

# Scouting@Home



## Flinders Park

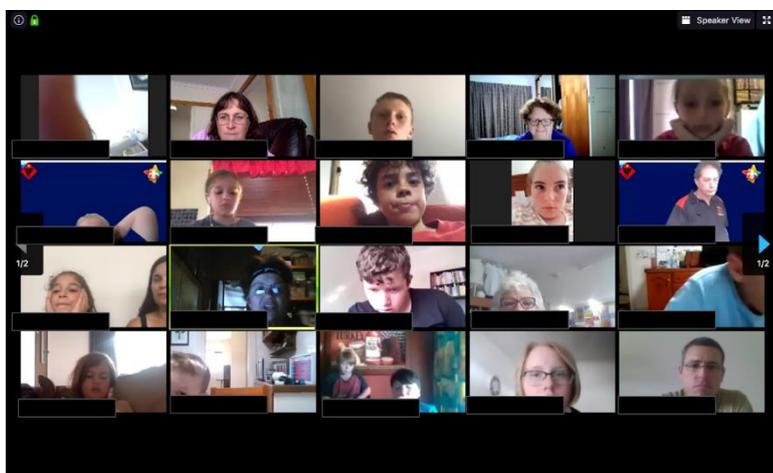
Only last week Flinders Park Scout Group were running meetings at the hall, although we were planning to move to Online Scouting the following week and had a Group Council scheduled for Thursday night.

Well, what a whirlwind week this has been... COVID-19 restrictions meant that our Group Council was now online, and our potential online meetings were suddenly a sure thing!

At our first online Group Council we decided to invite Moonta to join us for Online Scouting, and we welcomed them to our first meeting on Sunday to test out Zoom, and signed them up to our Google Classrooms (which is how we have decided to distribute information/resources for each unit).

Since then we have run Joey Scouts, Scouts and Cub Scouts, all via Zoom.

Luckily, as we were planning the move to Online Scouting, we had managed to record one of our Scouts breaking and lowering the flag, so we have been able to include this in our online meetings. As well as our ceremonies, we have seen such activities as musical statues, dice games, mapping bingo, online UNO, hangman, compass drawings, memory games and SIA planning. It has been fantastic to be able to provide a stable connection to our youth members at this time of uncertainty and it is great to be working with our friends from Moonta Scout Group.



What have I personally discovered in our first week of Online Scouting? Firstly, the Leader team at Flinders Park are AMAZING! They have jumped into this process, ready to try anything, and are fantastic role models for our youth members. Secondly, we spend a lot of time during regular meetings 'transitioning' to activities, time that we don't need to cater for if the youth members are at their computers, ready to go (so meetings go quicker/we need to plan more). Also, everyone wants to catch up and chat, so we need to develop some online protocols. The final thing is probably to **be prepared** and ensure everyone knows what is going on before the meeting, so that others can take over if someone drops out due to internet 'issues'.

Where to from here? Our Leader team is currently considering how our meetings went and reviewing the feedback from the youth members. We will survey all participants to get really detailed feedback and include this in our planning, and we need to make sure everyone has actually joined our online groups! Finally, we are considering how we set up our meetings so that the youth members take the lead again - with "Plan, Do, Review" already happening this should be a breeze!

Feel free to contact us for more information,

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