



Lesson Objectives:

Club members and parents will:

Virtual Holiday parties are celebrations conducted over video conferencing platforms like zoom. These ideas are specific ways to observe the Holidays online with your remote club.

Time:

Each activity varies

Equipment and supplies:

- Bingo card template
- Paper, Scissors, ruler

Preparations:

- Review Lesson
- Gather equipment and supplies

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Virtual Holiday Party Games

I. Online Holiday Bingo

Online Holiday Bingo is a fun and familiar game you can play at your virtual holiday party. You can play a focused version of the game by allowing teammates to interact on chat and in breakout rooms, or you can play as a group throughout the party.

The first player to mark five squares in a row wins. Here is a template you can use for your game; just have members fill in a blank card with your themed squares.

ONLINE HOLIDAY BINGO

Singing Christmas Carol 	Has yet to finish Xmas shopping	Christmas is favorite holiday	Snoops for presents	Loves holiday movies
Celebrating Xmas in a warm place	Has taken a sleighride	Won a snowball fight	Has New Year's Eve plans	Built a gingerbread house
Celebrates Kwanzaa	Will celebrate more than one Xmas		Skis or snowboards	Already sick of Xmas carols
Making a New Year's resolution	Once knocked over an Xmas tree	Has dressed up like Santa	Celebrates Hanukkah	Put pets on Xmas photo 
Baked cookies 	Has celebrated Xmas in a foreign country	Counts "Die Hard" as an Xmas movie	Likes eggnog	Traveling for Christmas

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2. Virtual Holiday Scavenger Hunt

Virtual scavenger hunts are fun and active ways to spend time on a zoom call. The activity takes about 15 minutes, and will increase engagement and excitement, that will be carried on for the rest of your event. The best items to hunt for also have a story or “show and tell” opportunities, like favorite gifts and Christmas Candy. Here is a list you can get started with:

- Favorite gift of all time
- The item you have owned the longest
- Something that reminds you of home
- The most holiday item in your home
- Christmas movie
- Your winter coat
- Your Christmas stocking
- Favorite ugly sweater
- A holiday photo
- Winter boots
- Cinnamon

To play, just fire off prompts and whoever brings the item back first gets a point. Plus you can award extra points if that person shares more about the object.

3. Virtual Holiday Trivia

Trivia is a great option for any virtual holiday party. Participants can answer using the chat or poll features, or audibly via webcam. You could also incorporate the raise hand reaction as a makeshift buzzer.

- Question: The Iranian festival of Yalda occurs on the longest and darkest night of the year. In Western cultures, this day is commonly known as what?

Answer: Winter Solstice

- Question: In which country do people mostly commonly eat donuts called sufganiyot during Hanukkah?

Answer: Israel

- Question: This holiday film became a Christmas classic three decades after its initial release, when studio rights expired and television stations started airing the flick on repeat.

Answer: It's a Wonderful Life

- Question: The writers of the popular sitcom “Seinfeld” created which winter holiday?

Answer: Festivus

- Question: What are the names of all eight Reindeer in “Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer?”

Answer: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen

- Question: During Christmas 1065, astronauts broadcast which holiday song from space?

Answer: Jingle Bells

- Question: Which article of clothing makes Frosty the Snowman come to life?

Answer: Hat (old silk hat, to be specific)

- Question: What year did Santa Claus first appear in a Coca Cola ad?

Answer: 1931

- Question: The word “Kwanzaa” comes from which language?

Answer: Swahili

- Question: Who originally sang “Santa Baby?”

Answer: Eartha Kitt

4. Virtual Holiday Icebreakers

One of the drawbacks of virtual parties is that while video rooms can unite and entertain your team at once, there are fewer opportunities for one-on-one conversations. You can remedy the situation by splitting the group into breakout rooms for activities and small group interactions.

Here are some holiday icebreakers to get started with:

- What is the strangest Christmas present you ever received?
- What one question would you ask Santa?
- Do you open presents on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning?
- What is your favorite holiday food?
- What is your favorite Christmas flick?
- Does your family practice any interesting Christmas traditions?
- What act might land you on the naughty list?
- What act might land you on the nice list?

You could even designate separate breakout rooms for various holiday activities such as caroling and cookie decorating.

5. Craft Festive Ornaments

Though you and your members may not be together, you can craft ornaments that lend a sense of continuity to your individual trees. Ornament-making is a fun holiday activity that can easily carry over to virtual Christmas parties. Prior to your event, make sure everyone has the supplies, or mail kits in the mail prior to the party. Here is a YouTube tutorial of an easy origami example: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJmyK0TQFSE>

6. Christmas movie charades

Act out the title of festive flicks like “Miracle on 34th Street” or parts from holiday classics such as the infamous tongue-stuck-on-pole scene from “A Christmas Story.”

7. Twenty Questions; Guess the Gift

There are two ways to play. The first way, participants will hold up a wrapped gift, and the other players will try to determine the contents based on the shape and sound. Wrappers can get tricky and wrap the package deceptively. If you do not want to waste wrapping paper, then ask players to think up a present, and have other players identify the object by asking questions. Basically, a holiday-themed game of 20 questions.

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Sources & Additional Lesson info:

4-H Club GO TO Resources is being offered to 4-H clubs in Boone, DeKalb and Ogle Counties as a way to enrich and enhance 4-H experiences and programming at the club level. It is the goal of the Extension staff to assist 4-H leaders and officers in providing simple hands-on activities on a monthly basis that can broaden the 4-H club experience and as a result heighten positive youth development.

Resources: 22 Virtual Christmas Party Ideas in 2020 (Holidays) <https://museumhack.com/virtual-christmas-party/>

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