

# Fun projects for kids that you can do from home

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As public places, including many parks and campgrounds, are closing to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, you might be left scratching your head on what you and your kids can do.

Plenty!

As we've highlighted this week, Scouts can still **meet virtually** and **serve others**. They can also go on nature hikes around your neighborhood, develop a hobby (and **share them** with *Boys' Life!*), camp in the backyard, try out a new recipe, work in the garden or help with a home project.

Let's take a look at a few activities that would be perfect during this time we should limit group activities:

## **For Lions (Kindergarteners)**

Kindergarten-age youth do best when they have structure and schedules. Keep it simple and routine. Here are a few fun activities to add to their schedule:

- Make bubble juice – blow bubbles and pop them. Make homemade bubble wands with yarn and straws.
- Put together a genius kit of miscellaneous items and make a gadget out of them. The gadget doesn't have to work; they can use their imagination to describe what it does.
- Make a container garden.
- Complete the Rumble in the Jungle Adventure. Play a game and choose an animal they would like to be and why.

## **For Tigers (First-graders)**

Structure and schedules are best for first-graders, too. Ideally, this schedule is as close to what they would experience at school.

- Learn a magic trick.
- Spell your name using sign language.
- Create a secret code.
- Learn about your family history. Interview a grandparent or parent about what life was like when they were young and what were their parents like, and make a family tree.
- Observe the night sky. Identify two constellations.

## **For Wolves (Second-graders)**

Second-graders are natural explorers. Create a list of home rules or expectations; allowing them to be part of the process can help chances they'll follow them.

- Make a clean room chart, and do the chores for at least one week.
- Talk about why it is important to stretch before and after exercising. Demonstrate proper warm-up movements and stretches before and after each activity that involves action.
- Select a seed, and plant it in a small container. Care for it for 30 days. Take a picture of your plant once each week.
- Grow a mold culture.

## **For Bears (Third-graders)**

As with all elementary-aged youth, a schedule and routine can help maintain normalcy and give them confidence to try new things. Here are a few activities they can do:

- Create a cookbook, using at least five recipes that they could prepare with adult supervision.
- Make a marble obstacle course.
- Create a game using marbles, designing the rules of the game and sharing the game with a family member.
- Make static electricity by rubbing a balloon or a plastic or rubber comb against another material, such as fleece blanket or wool sweater.

## **For Webelos and Arrow of Light (Fourth- and fifth-graders)**

Fourth- and fifth-graders are starting to become more independent and like to be part of making plans. At this age, you can have a discussion with them about the schedule and specific times things should happen and how much time should be allotted.

- Build a model of the solar system. Chart the distances between the planets so that the model is to scale.
- Put together a tool box with at least five tools. Describe what each tool is used for and how to properly use it.
- Learn how to plunge a toilet and how a plunger works.
- Show how to change a light bulb; learn about the difference in sizes, watts and measurements of brightness.
- Discuss chores that each family member does. Develop a list of at least three tasks you can do on a daily basis and do them for at least two weeks.

## App access

Since you may have extra time on your hands, you and your Scout will have access to an entire year's worth of *Boys' Life* issues for free on the ***Boys' Life* app** for a limited time. From this month's issue on back, you can read about all the Scouting adventures, comics, jokes, how-to's and witticisms from Pedro the Mailburro on the app for **iOS** or **Android**.

### More on BoysLife.org

For more ideas on fun stuff to do at home, check out these **25 activities** on the *Boys' Life* website. Also available on the site are **online games**, **stories**, **podcasts**, **quizzes** and more.

This might be a great time to encourage your Scout to enter **BL's 2020 "Say Yes to Reading!" Contest**. Scouts can read a fiction or nonfiction book, write a report and turn it in for a chance to win an Amazon gift card. Everyone who enters will get a cool free patch.