graphical presentation (but not too much). Switch up the speakers. Designate participants to add jokes and “run-ons” to break up long presentations.

Keep it fun and short: Cub Scouts need action to keep engaged. No matter how fun, an online meeting does not offer the same opportunity for movement as in person. With that constraint, a shorter meeting (30-45 minutes) is better than a longer one.

Have Fun! When the Scouts see you having fun, they will have fun. Enjoy this new adventure!