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How to Conduct Digital Scout Meetings



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But first, a note from the CPC

Summer Camp is Still Happening!

- **Cub Camps:** call for availability: 503-226-3423
- **2021 Scouts BSA is now open!** Register at cpcbbsa.org
- **New at camp:**
 - Flushing outhouses at every camp!
 - New shower houses coming soon!
 - Refund policy: if we cancel camp, you'll get a full refund

Camp4All tools

- [New promo videos](#) for social media
- Remember our goal: give every Scout an unparalleled experience at camp





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Having Dynamic Digital Scout Meetings

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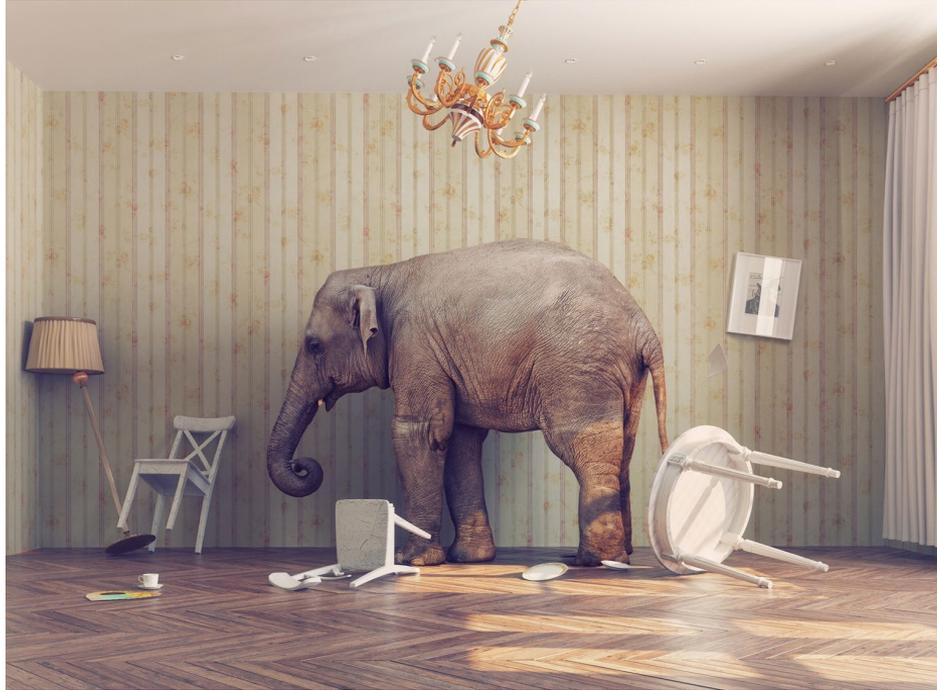
What we'll cover today

- What we learned at Troop 19 over four iterations
- Situation
- Tools
- What you **can** do
- Advertise and Setup
- Best Practices
- What we are still thinking about



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This is weird.



It's **okay** to tell the youth that this is not normal times, but we will still **Scout On**.

- Ask how they are doing.
- Be sympathetic to the situation.
- We can still drive the aims of Scouting and have fun virtually.
- Making the best of it.



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Video Conferencing is **well** established



Many Fortune 100 companies use video conferencing daily.

Explain to the youth that many use video conferencing everyday to get their job done.



Possible Tools



Zoom. Has multiple tiers. Commonly used in Large Enterprises.



Google Hangouts. Also used in enterprise and education.



Discord. Used for gaming communities. *Your kids already have it probably.*

Other
Options



GoToMeeting





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What can you do ...



Pay attention to Rank /
Merit Badge Action
Verbs.

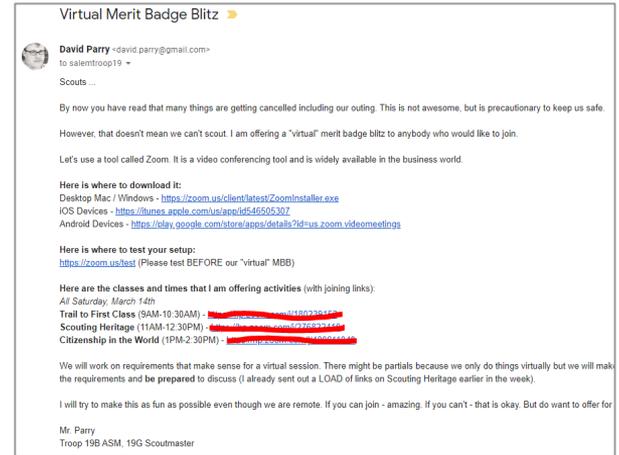
Explain.
Discuss.

Show.
Demonstrate.



How to Advertise

- Send that communication with links to join, how do to download the software, **and how to test software.**
- Communicate in all the places for your Troop (email, social, etc.)





How to Setup

Zoom - Schedule a Meeting

Meeting ID
 Generate Automatically Personal Meeting ID [REDACTED]

Password
 Require meeting password

Video
Host On Off Participants On Off

Audio
 Telephone Computer Audio
 Telephone and Computer Audio 3rd Party Audio
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Advanced Options ^
 Enable join before host
 Mute participants upon entry
 Record the meeting automatically
 Force include Join URL in location field
 Insert Zoom meeting invitation above existing text
Select a language for meeting invitation:

Alternative hosts:

Save and do not show again

- Develop a join link just for that meeting.
So it's clear what to join.
- Consider the settings of the conference.
For example employ mute on join.
- Would limit the “class size” to 20ish
(same as a school class).
Otherwise gets difficult to manage.



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Best Practices during the Call

- Acknowledge the situation right away
Elephant in the Room.
- Explain that it is a professional tool.
That many adults use everyday.
- Talk about etiquette on calls.
Coming on and off mute.
- Have program adults “promoted” to co-hosts in the call.
Help with scouts not aware they are off mute. Help manage calling on youth to chat.
- Restrict chat to hosts only.
Otherwise scouts gets off task.



Best Practices during the Call

- Take roll at the beginning of the meeting calling each scout.
This helps ensure their mic works
- Explain that participation is required and each scout must speak up to receive credit.
This also ensures a good dynamic and proper advancement.
- Have the presenter be the “spotlight” or fixed video.
Helps focus attention.
- Make use the “raise hand” or similar feature.
This helps the leader call on the scout.



Best Practices during the Call

- Avoiding slides as it makes it more a lecture. Trying to have more of a **discussion / explain**
Make it less like a class. More guided chat.
- Have the scouts take turns with some requirements
Ensures everybody speaks and participates.
- For younger scouts. We put on a music for a two minute “dance” break to shake the wiggles out.
It helps with scouts that have trouble sitting still.
- Poll scouts on future ideas for badges / activity.
Helps ensure the program is youth led.
- Acknowledge that they have done well listening and participating.

So far

our scouts have.



Keeping Track

- Don't have the presenter do it. Have a program leader keep track along the discussion.
- We are keeping track in Google Sheets. It can be done in Scoutbook as well.
- We mark the attendance. The requirements covered. And detail the requirements not covered (*mostly because they are required in person*)

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	1a	1b	1c	2a	2b	2c	3	4	5a	5b	6a	6b	6c	7a	7b	8
Grace Parry	3/16/2020	3/16/2020	3/16/2020	3/16/2020	3/16/2020	3/16/2020		3/16/2020			3/16/2020	3/16/2020	3/16/2020			3/16/2020
Ethan Parry	3/16/2020	3/16/2020	3/16/2020	3/16/2020	3/16/2020	3/16/2020		3/16/2020			3/16/2020	3/16/2020	3/16/2020			3/16/2020



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Badges that we have slated



Doing some rank as appropriate.

Here is what we are looking at there are many others, we are still looking but focusing on badges that have a propensity of **explain / discuss**.



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Finally ...

Scout on. Try it. Get learnings. Adjust. Repeat.

Iterate and Share your Learnings with others ...

- We are trying to figure out how to do **demonstrate** and **show** maybe have the kids record video, pictures, evidence and then share with Scoutmaster or Counselor.
- We are trying to figure out how to do video based socializing. How can we do an **outing** or an **activity** with scouts? How can we do **games with a purpose** online.



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Advancement Academy Community



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Questions?



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Thank you!
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