

# Video Conferencing Options

The following video conferencing solutions are all offered as options for meeting virtually and are not sponsored or endorsed by the Boy Scouts of America.

These are good options for medium to large groups and are always or currently free. All have video and/or audio along with screen sharing capabilities.

Service	Free Account?	Number of Participants	Length of Meeting	Works in Browser?	Desktop App?	Mobile App?
<a href="#">Webex</a>	Yes	100	Unlimited	Yes	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">Zoom</a>	Yes	100	40 minutes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">Freeconferencecall.com</a>	Yes	1,000	Unlimited	Yes	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">Skype</a>	Yes	50	Unlimited	Yes	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">Google Hangouts</a>	Yes	10	Unlimited	Yes	No	Yes

The following do not have free options but have low cost options for bigger groups. See notes for lite or free options with low number of attendees.

Service	Lowest Price	Number of Participants	Length of Meeting	Browser Only?	Desktop App?	Mobile App?	Notes
<a href="#">Join.Me</a>	\$20/month	250	Unlimited	Yes	Yes	Yes	Has lite version with 5 participants
<a href="#">GoToMeeting</a>	\$12/month	150	Unlimited	Yes	Yes	Yes	Has 14 Day trial
<a href="#">BlueJeans</a>	\$9.99/Month	50	Unlimited	Yes	Yes	Yes	Has 7 Day trial

This option has a free version, but a low number of participants.

Service	Number of Participants	Length of Meeting	Browser Only?	Desktop App?	Mobile App?	Has Paid Version?	Cost for Lowest Plan	Number of Participants
<a href="#">WhereBy</a>	4	Unlimited	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	\$9.99/Month	12

## Video Conferencing Best Practices

When conducting meetings over videoconference, here are some tips to follow for a successful meeting:

- Ask everyone to mute themselves while the meeting chair is talking. If needed, use the mute function if the system has moderator capabilities.
- Remember to follow youth protection guidelines if meeting with youth on a videoconference
- Try not to start your meeting on the hour/half hour to avoid system overload.

For more tips, try this link from Stanford University: <https://uit.stanford.edu/videoconferencing/meeting-etiquette>