

# Delta Gamma

## Virtual Bid Day Ideas

**In 2019, if someone had mentioned a virtual Bid Day, you probably would have said “no way, not possible!” But, here we are and not only is it possible, but you can make it an incredible experience for your chapter’s new members!**

Even virtually, it is important to provide the new members with an engaging Bid Day that begins to connect them to Delta Gamma and each other. When planning for a virtual Bid Day, consider the following tips:

- Use a tool, like Zoom, that has a breakout room feature. You can move your new members and small group leaders into breakout rooms to help make the conversation more intimate. It is important that new members have the opportunity to participate in meaningful conversation. Breakout rooms allow for this.
- Use video conferencing so that you can see the new members and they can see you.
- Make sure to have opportunities for them to connect using ice breakers and connection activities in both large and small groups.
- New members should also be assigned a Bid Day buddy or partner. You should include opportunities for new members to get to know other members through assigned buddies or other creative programming.

### **Ideas for a virtual Bid Day:**

- Use music to kick off your Bid Day in a fun way! You could even invite new members to submit songs to be added to the playlist. Or make it a Zoom dance party!
- Paint party - calling Bob Ross! Perhaps a local art instructor, DG alumna or even a talented sister can host, guiding students through a simple landscape or object to paint. Get creative - while many may not have supplies on hand, consider doing an interactive painting where each woman directs the painter via Zoom (“Use bright blue!” “Add an tree” “More glitter!”) You could even make it nautical themed! Or a piece of artwork to eventually be hung in the chapter house.
- Pet photo competitions - Who wouldn’t smile at a dog in a tutu? A hamster with a bowtie? A cat in a hat? Ask new members to post their photos on social media with a hashtag like #DGDogs #PetsofDG. Add in a contest element for some extra engagement!
- TikTok competitions - This could be like a film festival, minus the red carpet. Have new members submit videos or challenge them to complete one.
- Internet scavenger hunts - Scavenger hunts always involve, well, scavenging. But it doesn’t have to be conducted through a physical realm; you can go digital. Think of your chapter’s various webpages and social media accounts as the locations that participants have to search through. Incorporate cryptic clues, graphics with double-meanings, and embedded games or videos to lead students on a wild internet chase. To digitize it, simply instruct all members to take screenshots or find clues within web pages, rather than taking photos or collecting physical items.
- A video tour of the chapter house - If there is a sister or adviser in town that could walk them through the space, ask them to ‘welcome’ new members to their new home on campus!

### **Ideas for a social distancing Bid Day:**

- Consider meeting at a local park, splash pad or large outside space. Have a “Who’s behind the mask” reveal with groups of 10 or so members, and include new members spread among the groups. Switch the groups to go find another “theme” which might include birthday months, majors, favorite food or snack, favorite hobby - you name it!
- Gather outside in a large area and use music to kick off your Bid Day in a fun way! You could even invite new members to submit songs to be added to the playlist. While spread out among the space, have a current member lead all members and new members in a mini-dance master class, or through some DG chants and songs.
- Set up a photo booth using backgrounds and props (recycle some of last year’s banners if your chapter created some), where members can take solo pictures of each other that they can save and share to commemorate Bid Day.