

25th Salendine Nook Scouts - Scout meetings on Zoom

Hints, tips and best practice

Experiment first with a couple of friends / leaders to get used to the kit and features

Test out features like mute chat, mute all microphones, different display options, disabling / security options, screen sharing

Maybe get a teenager to help / demonstrate features they seem to have been born with the necessary skills inbuilt.

Test your kit in different locations to see where your w-fi is strongest or can you do everything you need with the laptop / computer plugged into your broadband modem.

We've tried (not very successfully) having the lead demonstrator logging in twice using a laptop and a phone so that the phone can be more easily directed as a follow / close up camera – maybe that's one step too far for all of us.

So that you don't spend the entire meeting broadcasting a view up your nostrils think about setting the laptop on a higher perch, try using an upturned milk crate or storage box.

Everybody on the call thinks that you know who they are if they just shout your name and then when you ask who said that they say "me" – remind them to say their name.

You might need to remind participants to show things to the screen.

If allowing participants to draw on screen – e.g. to highlight things on spot the difference watch out for the rude sketches – Pictionary can be a real risk for this.

If people need things e.g. ingredients give them the best notice you can e.g 1 week.

If you're building things think about sending out pictures in advance.

Possible activities:-

- Pictionary
- Quiz
- Badge work – e.g. discussing effects of drugs and alcohol
- Bingo
- Setting camp menu's
- Spot the difference – VERY POPULAR
- Cooking recipes –
 - Armpit fudge
 - Drop scones /scotch pancakes
 - Chocolate microwave muffins
 - Camp noodle special – aka "Dirty Noodles" all in one pan
 - Scout pasta – 2 pans / rings required
 - Simple curry
- Mini-pioneering with bamboo
 - Roman ballista
 - Viking catapult