



How to Setup Online Conferencing for Virtual Meetings

There are a lot of great Scout Tech options out there for hosting virtual meetings, but it's important that your Scout has an updated [Cyber Chip](#).

Zoom

If you have several attendees, consider [Zoom](#), which allows you to host up to **100 attendees**. This would be great for a virtual Pack Meeting! Zoom also allows screen sharing, so you could have more than one leader in different locations running the meeting. Like Facebook Live and Skype, it's free to use and allows for you to quickly and easily share a virtual meeting with your Scouts. You can record and share your video later, and even attach files for your attendees to view.

How Do I Use Zoom?

1. Visit zoom.us and sign-in.
2. Click the "Host a Meeting" button at the top of your screen, choosing to have video on or off.
3. It will prompt you to join with computer audio, or you can click the check box to automatically join audio by computer when joining a meeting. You can also test your speaker and microphone.
4. Click the "Invite" button at the bottom of your screen and send an email OR copy the URL using the buttons on the "Invite people to join" pop-up window. Make note of the meeting password.
5. Share your invitation and get started!

Facebook Live

Most units have a social media presence, and this is where **Facebook Live** could be the perfect option for your online meetings. Host a meeting live like you would in person... flag ceremony, Oath, Law, Outdoor Code, and activities. The perks of this free technology are that you can broadcast your meeting on your Pack Facebook group or page for up to four hours! You can also see comments as they come in, allowing for question and answer time. The best part is that the Live broadcast will save as a regular post that can be viewed and commented on later! The downside is that you can't share resources like files or presentations.

How Do I Use Facebook Live?

1. Go to your Facebook group on your smartphone and tap the red "Live" icon under the "write something" box, as if you were about to type a new post.
 2. Give Facebook access to your camera and microphone.
 3. Switch to "Live" on the bottom of your camera screen.
 4. Choose your privacy and posting settings.
 5. Write a subject or description.
 6. Set your camera's orientation.
 7. Click "Start Live Video" and you're broadcasting!
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1. Add an image and chat name. Click Done.
 2. **Add up to 10 attendees** to your meeting OR **create and share a link** to your group meeting by clicking the icon at the top left that looks like a person with a plus sign.

Google Hangouts

Most of us have a Google account, so [Hangouts](#) is a great option for hosting a virtual meeting. Like Zoom, Hangouts allows you to connect to up to 100 people (in chat) and 10 in a video conference. There are fewer bells and whistles, but the trade-off is that it's extremely easy to use and connects directly to your Google account, so there's no need to upload a contacts list.

How Do I Use Google Hangouts?

1. Visit hangouts.google.com and sign-in.
2. Click "Video Call" on your home page.
3. **Invite specific people OR create and share a link** to your group video.
4. You can chat with your meeting members by clicking the chat icon.

If you've planned out something clever that other families can benefit from, share your work! Go to your Facebook page, find online groups that share your interests, and put it out there for others to use. We have an opportunity to be helpers in a difficult time, and we can use it to start a community of giving. How cool is that?