

Virtual Cody 2020 Campfire Strategies

(from ScoutShare.org – find more resources about virtual events there)

Songs, Stories, Jokes and – YES – Multi-person Skits

How to do a campfire that would include the typical variety of elements?

Songs: That can be done with one leader and everyone singing along.

Stories: Same thing, one person telling a story. Zoom would spotlight that person and everyone could easily focus on that one person.

Jokes: Same thing.

Leading the Oath: Same

Leading the Scout Law: Same

Flag retirement - basically, the same thing. Everyone focused on one 'screen'.

But what about multi-person skits?

How do you get only the Scouts who are in the skit performing to be displayed on the screen all at once and only them?

Speaker View or Spotlight?... well, that kind of works. The person speaking is highlighted and everyone watching will see that one person.

Grid view? That falls apart quickly the more people that are in the Zoom call.

This can be accomplished by having everyone except those 'on stage' to **turn off their video and mute their mics**. Then have everyone enable a feature on their video to **'Hide non-video participants'**. This will have the effect of everyone in the call (that has their zoom video configured this way) to only see the MC or the patrol that is performing their skit.

Zoom Video Settings - Hide non-video participants OFF

- with the setting 'Off' (not checked), participants with their video off will result in their video box still show with just their name in the box.

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Turn off my video when joining meeting

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Spotlight my video when I speak

Display up to 49 participants per screen in Gallery View

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At the beginning of the campfire, instruct your audience to do the following:

1. Turn off their video
2. Mute their microphone
3. Put Zoom into 'Gallery View'.
4. Open their video settings, 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

That's it... Zoom will now show to everyone only the people that are on stage.

And if patrols are clever, they can 'go on and off' stage' as their skit requires by turning on and off their video at the appropriate times.