



We all know that keeping in touch with our young members is really important, but it can be difficult. Not every girl is happy to zoom and some leaders find it difficult too. This resource aims to give you ideas of things you can do on zoom and ideas for other activities too.

If you find zooming difficult speak to your Division Commissioner – she will be able to find someone to talk it through with you and help you with your first few sessions or if this is still not possible then maybe you could join with another unit.

Tips on using zoom:

- With your fellow leaders, plan who is going to do what before you start – who will oversee the waiting room, who will lead the activity, who will mute and unmute the girls, who will keep an eye on things written in Chat etc
- Tell the girls at the start of the session what the aim of the evening is and explain any ground rules.
- If you are unhappy about the behaviour of a girl on zoom remove her from the call and make contact with the parent – don't let a girl spoil the call for others.

If you can't zoom:

- Send out some of the Region resources from their website that the girls can work on at home – Booms-a-daisy, Swebots, Rustle, Bustle and Squeak etc
- Send out the 3 Hampshire's Golden Challenge which can be found on the County website
- Use the Adventures at Home activities from the Girlguiding website or Girlguiding for Members Facebook Pages
- Record a video of what you would like the girls to do at home for a week and email it to parents or put it on your Facebook page.
- Record a video and upload to an unlisted YouTube channel and use it to congratulate girls on badges gained, celebrate anniversary badges, wish girls Happy Birthday etc or just to say hello.
- Prepare bags with craft activities for a week/fortnight/month and deliver them or ask parents to collect, include a newsletter for the girls – they love getting post!
- Keep in regular contact so they don't feel left out.

If you can zoom:

As well as completing Skills Builders and UMAs on zoom it is always good to have fun activities too. Don't forget that each girl must have a completed consent form and their adult must be nearby during the call. There must be at least 2 Leaders on the call. Here are some suggestions -

Games

- Play card bingo – the girls choose 10 cards from a standard deck or write a list of 10 cards in advance. The Leader then has a full deck and goes through cards 1 at a time. If a

brownie has the card, they cross it off their list or turn it over. Winner is first to turn over all cards or cross them all off from their list. You can have different themes – emojis, animals etc

- 20 items in a bag – the girls find 20 different things from around their home and put them in a bag or pillowcase. The Leader then says an object – elephant, fridge, chair, toothbrush etc and the girls have to find the object in their bag which could be one of these things – they have to explain their reasoning.
- The bean game – make sure the girls have enough space to move – they can dance or run on the spot, call out French Bean, Runner Bean etc and girls make the pose, when you call out Baked Bean they drop to the ground – last one down is out.
- Play 2 truths and a lie - The girls in turn have to tell the others two true things about themselves and one thing that isn't true. As an example, I run a Brownie Pack, I have a pet bear called Horace and I live in Fareham. The girls then have to guess which fact wasn't true.
- Blind Drawing – the girls have to follow the instructions given by the Leader and draw the picture. They don't know what the picture is and the Leader can only say where to draw not what it is.
- Guess the baby – each girl sends a picture of themselves as a baby to the Leader and the girls have to guess who they are – can include Leaders too!
- Play Scategories – choose 5 letters and 2 categories, girls have to write something for each category beginning with each letter. They then take it turns to read out their answers, if someone has the same answer as you then you cross it out. The winner is the one with the most uncrossed out answers.
Charades – girls take it in turn to act something out – can do it in teams.
- Guess the item – the girls find something in their house and describe it so others can guess what it is.

Food activities

- Bake Off - girls bake before the zoom session, can either show results live or have photos sent to Leader beforehand. The girls talk about their creations and then they are judges – could have different categories – most elaborate, most layers, etc
- Have a Rainbow themed party - the girls make rainbow coloured food to eat and wear rainbow coloured clothes. Play games on a colour theme.
- Fruit Animals – here is a link - <https://www.forkly.com/food/7-easy-recipes-that-make-fruit-veggies-fun-for-kids/>

General Activities

- Have a Show and Tell evening to get the girls gaining confidence speaking on Zoom meeting – make sure you let every girls have a turn.
- Have a virtual art exhibition – girls prepare a piece of art – painting, drawing, sculpture etc and talk about their exhibit, could turn it into a competition or link it in with famous pieces of art work.
- Scavenger Hunt – the Leader prepares a list of 10 items found in most households. These could be random items such as spoon, book, sock etc, or could be something red, yellow etc or something bigger than you, something soft, something shiny etc. Call out one item

at a time, girls go and grab it and first 3 back get a point. The girl with the most points is the winner.

- The Masked Rainbow/Brownie/Guide (like the masked singer show from TV). Before the zoom call the girls, design and wear an outfit/disguise including a mask and sing a verse and chorus of a song which the parents video. The parents send them to the Leader who plays them on the Zoom session and the girls vote on their favourite. They can also guess who it is.
- Photography challenge – give the girls a week to take photos and make a collage of things that make them happy, share them on the Zoom meeting encouraging the girls to talk about their collage.
- Never Ending Stories - leader started a story with 'Once upon a time there was a Rainbow/Brownie/Guide' and then each girl takes it in turn to add a bit to the story. You could extend this by making sure each girl has a mini pack of Randoms – when it is their turn they could remove one of the sweets and incorporate that item in their story – at the end they get to eat their sweets!
- Quizzes – these can be compiled by the Leaders or the girls themselves, don't make them too long or too difficult. They could be theme based or random.
- Pet Show, the girls can share their real pet or a stuffed toy. The girls will act as judges and vote on the best in each category e.g. The most obedient pet, the one who looks most like it's owner, The highest jumping pet, the best trick, the best dancing pet, the most photogenic pet, the prettiest eyes, the best pet handler. You include the rest of the girl's family and let the girl face paint an animal face on one of them!
- Rainbows/Brownies/Guides Have Talent - girls prepare their act, the parents video them and send them to the Leader in advance of the Zoom meeting. Videos are shared on the Zoom meeting and the girls vote for their winner. Older girls may choose to perform 'live'. Good activity to help with girls' confidence.
- Have a Hat evening - For a bit of fun, the girls come to the zoom meeting wearing different hats. After looking at the different hats everyone takes their hat off. The Leader counts to 3 and the girls must decide whether or not to put a hat on their head. The winner is the first person to correctly count the number of hats on heads.
- A virtual zoo trip - the girls are zookeepers and share 3 facts about their chosen animals. You could follow this with a craft activity that is animal related – origami animal or an animal made from cardboard tubes etc.