

# Scouting at Home



**GET  
BACK  
OUT**



# Welcome

Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> and final edition of our Scouting at Home Commissioner's Challenge. It's been great to see young people participating in these activities and orders for badges are now approaching 2000. If you haven't joined in with the Commissioner's Challenge so far, perhaps you are just looking to get your section open again, it's not too late. Have a look over the 3 previous editions for lots of great programme ideas for Scouting at Home which could form part of your blended programme of at home/online and face to face activities:

Edition 1 - <https://bit.ly/SAHCHALLENGE2>

Edition 2 - <https://bit.ly/36NjoIC>

Edition 3 - <https://bit.ly/WLSSAH3>

We still have some free badges available for everyone participating in the challenge, you can place an order for your group here:

- <https://tinyurl.com/SAHOrder>

This edition is the "Get back out" edition, recognising that in most of the County (unfortunately excluding Preston at present) we can now organise some face to face activities. Each section will need to think about when their leadership team is ready to start this and consult with parents and young people to ensure their concerns and needs are included in the planning process. There is a wealth of information, guidance and FAQs available to support you on The Scouts webpages - <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/scouts-at-home/getting-everyone-back-together-safely/>

The key points of which are:

- Group sizes restricted to 15 young people + up to 5 adults (Scout network group sizes restricted to 6 people)

- 2 metre social distancing to be maintained (including during drop off/pick up)
- Activities may only take place outdoors (due to current local restrictions)
- Face masks required indoors for Scouts and older
- Handwashing at the start and end of sessions
- Additional PPE required in First Aid kits
- Written parental consent for young people to restart face to face Scouting
- Recording attendees for track & trace
- Avoid sharing equipment to avoid contamination

Groups or Sections will need to produce a risk assessment specifically considering the Covid-19 risks and controls in their local environment, and forward this to their Districts' Covid Risk Assessment Group for approval before undertaking any face to face activity. These groups, along with section ADCs and DESCs are there to support you to offer the outdoors and adventurous activities our young people have been missing out on.

In addition to the ideas in this edition, there are more suggestions to inspire your programme planning on The Scouts website: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/scouts-at-home/activities-and-badges-to-do-at-home/adapting-the-programme-during-coronavirus-crisis/socially-distanced-scout-activities/>

Thanks for all you are doing to ensure young people can continue enjoying Scouting, it makes a real difference.

Andrew Hobson  
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# BEAVERS

- G** Grow something for Christmas – something to eat as part of the Christmas festivities or to use in your decorations.
- E** Entertain – have a game of charades within your small grouping or demonstrate your talents – tricks, skits or mime.
- T** Target games – work on your aim or set a target to achieve e.g. how many star jumps can you do in 30seconds, how many songs can you sing in 30 minutes, how many knots can you learn to tie?
- B** Balancing – run a session all about balancing: how good are Beaver Scouts at balancing? Try on one foot, on a beam or a slack line, how long can they balance a spoon on their nose or a book on their head? Try different materials to build a tower which can support a bar of soap!
- A** Autumn Art – as summer comes to an end and the natural colours around us start to change, what works of art can you make? Or, make imprints / rubbings of the different textures you can find around you - what effects can you make with tree bark, leaves, concrete etc.?
- C** Colour chart – using paint colour charts from DIY stores, go on a treasure hunt to see how many items you can match to the various shades.
- K** Kool Kandy – can you make gummy worms dance, your own ice cream or some slime? Check out the link! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rnrXEsyLFNg>
- O** Orienteering – practice some map reading skills and follow a pre laid orienteering course or set your own for Beaver Scouts to follow. Some permanent courses can be found at <https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/pocs>
- U** Umbrella mobile – with the great British weather we're used to seeing umbrellas. Why not decorate the inside of a black umbrella with stars and planets and have rockets travelling to space, make an underwater scene with a blue umbrella or create your own theme? Take the material off and just use the frame, let your imaginations run wild!
- T** Tracks, trails and torches – lots of us know the story of going on a bear hunt, take a trip to the woods and see what evidence you can find of animals in your local area (hopefully not too many bears out there!). Good luck!

- G** Geocaching - create your own Geocache: <https://www.geocaching.com/play>
- E** Eating - cook something new on a fire: <https://mammaschool.co.uk/category/outdoor-cooking/>
- T** Tyres - learn how to fix a puncture:  
<https://www.cyclescheme.co.uk/community/how-to/how-to-fix-a-puncture-2>
- B** Bird feeders - make a bird feeder : <https://www.getoutwiththekids.co.uk/activities/making/making-bird-feeder-plastic-bottle/>
- A** Arctic Night - bring the arctic to your outside space:  
<https://www.getoutwiththekids.co.uk/activities/making/creating-ice-sculptures/>
- C** Candles - have a go at making your own candle: <https://artandcraftfactory.co.uk/candle-making-with-kids/>
- K** Kites - will they fly??? : <https://www.instructables.com/id/Easy-Paper-Kite-for-Kids/>
- O** On the Water - make your own raft : <https://www.getoutwiththekids.co.uk/activities/making/tiny-raft-making/>
- U** Under the bonnet - learn how to check the oil and change the water in a car:  
<https://www.midas.com.au/why-and-how-to-check-your-cars-water-and-oil-levels/>
- T** Tracking - get back to some basics : <https://members.scouts.org.uk/factsheets/FS170058.pdf>

- G** Geocaching – An ideal activity for patrols, join the world’s largest treasure hunt at [geocaching.com](https://www.geocaching.com)
- E** Environment – what can you do to improve your environment locally?
- T** Trangia – cook a meal on a hike stove.
- B** Bike – Get on it!
- A** Astronomy – learn a little about our universe and maybe earn your Astronomer Activity Badge.
- C** Creative – make a big collage using things found outdoors.
- K** Knot you it’s me – brush up on your skills.
- O** Orienteering – use a map and compass to find the markers.
- U** Upcycling project – bring something old back into use.
- T** Tree – mendous – learn to identify some flora and fauna.

# EXPLORERS

- G** Get hiking – Get up in the hills, safely and enjoy stretching your legs with Scouting Friends.
- E** Eating camp-fire food – build a campfire and try and cook a Calzone pizza or Chocolate Orange brownies – how adventurous can you get? Try this [Go Outdoors Campfire Cookbook](#) for ideas.
- T** Treasure Hunt – You can make your own, geocache, have a [what3words](#) challenge walk or look for a [Treasure Trail](#) in your area.
- B** Bat spotting – Bats are easier to spot in the summer as they come out to feed on insects – Find out more with the [Canal River Trust](#).
- A** Activity badges – lots of badges to choose from but why not look at the [Explorer Survival Skills badge](#).
- C** Communication games – No need for Zoom on this evening – what other ways can you have fun talking? Morse code, semaphore, your own code, or just describing a drawing back to back – how clearly can you communicate.
- K** Kayaking – get out on the water and enjoy the physical challenge and calm of paddling.
- O** Outside games night – from wide games to charades enjoy some light-hearted competition face to face.
- U** Under-the-stars outdoor cinema – popcorn and a movie
- T** Tennis – dust off those tennis rackets and hit some tennis balls.

# network

- G** Game – organise and take part in a wide game on the beach, at your local scout campsite or in the park.
- E** Environment - provide service to your local scout hut, district Headquarters, local Scout campsite or local area.
- T** Top of the mountain – take part in a socially distanced hike.
- B** Bike - using bikes explore your local area or travel further afield.
- A** Articulate – play the fast-talking description game, sitting around a campfire.
- C** Campfire Admirer – Scout out the science of the perfect campfire to create something worthy of the hall of flame. Then have a sing song around it or even cook something scoultacular.
- K** Kayak – get out on the water.
- O** Oven – create a camp oven and turn your Network into the next bake-off champion and give Mary Berry and her Victoria Sponger a run for her money.
- U** Undercover - build a shelter from recycled materials and materials found in the environment.
- T** Teach – Find someone in your district who can teach you a practical skill e.g. tiling, change a car tyre, check the oil in a car.