

Summer Leadership Seminars



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Seminar #2 Notes

If your Unit Leader or Scoutmaster asks...

These seminars provide Scouts opportunities to continue their leadership development despite the cancellation of summer NYLT. The fast-paced, 50 minute presentations are not a substitute for a NYLT course but allow Scouts to examine important leadership topics

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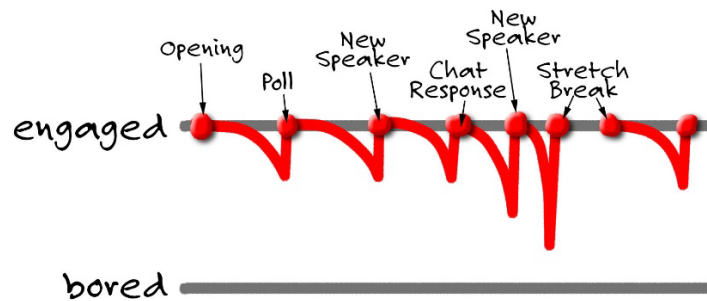
How To Deliver Engaging Unit Meetings Over Zoom

Keeping Scouts Engaged

Use ***Planned Points of Interaction***

These are breaks in the routine, changes, new speakers, short skits, polls, reaction questions. Anything that changes the format, keeps the Scouts engaged and renews the energy of a meeting.

Planned Points of Interaction



Campfire Planning

Perhaps a good online Unit meeting is more like a ***Campfire Program*** than a Unit meeting... containing many shorter segments.

What if you're not confident presenting over Zoom? Here are some GREAT resources:

Tips to becoming a Better, More Confident Speaker on Zoom:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l0rc-irf7ls>

Keep Audience Attention over Zoom:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtH_vrkd1Go

Engaging an Audience over Zoom:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OceTEcYGZnw>

Tips for Running a Patrol Leaders Council Meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abBC9uGj0fw>

You don't have to do it all yourself

You should definitely be ***delegating*** responsibility for small sections to other people. It makes less work for you and keeps new speakers coming into the meeting all the time.

Use Transitions: Likes joke, Run-ons, or short announcements between sections.

Shared Experience

Your goal is to create a Shared Experience... something everyone feels they delivered together... and not just something they "watched on TV." How do you do that? Use lots of interaction such as...

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Tools and Resources

1. Quick Interactions you can sprinkle throughout your program to keep Scouts engaged
2. Online Games and Activities
3. Touch on Larger events that can be held online

1. Quick Interactions:

Plan a **Gathering Activity** like a ***Trivia Game*** to get Scouts engaged immediately.

Offer ***Fabulous Prizes.*** These can be cheap or even free, such as custom Virtual Backgrounds.

- You don't have to offer prizes, but the rule is you have to deliver what you promise.

Use the ***Spotlight*** feature to highlight presenters. Scouts can go back to Gallery View, but this is helpful to focus attention on a presenter.

Create **Polls**. Note: This feature, along with some others mentioned here require a Zoom "Pro" license.

Use the **Chat** feature to engage with larger groups.

2. Online Games and Activities

Trivia Games

Kahoot <https://kahoot.com/>

Quizizz <https://quizizz.com/>

Other Online Games

JackBox <https://www.jackboxgames.com/>

Some Troops LOVE these but be aware they cost money and some may not be appropriate for Scouts, you need to be careful!

Free Digital Escape Rooms such as:

Hogwarts Digital Escape Room

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfInxNM0jzbZjUqOcXkwhGTfii4CM_CA3kCxImbY8c3AABEA/viewform

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdF9ApW9dkpyD7qPNI8zFyO47U66Rkyd0oWJ0OIXdN3P2QL5A/viewform?fbclid=IwAR23mReG-u_SB4JXDMV55YygPa-uwi6gkK0TpWBFQeflJv9auRRmg3ppos&fbzx=-6263461209138682576

To use Escape Rooms you may need to come up with a way to vote. For instance, which way are we going to go, "left" "right" or "backwards"?

There are lots of creative ways to set up voting on Zoom such as turning your camera on or off to vote for different choices; or using a whiteboard everyone can draw on to mark down their vote.

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Simple Card and Board Games <http://playingcards.io/>

checkers, chess, backgammon and more. Replicates sitting around a game board... no computerized rules that *snap* you to the *correct* position. You have complete control over placement.

Arrange for a checkers tournament.

Bingo

<https://myfreebingocards.com/virtual-bingo>

Scattergories

<https://scattergoriesonline.net/>

Pictionary

Word Generator: <https://randomwordgenerator.com/pictionary.php>

Charades

Use with Spotlight Mode

<http://www.getcharadesideas.com/>

Variation: Reverse Charades

One person is "it" while everyone else acts out a word. You can get the word to the large group by privately messaging everyone individually, OR by writing it down and showing it on your screen while the person who is "it" closes their eyes. Then, once they have guessed, you move to the next person. The way to make this competitive would be to time how long it takes each person individually to guess OR, put people onto teams. If team A's representative doesn't guess within a minute, then the turn switches to team B. If team A does guess before a minute is up, then their team gets to go again.

Name, Place, Animal, Thing

<https://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-play-name-place-animal-thing/>

This popular kids' game works well on Zoom. To play, pick a letter. Each player has to list a famous person's name, a place, an animal, and a thing that begins with that letter. The first person to type them into the Zoom chat wins.

One word stories

Take it in turns to share one word at a time and try and create a logical story! This game is tons of fun when people hijack the direction of the plot and suddenly beloved characters are exploded, the world is turned inside out or a plant starts talking!

Kim's Game

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kim%27s_Game

<https://www.wikihow.com/Play-Kims-Game>

Google Forms: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxlfPLPI0wM>

Gather about 15 items (spoon, knife, compass, etc.) and lay them on the floor or a bedsheet. Make sure they are visible. Point the camera at the objects for 30-60 seconds. Then share a link to a Google Form where each Scouts can type their name and list the objects. After submitting all forms a judge can score them to find the winner.

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Activities:

Demonstrating Skills over Zoom

Use the Scout Handbook- Giving people a shared experience can start with using shared resources. If you're in a Troop, everyone will have the Scout Handbook. You can tell people what you will be going over, for instance ("We're going to reference page 195 during our session on Tree Identification.")

Innovative Camera Angles- Instead of always "fitting into the rectangle" try moving your camera to capture what you need to show. For instance:

-**Tilt the camera down** to demonstrate close up work, like knot tying. Consider using a plain colored background to help people focus on what you want them to see.

-**Wide Shots** can help break up the grid and turn your meeting into an "interactive movie." For instance, Troop 187 in Fairfax demonstrated water rescues on dry land, talking through the steps and taking questions.

-**Move Outside-** If your wifi connection can handle it, broadcast from outside to try and keep the "outing" in Scouting.

Instructional Videos- Look for the special option in Zoom to help you share video and audio. Use online videos to help make important points but try not to rely too heavily them and avoid long videos. Ask questions afterwards. Make these questions open-ended, such as: what was the most important point made in this video?

EDGE Method over Zoom

The EDGE method, where we Explain, Demonstrate, Guide and Enable people while learning new skills can be tough over Zoom. But here's an idea:

In a large group, have a single presenter Explain and Demonstrate a skill, like tying a bowline knot. Then use **Breakout Rooms** for the Guide and Enable sections.

Each Breakout Room should include two adults for Youth Protection.

Put someone who can check the work (like an instructor) in each Breakout Room along with a small number of Scouts who are still learning.

In this smaller group, each Scout should be able to get time to work through the skill.

The "host" can check on all the rooms to make sure things are going well or address problems.

Using the Whiteboard in Zoom

You can create a whiteboard under the Share menu that everyone can draw on. The creative uses for this are endless.

Find out how to start a whiteboard here: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/205677665-Sharing-a-whiteboard>

Specific ideas:

Vote quickly: Draw two columns and have everyone tick a line on whichever side they vote. (Do you want to play a Quizizz or a game of Pictionary at the next meeting?)

Multi-vote: Have lots of choices? Split the screen into multiple columns and tell everyone they can vote twice, or three times... find out which candidate got the most votes. (What Marvel movie should we watch: Captain Marvel, Thor, Avengers, or Iron Man?)

Worried about people voting more than they should? You can enable an option called "**Show Names of Annotators**" to display the name of the person writing something.

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Instruction over Zoom: Keeping it concise

This presentation method is getting very popular and is worth looking into.



Pecha Kucha: pick 20 pictures (not wordy slides) and set timer to advance slide after 20 seconds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32WEzM3LFhw>

3. Larger Online Events

Netflix Party: <https://www.netflixparty.com/> Netflix- chrome extension

Pros: everyone can watch a movie together

Cons: everyone needs to have a Netflix account; Free 30-day account available

Tournaments using Breakout Rooms

More Ideas:

Large Scale Ice Breakers Games

Boggle, Box of Lies, Scavenger Hunt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WEhIQts8570>

10 Easy Games

Simon Says, What's this Sounds?, More

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yIUGa2VB4w>

Search or Create Your Own Activities

People are developing and posting new and creative ways to play games all the time. Search on Google or Youtube for additional ideas. Consider using search words such as:

Youth Group Online Games For Zoom

Group Zoom Games For Teens

Online Ice Breaker Games

* always check to make sure content is appropriate for the group you're serving

Big Idea: Anything that helps you break out of the Zoom Grid can be exciting.

**Remember: "Always leave them wanting more"
Then they'll come back excited.**

Finally

As a Scout leader, you can only control so much.

You control your preparation and your dedication to Servant Leadership (leading for the benefit of others).

You cannot control how other people respond or how they act during meetings.

Do your best, find ways to always improve, and have FUN!!

Additional Ideas from Participant Survey results:

Thank you for all the great feedback!! Here is a consolidated list of additional recommendations by Seminar participants:

- “Doing a 15 minute game at the beginning while waiting for everyone to arrive.”
- “our troop made a google hangout so scouts could connect outside of meetings”
- “You can do a scavenger hunt by saying the name of a common object (ex: Scout book, first aid kit, etc.). Everyone has to find the item in their house. Whoever comes back to the device with the item first wins that round.”
- “We always end with an enthusiastic phrase. I (the SPL) will occasionally switch it up a bit, and that always gets a laugh and has everyone leaving the meeting happy.”
- Virtual background competition
- Make sure you’re delegating among the youth.
- “In my unit we had a troop game night where we basically hosted games on the zoom and people joined (online scatagories, UNO, scribil.io, e.t.c.) and that was one of the most interesting meetings we had over the zoom era.”
- “We've started doing 20 minutes per meeting on a Troop-wide merit badge, and each meeting is a different presenter. One merit badge had several different people present, all experts, and some Eagle Scouts.”
- “We collected random facts about each Scout and as a unit we tried to guess who entered the random fact.”