

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS FOR ZOOM/VIDEO CALLS (FOR YOUTH WORKERS)

■ USE OF THE TEXT CHAT

If you decide to use the chat, alert participants whether you will be monitoring the Chat feature in the meeting. Consider having a second staff member moderate the Chat feature. Having a second staffer is also helpful if you use the breakout room function.

■ RULES

Post simple rules in chat before you begin (see your applicable Metropolis Rules and Regulations document for more).

■ PARTICIPANT NAMES

Give direction in regard to participant display names. If any media is to be shared from (pictures or video) it is safest to have participants disable their display names to protect their privacy.

■ DISTRIBUTE MATERIALS

If there are any materials that campers will need before for the session, make sure that they are sent before the meeting. Make sure any content that will be read like an article or a bible verse is sent electronically. When possible screen share materials to be read.

■ MUTE

Remind campers to keep themselves on mute so that we can hear whoever is speaking clearly.

■ EVERYONE GETS A CHANCE

Explain that we will be “popcorning” around so everyone gets a chance to speak. You share first, then send to someone else. Remind campers they can always choose to pass if appropriate.

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■ CHECK IN AS NECESSARY

Also, explain that if there is some disagreement on the chat or in discussion that the session will be paused to check in with everyone.

- “It’s hard to read the tone from the chat, _____ can you explain to _____ what you’re saying?”

■ EXPLAIN HOW BREAKOUT ROOMS WORK

If you are using breakout rooms during the meeting, explain to the campers how that works.

- Time limits
- Returning to main room when done (or not)