

Zoom Meeting Etiquette

- Please send a chat note with your name and troop or pack number, Fred will change your name in the meeting
- Please Mute your microphones
- Please use Chat for comments and questions
- Make sure your name includes the Pack or Troop you are with

May 2020 Roundtable



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Opening



Group Agenda – 15 minutes

- Welcome Newcomers
- Announcements
- 2021 National Jamboree Presentation
- Breakout Sessions

Boy Scout Leader Agenda

- Troop Leader Announcements
 - Training
 - Eagle Board Meeting
- Virtual Troop Meetings
- Virtual Camping
- How to Restart when Restrictions are listed

Virtual Troop Meetings with Zoom

Zoom Meeting Safety

- When properly configured, Zoom is a great tool and does the best job of allowing everyone to see each other (which for social items like scout meetings is key). To keep Zoom safe employ the following:
- Use a unique ID and password for every meeting
- Only email out to your mailing list, do not published on Facebook or any other public or semi-public website. (and we thank parents for not publicly posting passwords!)
- Employ a waiting room and require everyone to sign in with their own name (or at least a family member's name you recognize)
- Deny entry to the meeting for anyone that doesn't comply
- Do not permit anyone but a leader to share their screen.
- Have adult supervision in every room
- Do not permit private chat within the system (scouts cannot chat each other, only the group or a leader)
- For More security, configure the account to only use US and Canadian servers.

Zoom Meeting Content Tips

- For openings, mute all except the person leading opening
- Use Slides or visual aids for agenda and announcements
- Keep it Youth Led – have SPL drive the meeting
- Use break-out rooms
 - Patrol corners
 - Advancement (SM Conference, Board of Review, ASM / SM sign-offs)
- Allow time for socialization
- Play a game (Kahoot, Scavenger Hunts, Triva etc)

Virtual Troop Camping

Virtual Camping

- Many requirements have been adapted for Virtual Camping, it is a sanctioned event
- Establish process for advancement sign-off
 - Scouts required to email leaders with proposed menus, campsites etc
 - Sharing photos or emails with leaders
 - Emphasize leaders approve, not parents
- Should be Scheduled as a Troop Event
- PLC to set up plan / events for Scouts to complete
- Have check-ins via Facebook or Zoom

Example Virtual Camp-out

- Opening check-in by Zoom
 - To see camp set-up
 - Check in participants
- Planned Events for the Day (hikes, projects, etc)
- Specified meal time for dinner
- Campfire by Zoom meeting

Virtual Camping – Do's

- Scouting is Outing – have Scouts outside in their yard
 - Should be cooking outdoors
 - Sleeping Outside – tents, shelters, under the stars
 - Backyard campfires as allowed by parents and local rules
- Create Challenges for the daytime
 - Local hikes for a family
 - Scavenger Hunts or Geo-caching
 - Backyard / Neighborhood conservation projects
- Recognize a family as the Scout's patrol for the event
- Plan for advancement

Virtual Camping Don'ts

- Don't Encourage Scouts and/ or families to gather in violation of local rules for social distancing
- Don't plan events that require Scouts to go into 'closed' areas for hikes or scavenger hunts.
- Don't waive the GTSS
 - Remind parents that BSA rules apply for activities during the event
 - BSA guidelines for fire safety
 - Especially climbing and aquatic events (should just avoid these)
 - Avoid obvious dangers (parking along roads where park parking lots are closed)

Types of Virtual Camp-out Events

- Local hikes on open trails
- Scavenger hunt (local items, places of interests, Eagle Projects)
- Conservation Projects
- Geo-Cache or Orienteering
- Cooking Contests
 - Mystery Menu (Ingredient kit dropped off)
 - Themed Menus

Restart of Normal Events

Troop Help Session
