Creating a Virtual Troop

Staying connected to others even when you can't be together supports girls' mental and emotional well-being. Troop leaders who are interested in continuing their troop experiences this spring may want to consider starting virtual troops. The resources below can help you quickly get started. Feel free to use other tools you've found online as well. Remember – privacy settings are key to helping our girls stay staff. Work with the parents in your troop to ensure parents have given permission for girls to participate and can log-in through their parent's account.

On Google:

1.   Log-in to your Google account
2.   Launch the "Hangouts" app, and select "Video Call"
3.   Use the invite popup link to share your call with members of your group!
a.   You can enter your group member's email addresses to have an invitation sent to their inbox OR
b.   You can copy and share the link to the call and post it in a group message, or on another group platform

Features we love on Google Hangouts:

-       Video function allows you to see and speak with members of your group
-       Chat function allows people to comment or ask questions without interrupting the presenter
-       Share screen function allows you to show people presentations or websites on your computer

On Zoom:

1.   Log-in to your Zoom account
2.   Select the "Meetings" page on the left bar menu, and click the "Schedule a Meeting" button
3.   Enter the title, time, and duration of your meeting*
4.   Install the zoom software on your computer
5.   Use the "invite" button to email your meeting to your group!

*Meetings with 3 or more participants are limited to 40 minutes or less with the free version

Using Facebook:

To create a group:

1.   Click Create in the top right of Facebook and select Group.
2.   Enter your group name, add group members and then choose the privacy option for your group (be sure to select private).
3.   Click Create.
4.   Invite your troop parents to join the group.
5.   Create a Live troop meeting or upload a video of a badge-earning activity that your troop is currently working on so girls can work on that component at home.
Once you create your group, you personalize it by uploading a cover photo and adding a description.

Class DoJo

Class DoJo is offering free access right now. This platform is typically used by teachers but is easily adaptable for troop leaders to use to facilitate their troops online. Learn more here:

https://www.classdojo.com/remotelearning