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Many of you are now at home all day, trying to work, raise a family and help kids with schoolwork. We get it—it’s chaos! But if you are looking for a way to use the time to learn something new, we’ve got a fun way to help motivate you—Girl Scout Bingo for Volunteers!

**How to play:** Complete a numbered activity to claim that square on your Scout Bingo card. You can choose which activities to complete, or for extra fun, you can let a virtual bingo caller choose the squares you should complete. Simply put in 1-25 for the number range and hit “generate number” to find out which activities you should complete. Complete five in a row (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal) to bingo. This activity is all Girl Scout’s Honor.

This is not a race to be first to complete your Girl Scout Bingo. When you submit a completed card, you will be entered in a drawing for a $10 gift certificate to the Girl Scouts - Diamonds Retail Shop and a Juliette Gordon Low Lapel Pin. Drawing will be held Friday, May 1.

Let us know when you have “bingo-ed” by sending us an email with the subject line of “Completed Girl Scout Bingo.” The email should list the five numbers you completed and include your name. Please send email to aschneider@girlscoutsdiamonds.org. This activity is Girl Scout’s Honor. Now let’s get out there AND…. and erm, let’s STAY IN and play Girl Scout Bingo!

**S is for STEAM**

1. **VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP.** Check out this list of [ten top museums](#) around the world with free virtual field trips. If you have already completed all of these virtual field trips, find another one or share information about your favorite with other volunteers or your troop parents.

2. **ENGINEER THIS.** Head over to the VTK and read through the curriculum for the Think Like An Engineer Journey. Have you already done this Journey with your troop? Read the one for the next grade level to be prepared or reach out to other volunteers to share your advice and experience with this journey.

3. **COOKING UP SCIENCE.** Check out this [TED Talk](#) that helps you understand how to use cooking to teach science! If you feel inspired to carry this further, head into the kitchen and try it for yourself.

4. **DESIGN IT.** PBS has a [wonderful resource](#) on helping kids learn the design process. If you feel like you are already a “design process” expert, do a virtual activity with your girls using it!

5. **STOP AND STEAM.** Be more intentional about STEAM in your everyday life. Have your kids do the math involved in keeping score when you play a game as a family. Explore the color wheel by using a little food coloring to liven up your meals and have them learn how colors blend. Have them review and sign the [Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge](#). Use the scientific method to figure things out around the home. Use this with your troop to get everyone participating when you are doing virtual troop meetings!

**C is for CRAFTS**

6. **SWAPS.** Have you ever wondered what a SWAP is? Our sister council Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta posted a [video](#) to explain all about SWAPS. And of course, Pinterest is full of SWAP ideas. Do you already feel like you know all about SWAPS? How about encouraging your troop or service unit to MAKE some?
7. MAKE SOME DOUGH. Learn to make a craft dough. Here is a simple recipe for a salt dough, which is made with ingredients you probably already have! Fun for all ages!

8. LAND ART. Make art with nature! Go out in your yard and gather up pieces of nature to create a temporary artwork. Arrange pinecones, sticks, leaves, rocks, acorns or other items in a spiral, mandala or other design of your choice. Use color and texture to add to the effect of your Land Art. Don’t just have your kids do this—it’s fun for adults too! If you do this on your own land you can leave it in place, but Land Art in public spaces should not be left behind so that others can see nature as undisturbed as possible.

9. RECYCLED ART. Challenge your kids to create a masterpiece using basic craft supplies such as tape, glue, scissors, crayons and markers and the contents of your recycling bin to see what they create! Five Minute Crafts for Kids has a recycled crafts video for inspiration.

10. FABRIC CRAFTS. Make a no-sew pillow with this tutorial from T-shirt.ca. Don’t have the supplies in your house? Use this time to teach your kids how to sew on a button or do other simple sewing (or no-sew) fabric crafts.

O is for OUT AND ABOUT

11. OUTDOOR SKILLS. GSUSA and the Elliott Wildlife Values Project have teamed up to provide eight outdoor skill-building videos especially for new Girl Scout volunteers and older Girl Scouts. Topics include The Dos and Don’ts of Backpacking, Outdoors Songs and Games, Introduction to Fire Building, How to Leave No Trace Outdoors, Introduction to Cooking Outdoors, Step by Step: Developing Outdoor Skills in Girls, Taking the Journeys Outside, Planning Your Troop’s First Campout, and Introduction to Campsite Set-Up. You can find these videos here. Even if you are an Outdoor Trainer, this is a great time to watch these videos and see how they can help those new to outdoor skills.

12. PROPERTY RESERVATIONS. Are you curious how to reserve a Girl Scouts - Diamonds Property? Learn all about the reservation process by watching a video. If you’re already a reservation system pro, read up on some of our properties you might not have experienced yet or even about state parks, and start making plans for when you can get out and about.

13. VENTURE OUT I. Have you taken this outdoor training? This is a home study course which provides volunteers with instructions on organizing and facilitating activities with girls that involve overnight stay. This class must be taken prior to troop travel with any overnight stay – no fire building permitted. Access the Venture Out I booklet here. Take the Venture Out I Exam here. If you have already taken this course, this is a great time to refresh your memory or encourage other volunteers to take it.

14. DESTINATIONS. Watch this Girl Scouts - Diamonds Destinations Webinar covering general information about GSUSA Destinations, types and locations, how to apply and financial assistance available through Girl Scouts - Diamonds. Have you already had this training? Find a way to promote Destinations such as setting up a virtual meeting with girls who have been on these trips sharing information to girls who haven’t.

15. TROOP TRAVEL. Traveling might not be possible right now, but you can plan! GSUSA has put together a Guide to US Travel. For council specific travel info, scroll down the Troop Travel section and check out the FAQs and the Travel Application. Already a troop-travel maniac? This is a great time to check out the membership/background check status of troop parents or guide a younger troop through this process of getting ready.
U is for USEFUL STUFF

16. RAISING AWESOME GIRLS. GSUSA has put together some great resources on Raising Awesome Girls. Tips to raise healthy, happy girls who are leaders in their communities. Anti-bullying, school success and even how to talk your girl about COVID-19 are all covered at Raising Awesome Girls.

17. GIRL SCOUTS SONGS. Learn to sing some Girl Scout songs. There are lots of videos online to help you. One of our favorites is former Girl Scouts – Diamonds staff members Mindy and Kelly teaching traditional Girl Scout songs in this video. Even if you know all the songs they cover, it is a like having a virtual campfire and good for the Girl Scout heart to sing-along.

18. CEREMONIES. There are lots of ceremonies in Girl Scouting. Learn about the different types on our ceremonies page and then work with your girls to have them plan their next ceremony.

19. JOURNEYS. Girl Scout Journeys can sometime intimidate troop leaders. Learn about the different types of Journeys and how to complete them with a video from Girl Scouts of Western Ohio. If you’ve been doing lots of Journeys, share your best practices with other volunteers!

20. ACTIVITY INSURANCE. There are times when extra insurance is needed for Girl Scout trips or events. Get the scoop on when you need it, which plan to purchase and how to purchase it by watching our Activity Insurance training video. Even if you’ve purchased a lot of activity insurance, this can be a great refresher.

T is for TRAININGS

21. CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION TRAINING. We have recently made it a requirement for our volunteers to take a child abuse awareness and prevention training. If you haven’t fulfilled this requirement, now is the time. Complete the training required by the state in which you live: Arkansas / Texas. Oklahoma residents, email info@girlscoutsdiamonds.org for the training link.

Have you already completed this training? Then consider this is kind of a “Free Space” for being responsible!

22. SAFETY. Has it been awhile since you took new leader training and you want a safety refresher? Has your troop gotten older and are ready for higher adventure activities? Review the latest version of Safety Activity Checkpoints or watch our Keeping Girls Safe training video.

23. VOLUNTEER TOOLKIT. Superpower your Girl Scouts Troop Year with the volunteer toolkit! Check out this GSUSA VTK video to help you get the most of your experience! Even if you have been using the VTK, there are probably parts of it you haven’t explored yet—get in there and play around!

24. HIGHEST AWARDS OR MOUSE SCOUTS. Are your girls about to work on their Bronze, Silver or Gold Award? We have training videos available for each on our Highest Awards page. If you have already taken this training, this is a great time to encourage your girls to work on the prerequisites or the planning stages of these awards. If your girls are already Gold Award Girl Scouts, have them share their experiences with a younger troop. For those of you with Daisies and Brownies, check out the free Mouse Scouts Activity Kit or work on one of the awards from the Handbook Section of the Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting such as the Safety Award or the My Promise, My Faith Award.

25. TROOP FINANCES. Explore information on various troop financial topics such as Additional Troop Money Earning and how girls can participate in Financial Management at different age levels. Or watch the Girl Scouts – Diamonds Managing Group Finances training video for a refresher (hey, we threw a lot of information at you at once when you became a leader, some of it is bound to have slipped away!)