

WHAT IS VIRTUAL EXPLORING?

Virtual Exploring is Scouting's virtual hands-on career and character education program for youth in the Sixth grade through 20 years old. Virtual Exploring allows youth to discover their futures by gaining insight about current and potential careers directly from mentors and professionals.

Our innovative program allows youth to develop in a safe environment while saving them time and money. Participants learn what they want to do professionally earlier than they would otherwise through general and specific career field/industry education. We stand apart from other career programs by offering character building as well as career experience.

THREE PILLARS OF VIRTUAL EXPLORING

VIRTUAL EXPLORERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE:

Career Talks

Professionals from various careers discuss their jobs through recorded video or live at Virtual Exploring meetings

Essential Skills Lessons

"Soft" or core skills lessons relevant to all youth and professions

Hands-On Activities

Virtual hands-on activities related to careers which can be completed remotely

Career Discussion Panels

Youth ask direct questions to professionals in a live, virtual gathering to gain an "insider's" view of popular and discoverable career options

Virtual Worksite Visits

Explorers get "behind the scenes" access to places their peers likely don't for a unique perspective of potential future careers

ADDITIONAL INTERACTIVE RESOURCES

Along with the three main pillars of Virtual Exploring, youth have access twice a month to interactive career connection resources unique to Exploring.

BENEFITS OF VIRTUAL EXPLORING

Convenience

- ► Easy, safe, continuous access to career education
- Drives diversity and representation in career and character education
- Overcomes transportation, geographic, and financial barriers

Access to Organizations and Companies

- → Allows engagement to teach and lead youth
- Easy to use virtual library of career-specific, core skills lessons and guides

Learning and Interacting with Other Youth

- Helps students plan paths for up to 47 years in the workforce
- Youth of many backgrounds learn together with shared interests
- ► Interview-style "end of year" reviews with professionals