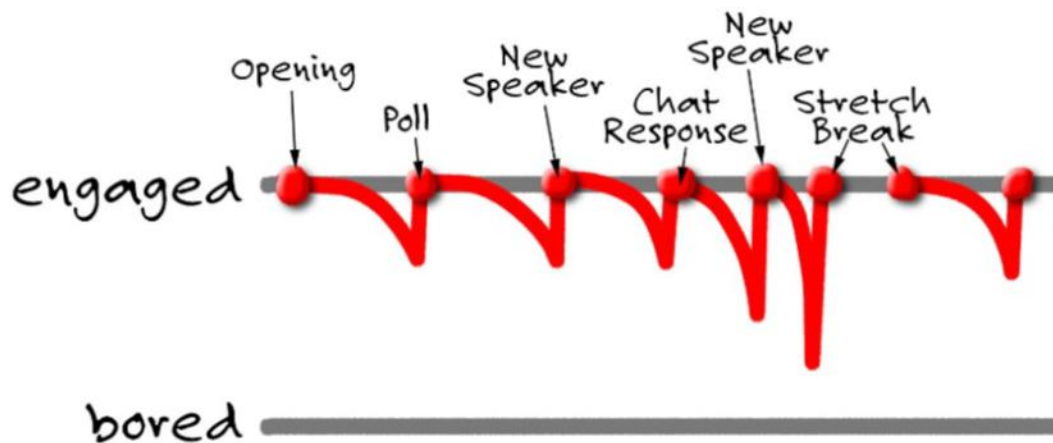


A SUCCESSFUL VIRTUAL TROOP MEETING

Planned Points of Interaction



- The best way to increase engagement is to have plenty of small “**points of interaction**” planned to break up segments. Instead of having one long activity, think about using shorter segments presented by **multiple people**.

Choose Zoom as it is by far the most popular platform for holding a virtual meeting.

Keep meeting to no more than 1 hour and have agenda written out in advance.

An excellent resource for doing quizzes, polls and other interactive segments is **Kahoot.com**. I highly recommend this site as it will spice up your meetings.

Delegate parts of the meeting to different leaders. Engage youth leadership.

Use virtual break out rooms for patrol meetings, giving them a clear task

Invite youth leaders to create video content, and to teach skills online as best they can be using the EDGE teaching method

<https://www.rapidstartleadership.com/how-to-teach-using-the-edge-method-2-minute-tip/>

Give Scouts an opportunity to share what they have been working on with each other on-screen or on camera

Take a couple of minutes to go around the room and ask everyone “how are you doing”. For a big unit, this can be done in a patrol breakout.

In large groups use the “chat” feature as opposed to the open mic.

Focus on badges that can be done at home.

Give them a challenge to report on at the next meeting.

Ask good questions:

Craft the Right Question

Keep your audience interacting by asking **well-crafted questions** that get **good and usable answers**.

To get “good answers”

1. Ask Scouts to enter answers into the Chat so people aren’t talking over each other.
2. Avoid questions answered with a “Yes” or “No.”
3. Don’t ask questions with long answers. They take a long time to type and read.
4. Ask for “one or two words answers.” Scouts can answer quickly, and you can process them all. For instance: “How confident are you about your knot tying skills when someone asks you to tie a bowline knot? Please type one or two words into the chat.”