

Remote Team Bonding Activities List

Given much of our team is always remote and with COVID-19 the entire company is, we've been brainstorming activities that can be played remotely for some team bonding. Please add items to this list freely.

Activity	Link(s) / Explanation	Ideal # of Players
Jackbox	https://jackboxgames.com/how-to-play-jackbox-games-with-friends-and-family-remotely/	4 - 8, but 3 - 100 are possible in some of the less fun games
Remote charades	Can generate words here: https://www.thegamegal.com/word-generator/	4+
Remote pictiary	Lots of services: http://letsdraw.it/ http://doodleordie.com/	4+
Capture contest	Use display.land to take captures in the morning and compare / vote over video chat	4+
House show and tell	Show your home office etc over video chat to your coworkers	2+
Online video games	• Minecraft / Starbound • Smash Bros / Mario Kart • Battle Royale du jour • etc https://www.gamesradar.com/best-online-games/3/	Varies by game
Marbles on Stream	https://store.steampowered.com/app/1170970/Marbles_on_Stream/	1+ All players should join the same Twitch stream, or one employee could stream it.
Remote Mafia / One Night Ultimate Werewolf	May require one person to act as the referee, One Night has an app as long as someone can distribute the roles blindly. https://beziergames.com/products/one-night-ultimate-werewolf-app	3-10
Remote Yoga session	Play a yoga video over zoom and errybody YogaFromHome	1+
Remote happy hour	Drink your own alcohol on your couch while others do the same. Music optional	2+ (drinking alone is sad but I'll do it anyways)
Remote Movie Night	Stream a movie, make a Slack channel, discuss and comment on movie	2+ same as above
Pen and Paper Role-Playing (like D&D)	Maybe for super nerds, but this is a great team bonding activity :)	3-7
Open mic night	If some of us are musicians/comedians/poets, this could be a cool activity. Or if someone's in a band hold a virtual concert. If the latency isn't bad it could even be a singalong.	10+
Costume days	Lighten up video conferences by wearing themed costumes/dress code on different days of the week. (e.g. Pajama day, Halloween day, backwards day, 80s day, Hawaiian day)	1+
What's in your freezer?	Similar to house show-and-tell, but useful for exchanging ideas for quarantine preparedness	2+
Question of the week (see Appendix B for examples)	Post a silly question at the start of the week (in a google doc?) and let team (anonymously?) post answers to it. Go through the answers on Friday.	2+

Appreciative inquiry (see Appendix A for examples)	Unlike “Question of the week”, this is a on-the-spot question that we take turns answering. UCSF staff does this.	2+
Remote dance party	Someone is the DJ and we all dance!	6+
Trivia Night	https://store.brainstormer.com/store/downloadable-general-knowledge-quizzes/	6+ One person who needs to “host” the trivia

Please add more!

You also might consider filling out the [Online Game Players List](#) if you’re interested in playing any online games with coworkers.

Appendix A: Appreciative Inquiry Questions

- Describe the worse haircut you’ve ever had.
- Name 3 people (living or dead) you’d want to have over for dinner, and why.
- Describe your dance moves in 3 words.
- What’s your go-to karaoke song?
- If you had a time machine, would you go back in time? Or in the future? And why?

Appendix B: Question of the week

- Anagrams of team members’ names