

Virtual Cody 2020

Best Practices

“The Best Virtual Cody Ever”

Introduction

Welcome to the first, and hopefully the only, Virtual Camp Cody. We are glad you are able to attend and we look forward to seeing you at Camp.

To help assist the Junior Camp Director (JCD) and Camp Junior Officers (JOs) with their success, the following guidelines are suggested.

Safety First - Cybersecurity

The safety of our youth is our first and more important responsibility. This applies to online spaces just as much as the real world. BSA's Youth Protection guidelines will be in effect throughout the Virtual Camp Cody 2020 Event. All Zoom conferences and social media posts will be moderated for Scout appropriate content and behavior. Inappropriate content will be removed.

During this unprecedented time, we are using videoconferencing more and more to conduct the Scouting program. While electronic technologies make conducting virtual scouting meetings easier, there are some cybersecurity precautions that should be taken.

How to Make Sure You Are Being Safe. Some of these tips are specific to the Zoom Videoconferencing service, but they can all be applied to various services.

- Always get your parent's permission before participating in any the activities offered.
- Parents are welcome and encouraged to participate in any activity – [adults can sign up to help supervise here](#)
- Private chat and participant screen sharing will be disabled.
- DO NOT share any personal contact information.
- DO NOT tag youth in any photos or videos.
- Refer to youth by first name and last initial ONLY. ex. Joe S of Pack 999
- DO NOT engage in any private chat or other form of private or one-on-one conversations. This is being monitored.
- Use your full name or parent's name when connecting to a Zoom conference so you can be identified.
- ***Do not share the meeting room ID or password anywhere publicly.***
- Two (2) adults will be present at every scout meeting

Youth Protection Resources

[Digital Safety & Online Scouting Activities](#)

[BSA Youth Protection Program](#)

[CyberChip Online Protection Training for Youth](#)

[BSA Social Media Guidelines](#)

Removing Content

Parents may report any content of concern, or request to have any photo or video of their child removed by emailing a link to the content in question to Chris Tileston, Troop 1's Scoutmaster, at smtileston.troop1@gmail.com.

Immediate needs call Chris Tileston at (916) 956-0248.

Suggestions to follow during Camp

During Opening Ceremony:

1. Turn on your video and mic.
2. Be respectful when the MC is speaking.
3. Be sure to join with the other Scouts for reciting the Scout Oath & Law.

During Merit Badge Classes

1. Leave your video and mic on. **(Merit badge counselors won't give you credit for the requirements they cover if they cannot see that you're paying attention.)**
2. The Merit Badge Counselor will provide you with any additional instructions during the class orientation.

During Patrol Break-outs

1. Leave your video and mic on.
2. Participate in the patrol challenge.
3. Be respectful.
4. Do your best.
5. Have fun.

At the beginning of campfire:

1. Turn off your Zoom video
2. Mute your microphone
3. Put Zoom into 'Gallery View'.
4. Open Zoom video settings, scroll down to "Meetings" and check the box to 'Hide non-video participants'
5. As a person or patrol goes off stage, they are to turn off their video and mute their microphone.
6. As a person or patrol is called onto stage, they should turn ON their video and un-mute their microphone

Other Tips for virtual success

- Use laptop or PC for best sound and video quality.
- Check WiFi signal strength at your location and consider minimizing competing WiFi devices.
- Complete computer & zoom updates prior to the meeting/ event
- Consider background noise and take steps to minimize it
- Make sure that you can be seen and heard by viewers
- Keep topics short, to the point, but also fun. Consider that most youth have been Zoomed out by now.

Thank you for doing your best, helping others and being cheerful. Scout on!