



# Online Engagement Toolkit

This guide provides information and resources on the Order of the Arrow for lodges to utilize when engaging online.



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## Overview

During COVID-19, it can be challenging to maintain the bonds of brotherhood that we share as Arrowmen as a result of widespread health restrictions for in-person programming. Together, we will inspire all existing members to become active Arrowmen through regular virtual and/or in-person events as one of three laser-focused objectives as we navigate this new normal.

Many chapters, lodges and sections have adapted to the new situation by hosting virtual meetings and other activities. This guide provides best practices for virtual programming compiled from local chapters and lodges nationwide.

Some of the programming listed in this guide includes communication between Arrowmen. All events should be held in accordance with Youth Protection guidelines and the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#).

## Gaming

### *Multiplayer Video Games*

#### **Minecraft**

Minecraft is a popular sandbox video game in which players gather resources, adventure through the terrain, and utilize their creativity for endless opportunities. Exploring Minecraft servers or creating your own can be an excellent way to have fun with fellow Arrowmen while at home. The popular game can be downloaded from [minecraft.net](http://minecraft.net) for roughly \$30 on different platforms, and a detailed explanation on how to create your own Minecraft server are [here](#).

#### **Rocket League**

Rocket League is a soccer video game playing as cars instead of people that supports parties of up to 4 players and can be played on PC and console, with varying prices.

### *Video Game Tournaments*

There are a few tips to keep in mind to host a video game tournament:

- Establish how many people are participating, the game
- That will be played
- The rules and game count (best of one, best of three, etc.)
- Create a round-robin or elimination bracket that can be generated online [here](#)
- Create a way to communicate (for ex: a Discord server)
- Have players compete in each game and report wins/losses
- Announce winners and prizes (if applicable) once all games have been played.

See options for suggested games to play below.

#### **Nampa-Tsi Lodge Video Game Tournament**

Namp-Tsi Lodge was one of the first lodges to host a video game tournament of their own. They had about 100 participants register including National Chief Zach Schonfeld, National Vice Chief Noah Smith, and several region chiefs. To prepare for the tournament, Namp-Tsi Lodge created a Discord server and emailed all participants a server invitation link. The server allowed Arrowmen to stay up-to-date with the happenings of the tournament. Lodge leaders

subsequently assigned each participant to a heat for the first round. Following the completion of all heats, finalists were invited to a second round of the tournament to compete for a \$50 prize for the winning pair/duo.

The entire tournament was streamed on Twitch by the lodge as well as a few of the participants so Arrowmen could watch the action when they weren't playing. Overall, the tournament was a hit! It received excellent feedback from its participants as it created an opportunity for Arrowmen to stay involved even in an online setting.

*Thanks to Luke Gallagher, Nampa-Tsi Lodge, for this submission.*

### **Super Smash Bros. Ultimate**

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate is an online fighting game on the Nintendo Switch that supports 1v1s or free-for-all with up to 8 players.

### **NBA 2K or Madden NFL**

NBA 2K and Madden NFL are sports video games that can be played 1v1, 2v2, or 3v3, and are available on PC or console.

## *Online Board Games*

### **skribbl.io**

Skribbl.io, an online adaptation of Pictionary, supports 2-12 players and can be accessed [here](#) for free

### **Codenames**

Codenames is a team-based guessing game that supports 4+ players and can be accessed [here](#) by one person creating a game and everyone else joining the room. Information about how to play Codenames can be found [here](#).

### **Avalon**

Avalon is a social deduction game that supports 5-10 players where each player is assigned a role and a team to play for and can be accessed [here](#) where each person must create an account and have the host create the room. Information about how to play Avalon can be found [here](#).

### **Coup**

Coup is a strategy game that supports 2-6 players and can be accessed [here](#) by one person creating a game and everyone else joining the room. Information about how to play Coup is [here](#).

### **UNO**

UNO is a popular card game that supports 2+ players and can be accessed [here](#) by one person creating a game and everyone else joining the room. Information about how to play UNO is [here](#).

## *Online Board Games Tournaments*

To host an online board game tournament, establish how many people are participating, the game that will be played, the rules and game count (best of one, best of three, etc.) create a round-robin or elimination bracket that can be generated online [here](#), create a Discord server to communicate, have players compete in each game and report wins/losses, and announce winners and prizes (if applicable) once all games have been played. See options for suggested games to play below.

### **Chess/Checkers**

Chess and checkers are classic games that almost everyone knows how to play. To play, click [here](#), choose the game you want to play, log in or play as a guest, have one person create a new game table, then have other join and begin play.

### **Connect 4/TicTacToe**

Connect 4 and TicTacToe are simple yet fun games that everyone can play. Click [here](#) and select the game you want to play, have one person click play with a friend and invite the other, and begin play. If you create an account, the private tournament feature can be used as well.

## *Other Online Activities*

### **Netflix Watch Party**

Watching movies or shows online with friends is an excellent way to share an experience even while being stuck at home. Download the Netflix Watch Party [Chrome Extension](#), select your

favorite movie or series on Netflix, and share the watch party link so everyone can enjoy the entertainment in sync, Netflix subscription required for all users. Make sure the movie or show is Scouting appropriate.

### **Online Karaoke**

Singing online karaoke can liven up any virtual meeting on Zoom. Simply have the host share their screen (don't forget to share computer sound!), navigate to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com), find the karaoke video for your favorite songs, and begin the karaoke night!

### **Lodge Leadership Twitch Stream**

Utilizing an online stream can allow lodge leadership to provide Arrowmen with lodge updates, stream tournaments, and stream playing online board games or video games with Arrowmen! To find out how you can stream on Twitch, click [here](#).

## Training

### *Virtual/Remote Training*

#### **Conclave Connected**

Section SR-9 held a very successful virtual Conclave, dubbed “Conclave Connected.” The event had a talented staff consisting of current and past Section Chiefs, and experienced advisors. The training offered during this event helped Arrowmen improve their social media programs, council support, mentorship abilities, their membership activation rates, and their leadership abilities.

All training was broadcast to the participants on multiple platforms. Section Chief Tyler Wright explained their process, “At first we used skype to stream facilitator’s footage to the outgoing stream using software called XSplit Broadcaster. But we found the easiest way was to just have a Zoom call and allow people to join but to also stream the Zoom call to Facebook and YouTube using XSpilt Broadcaster.”

While the sessions were being presented, the broadcast was recorded, and later uploaded to the Section’s YouTube channel and are available to be viewed by anyone who missed the event.

To attract participants, Section SR-9 had a strong social media presence in the days and weeks leading up to the Conclave Connected event. Advertisements posted to Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter helped draw a larger audience to the event. The section tracked the attendance of each stream during the broadcasts.

When asked what advice he would give to a chapter, lodge, or section that wanted to host their own virtual event, Wright replied, “I would suggest the organizers use Zoom through the entire process and ensure they have a stable and strong internet connection. Also, I think everyone needs to be prepared with a back-up plan because technology doesn’t play around and you don’t want to be stuck trying to fix issues while an audience is waiting.”

After the event, all of the feedback the section collected was positive. Attendees felt that the trainings were informative and helpful and appreciated the opportunity to continue Scouting with others.



## **Virtual Ceremony Practice**

Despite being unable to meet in person, Manu Lodge’s Eagle Chapter has continued holding ceremony practices to stay prepared for induction events. Hosting the meetings on Zoom, the teams can practice the Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood ceremonies. During their weekly practices, the chapter will begin with the Pre-Ordeal ceremony and progress through the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies, with Ordeal members leaving the meeting at the conclusion of the Ordeal ceremony.

Chapter Chief Ben Albrecht explained the process: “Every week we see who is able to make it on the call, and we figure out if we need anyone to fill in for a role. We take a few minutes for the replacements to grab a script, then we begin our practice. Because we are using Zoom, we only practice our lines, without using movements or blocking. This gives us a good opportunity to practice our timing, inflection, and volume to make the ceremonies sound more impactful. Everyone who has a role in a ceremony practices their lines from memory, but if someone is filling in, they go off a script so we can keep the ceremony flowing. After each ceremony, the teams take some time to review their performance, and have a conversation about how to improve.”

When asked about advice, he would give to other ceremony teams that would like to practice their ceremonies over Zoom, Ben replied, “Ceremony teams do not need to buy the premium version of Zoom. The free account has a 40-minute time limit, which has always been enough time for us, but if you needed to, you could just start a second meeting right after the first. We like to start every meeting with a few minutes of conversation and fellowship—it gets everyone settled and gives them time to visit with people they haven’t seen in a while. Be prepared to work through little hiccups, as sometimes the ceremonialists will have connectivity issues, or will forget to mute their mic after their part. Working through these little issues is critical for practice and helps the team prepare for little issues that may arise during the actual ceremony.”

The chapter does enjoy the ceremonies, and they love the opportunity to stay connected while social distancing. While Zoom is not a perfect replacement for in-person meetings, they have helped keep the members of Eagle chapter close and prepared for ceremonies.

## **Region Roundup**

The Southern Region aimed to create a program to keep lodges and sections involved, engaged, and informed through the changes that have come about due to COVID-19. They successfully hosted two Region Roundups: webinar, which drew up to 119 individuals in attendance along with speakers from across the region and nation to share their experience



and knowledge. Lodge leaders pre-registered with a large percentage of the region's 87 lodges represented during the call.

The attendees of the Region Roundups learned about different platforms for online meetings, best practices for online programming, temporary modifications to the unit elections, updates on other national policies. Attendees also participated in direct Q&A sessions with national leadership and heard about strategies to keep members engaged while social distancing. The presenters came from a variety of backgrounds, from lodge, section, regional, and national leadership positions, with different experiences and expertise.

After the webinar ended, the Southern Region leadership followed up with all who were invited to attend. Both the information provided and the presenters received high marks from the attendants.

When asked if lodges would benefit from hosting their own webinars, Southern Region Advisor Mike White replied, "Lodges can absolutely host their own webinar; it is extremely important for lodges to engage their membership right now and a webinar is an excellent way to accomplish that. Webinars represent a unique challenge in training for presenters because there is little to no audience interaction as there would be in traditional training. This can be unnerving. It is important for presenters to become comfortable with the webinar format in advance and to rehearse as much as possible to ensure smooth delivery."

### **Virtual Campout**

The Middle Tennessee Council hosted a virtual campout on May 15th from 12 PM-8 PM. Over these eight hours, the council posted 32 interactive posts to their Facebook and YouTube pages, averaging 1,350 views and 144 reactions per post. The posts included activities ranging from STEM activities—such as making slime, elephant toothpaste, and electromagnets—to cooking recipes for camping, to Scout skills such as knot tying. The posts reached over 10,000 Scouts and Scouters, as well as earning the council's website over 40,000 clicks over the eight-hour period.

### **OA Welcome Session**

The Colonial Chapter of the Amangamek-Wipit Lodge hosted a new OA Welcome Session over Zoom to inform candidates' parents of the OA's program, values, and practices. The chapter invited parents and guardians of new candidates as well as the elected Scouts themselves to attend. The welcome session consisted of three different parts; the Zoom meeting, which was posted to YouTube afterwards, a brochure that was emailed to every candidate and their parent/guardian, and a Q&A session to answer questions of the attendees and review FAQ.

The chapter discussed why the Order of the Arrow exists, its role in the world of Scouting without getting too bogged down in the details. They then covered what the Order of the Arrow does on a chapter, lodge, section, and national level, putting a focus on their local service events and upcoming fellowship events. After this, the chapter went over the induction process, putting emphasis on the importance of a unit election, and a Scout's election by his or her peers. The chapter ended the informational section by discussing the Ordeal weekend and alleviating any fears or myths that have circulated.

Chapter Chief Stephen Peterson presented most of the information to the attendees, but made it clear that the information provided was created by the leadership team of the chapter, and that the teamwork was key to providing a beneficial webinar.

All of the feedback received by the chapter was positive, but Stephen expects to host a second webinar closer to Ordeal, allowing parents and candidates to ask any questions that come up as they get closer to the induction weekend. A secondary webinar would also allow a review of the information provided during the first webinar.

When asked for advice Stephen said, "I would encourage other lodges to make sure that the information that they give is current and accurate. It's very important, especially now, that we make sure that the right information is getting to candidates and their parents and guardians. For a lot of these Scouts and their families, this is their first interaction with the Order of the Arrow, so it's important that it's a good one."

## Virtual Competitions

### **Sundae Showdown**

Resources: Virtual meeting platform, prizes

Planning Tips: This is a great event to do as a virtual icebreaker, social media challenge, or meeting end. Before your event, ask members to come prepared with their best try at making an ice cream sundae. Once the meeting begins, the participants display their sundae to a panel of judges, such as your officer group, and the judges vote solely based on appearance. Feel free to celebrate the winner on your lodge or chapter's social media accounts (or even recruit them to join your cook crew)! The winners receive their prize in any way you see fit. If doing this event as a social media challenge, the lodge would make a hashtag for the event and share an example sundae and description of the event via social media. Members can comment their sundae photos by using the hashtag and posting to their own page. Voting and prizes would proceed the same way.

### **Online Team Building and Game Hosting**

Resources: <https://www.theoffsiteco.com/wfh-snack>

Planning Tips: TheOffSite Company, while being a paid service, provides a large variety of online games that can host dozens or even hundreds of people. The games include virtual escape rooms, scavenger hunts, lip sync, and much more. Make sure to follow Youth Protection Guidelines and keep everything Scouting appropriate.

### **Ceremony Evaluations**

Resources: File sharing service, prizes

Planning Tips: If you're looking to keep the spirit of brotherhood strong and get in some good practice, this is a great idea to keep your ceremonies team in tip-top shape for your next induction. Lodges determine the ceremony for judging, and participants are subsequently notified of the timeline and ceremony. Participants should be given a finite submission timeline, like a week, to record and submit the videos. Before announcing the competition, the lodge leadership should determine a streamlined method to submit videos. This can be a designated email or file sharing service with all judges having access. Judges would then review the content and vote on the best rendition of the ceremony using the Ceremony Evaluation Rubric, which can be found on page 139 of the [Guide to Inductions](#).

### **Logo/Patch Design Contest**

Resources: Social media, file sharing service

Planning Tips: Does your lodge have a new patch that you need designed? Do you want to see a new spin on your current logo? If so, engaging your lodge's membership in the design process can enable new, innovative ideas while empowering even the newest OA member. The lodge should set judging criteria or parameters for the patch or logo you would like designed or edited. These criteria should be visible to and known to all participants. Members are subsequently given a set number of time to design and submit their artwork, like a weekend or week. A panel of judges then vote on the best artwork or even just narrow down the submissions to a few finalists for members to vote on through social media. Feel free to give the winner a free patch with their design once it's produced! These same principles can be applied to a general OA art competition as well!

### **Dance Competition**

Resources: File sharing service, prizes

Planning Tips: If you're looking to get dancing more active in your lodge then a virtual dance off is a great place to start. Lodges would determine what AIA song, or excerpt, on which they would like to base the competition. Participants would be notified of the event and dance off, and should be given a set number of days, like a weekend or week, to record and submit the videos. Beforehand lodge leadership should determine a central location to submit the videos. This could be via a designated email or file sharing location with all judges having access. Judges would then review the content and vote on the best rendition of the ceremony.

### **OA or Pop Culture Kahoot**

Resources: Facebook live or Zoom, Kahoot.it account, prizes

Planning Tips: Online trivia is sure to be a hoot when you use this online trivia gaming service. To use Kahoot for online trivia/quizzes you need to go to <https://create.kahoot.it/login>. From there you will follow the prompt to create your pop culture or OA related Kahoot. It is recommended that find a way to sign up before hand or get participants on a Zoom call. This would allow you to share the join code, only with those who signed up or are on the call. This should avoid unwanted people from joining.

### **Virtual Run**

Resources: Social media, registration service



Planning Tips: Various programs around the world are turning to virtual runs to stay in shape and keep the spirit of competition on the rise. To do a virtual run the lodge would notify membership of the race dates. The race can take part over multiple days or just one. The lodge then selects a certain distance they would like it to be, (5k, 10k, 1mi). The lodge would create a social media hashtag for this event where people would share photos or videos of them participating in the race from home. This could also be done on the Facebook event page. The lodge would then sort through the hashtag and highlight these photos and videos to their page bringing out the social media connectedness of all of the runners. The majority of participants would do this for fun, but competitive runners could have the option to submit GPS watch proof of their distance and time for placement. This could be done for free or as a paid fundraiser.

### **Social Media Bingo**

Resources: Social media, photo editing capabilities

Planning Tips: Bingo is a game for all ages and is a great way for members to highlight their accomplishments in the OA. To do social media bingo, a bingo board (grid) would need to be made in a table format or using a photo editor. You then type or photo edit the bingo squares into the grid. The squares could be a mix of pop culture and Scouting related things. For example, “Been to a camporee” or “Listen to pop music.” Once the board is made it is posted to social media with a special hashtag. Membership would then save the social post as an image and use snapchat or camera roll editing to draw an x on the squares they can mark off. They then post it to their own page using the hashtag or comment their results on the parent page.

### **Photo Re-Creation Challenge**

Resources: Social media, photo or art piece, prizes

Planning Tips: The works of great photographers and artists has been long revered in our history. This challenge is a way to put yourself in the artist’s shoes and have fun while doing so. To do this, the lodge would find a noteworthy picture or artwork from a Scouting event or famous art history. These should generally be portraits or photos with things in them that people can dress up as or recreate themselves. The lodge would post it to their page and make a hashtag for the event. Membership would then try and recreate the iconic photo with items they have at home. They would then share it to their social media using the hashtag, or in the comment section of the original post. The Lodge could then highlight what they feel are the best photos and the membership could vote on the best one. The key to this event is to have a very iconic or fun example photo/artwork.

### **Social Media Spirit Week**

Resources: Social media, basic photo editor

Planning Tips: A Social Media Spirit Week is an incredible way to keep members having fun from home and feeling connected in spirit. Before kicking off the social media spirit week, Lodge leadership should set the dress up days or social media trends that will be posted daily. Using light graphic design, the lodge should make a graphic that can be posted to social media highlighting when it will start and what the spirit days are. A hashtag for the week should then be made so membership can share their spirit week photos using the hashtag. Everyone who posts during the week using the hashtag could be put in a drawing for a high-level prize or multiple small prizes.

### **Fishing Derby**

Resources: Social media, prizes

Planning Tips: Fishing is a Scouting classic, and it is a great thing to get members outdoors while social distancing. The lodge would pick the date, or dates for the virtual derby. Membership can fish during the set times. The lodge would determine and post their groupings for age divisions. The lodge could keep track of most fish caught and longest. During the set time, to be scored membership would submit a photo of themselves clearly in the picture with the fish they have caught. For longest length fish the measuring tape needs to be seen in the photo. They could submit the photos via email, to an email made for the event that checked by multiple judges. The results could then be posted on social media and participants could use a hashtag to post their photos while they are participating.

### **Golf Tournament**

Resources: <https://help.18birdies.com/article/50-virtual-golf-tournaments>

Planning Tips: Whether you're getting birdies or bogies, golf is a great sport to get outside and relax. Using a website like <https://help.18birdies.com/article/50-virtual-golf-tournaments> lodges are able to follow the template laid out by the site to organize a virtual bracket. Membership would then join the group set up through the site and golf on their own while submitting results. Just remember, a Scout is trustworthy.

### **Scavenger Hunt**

Resources: Social media

Planning Tips: With so much stuff being on the internet, scavenger hunts are a great way to explore new places from home. Famous museums, hotspots, and even some team bonding

companies have made scavenger hunts you can explore from home. Just a quick google search for online scavenger hunts will get you an idea of where to begin. Most of these are individual activities, which you could highlight on your social media and have membership post results in the comments. A great website <https://www.teambonding.com/programs/day-at-the-museum-adventure/> has a team based scavenger hunt that the lodge can host for multiple members to share as a group.

### **Trivia Night**

Resources: Zoom, Random trivia generator website, prizes

Planning Tips: Trivia nights are an all-time fun classic, and there is no better way to play than with your friends. To do a trivia night as a lodge, schedule a Zoom call and use a random trivia generator website to come up with the questions. The host of the meeting could ask the questions and keep score. You can use the Zoom chat feature or voice chat to submit answers. If needed you can split people into teams.

### **Who Wants to be a Millionaire**

Resources: Zoom, PowerPoint template, prizes

Planning Tips: While only a few ever win the big bucks, anybody can play using this virtual experience. Using Zoom's screen share feature, the host screen shares the PowerPoint template listed below and acts as the moderator for the game. Instructions on the best way to play virtually and a template can be found here. <https://iup.edu/teachingexcellence/reflective-practice/past-events/2008-09/sample-games-to-be-used-in-the-classroom/instructions-for-playing-who-wants-to-be-a-millionaire/>

### **The Price is Right**

Resources: Zoom, PowerPoint template, prizes

Planning Tips: One of the most iconic TV games can now be played from home. Using Zoom's screen share feature, the host can act as the moderator for the game. The host will need to be familiar with the rules of the game and lead the session.

### **Virtual Pictionary**

Resources: Zoom, Virtual pictionary generator site, <https://allthings.how/how-to-play-pictionary-on-zoom/>

Planning Tips: Pictionary is a Scout friendly drawing game similar to charades. Using a site like <https://allthings.how/how-to-play-pictionary-on-zoom/> to set up your game, participants are



easily able to join in on the fun using the Zoom screen share feature and virtual whiteboards. A step-by-step guide on how to set up your experience can be found at the link listed above.

### **Charades**

Resources: Zoom

<http://www.getcharadesideas.com/>

Planning Tips: Charades is a party game classic and playing it over Zoom is just as much fun. Divide participants on the call into teams for charades after getting familiar with the rules. Following the rules of charades, you can use the zoom private message feature to message what to act, and you can use the Zoom spotlight feature as a fun but optional way to highlight who is acting.

### **Heads Up**

Resources: Zoom, Heads Up mobile app

Planning Tips: Heads Up is a fun party game for all to enjoy using a cellphone. Using Zoom webcams and following the rules of Heads Up, the person guessing the answers would put the phone on their forehead like they do in person. Other people on the call use the voice chat feature to shout out clues like normal and play of the game wouldn't change at all. When the next person wants to guess the answers, they put their phone on the forehead and play continues.

### **Family Feud**

Resources: Zoom, PowerPoint template, <https://howtech.tv/office/how-to-make-powerpoint-games-family-feud/>

Planning Tips: Family Feud is sure to brighten anyone's day, and instead of just watching it while you are stuck from home you can play it. Using the Zoom screen share feature, the host can share the PowerPoint template and act as the moderator. Participants can be split into teams on the call. Using voice chat, teams can say their answers and talk as a team using a separate group chat. Following advice from a site like this <https://howtech.tv/office/how-to-make-powerpoint-games-family-feud/> should help you get set up.

### **Minute to Win It**

Resources: Zoom, various household materials (depending on specific game)

Planning Tips: To play Minute to Win It from home, participants use the Zoom webcam feature to show them playing the games. A quick Google search of example games would give

you an idea of what games to tell participants to prep for. They would most likely need to buy their own materials for this but once they have their own the host would just run through the Zoom meeting announcing which game to play next.

### **Jackbox Game Night**

Resources: Jackbox Games

Planning Tips: Jackbox Games is a party games app for PC and mobile devices that is sure to be fun. Once participants have downloaded the paid app, the host navigates its portal and the app to set up and host various games. Games can host large amounts of people and include a wide variety of some of the most famous and popular party games to date.

### **Go Game, Game Show**

Resources: <https://www.thegogame.com/team-building/remote-game>

Planning Tips: This game show is a video conference game show capable of hosting hundreds of people. Throughout the roughly hour long game, the game show will take you through a variety of high paced interactive team building games for all to enjoy. A cool site to check out for a virtual leadership event or fun activity.

### **OA Jeopardy**

Resources: Zoom, PowerPoint template, prizes

Planning Tips: Jeopardy is an OA NOAC classic, and pop culture phenomenon that you can play from home. Using Zoom screen share, the host can act as the clicker for the PowerPoint Template. You can have multiple people in a group or use individuals. The host will need to be familiar with the rules of the game and lead the session. Using a site like <https://jeopardylabs.com/play/jeopardy-virtual-game> to help you understand and set up the game you can easily have a virtual Jeopardy session.

## Service

### **Day of Service**

Even in the midst of a global pandemic, lodge leaders have not forgotten the OA's fundamental role as a Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. While the way the Order of the Arrow gives back may look different, a resilient spirit of service is what makes this program unique. One project that stands out for its innovation is the Remote Day of Service in Ahoalan Nachpikin Lodge located in Chickasaw Council in Tennessee. Over the course of a week, lodge members found ways to give back: donating to food banks, building birdhouses, cleaning up parks, and more. The week culminated in a Day of Service--the capstone of their efforts. During that afternoon, images of Arrowmen helping their community were posted every 15 minutes. That evening, lodge leadership held a virtual campfire, complete with skits and a rededication ceremony that were pre-recorded. This provided a celebratory close to a week of good deeds.

### **Thank You Cards**

A nice way your lodge could thank first responders, hospital workers, essential workers, and those on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic is to write thank you cards. Creating a template that Arrowmen can print and sign, or even add their own personal touch, is an easy way for a chapter or lodge to help thank people in their community. A chapter or lodge could organize a collection of the cards to deliver them all at once.

### **Story Time Block Bingo**

This is a unique idea from Troop 115 in Jonesboro, Arkansas. The troop organized this game within their community and built it around children's books. This game gets the local community involved and people reading!

It starts by collecting people's favorite children's books. While collecting the book names, the people submitting the books should decorate their houses to match the book. While this is happening create a Bingo card based on the submissions you have received.

At a preset time, the Bingo Card and the winners then receive prizes based on who finished the card first. To cross a spot off someone first has to read the book and then find the house.

### **Food Donations**

Donations are still needed at food pantries and soup kitchens. Creating collection points for donated food and then bringing it to an organization that needs it could help your community.

### **Clean-up Challenges**

Challenging Arrowmen in your lodge or chapter to clean up their neighborhoods and provide service to their community. Creating a social media campaign to do this is fairly easy and would need a hashtag relating to their chapter or lodge.

### **Indian Lore Merit Badge classes**

The first step is finding a merit badge counselor willing to teach the merit badge online. Work with the merit badge counselor to figure out what needs they may have. Once that is all set, create a registration for Scouts to sign up and run the merit badge classes.

The requirements can be found here:

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit\\_Badge\\_ReqandRes/Indian\\_Lore.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_ReqandRes/Indian_Lore.pdf)

### **Camp service projects**

While many summer camps are closing for this summer work still needs to be done at camp. Organizing small work parties to do service projects while still following social distance requirements would allow your chapter or lodge to provide service back to your camps while following applicable health guidelines.

### **Troop and SPL support**

Chapters and lodges can work with Senior Patrol Leaders to help create an online program for their troops. Chapter Chiefs can give ideas that they have seen from other troops or give the SPL's a space to share ideas about the troop program online.

Arrowmen could even help run a meeting or teach a new skill to members of the troop. This would be especially helpful for new troops with young Scouts. You can also create meeting plans for virtual meetings that troops.

### **Making masks**

Making masks for members of the community can be done by chapters or lodges. Encouraging lodge members to make the masks and send them is an easy or you could organize the collection and shipment of the masks to one of the organizations listed below.

You can find a list of organizations that need masks here: <https://www.deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask/Mask-Donations>