

Tips and Tricks for Guiding Lones Style

General

- Be patient with yourself and the Guides – you are learning together
- Get parents onside – communicate with them about what you are doing and how they can help
- Guiding hasn't changed, it is just the delivery – consider all the things you do at Guides and be creative about how you can deliver these in an online meeting

Be Prepared

- Create your Zoom session and copy the link
- Ensure you have communicated with the Guides the session dates, times and what they need to have with them as well as the link to the session
- Ask parents to be close by (especially for younger Guides) to help with logging on and typing
- Plan your session (just like a regular session) – what activities will you do and how
- Creating a PowerPoint presentation is a good idea so you can follow the ideas (and the Guides can see what you mean too)
- You may need to post out special resources well before time (depending on how far away your Guides are) – try and use everyday household objects when you can

Conducting a Zoom Session

- Use lots of demonstration – yes, you will need to use the webcam yourself, but you can get Guides to demonstrate to other Guides too
- Give Guides time for each activity. There may be silence (believe it or not) when girls are working on tasks
- Encourage conversations – despite being on the computer Guides can still discuss and talk
- Open your PowerPoint (play the slideshow) and share your screen – Guides will see your visuals and maintain interest more than just relying on webcams all the time
- Develop rules and routines - get Guides to call in with their name to ask a question or make comment or use the raise hand button in Zoom

Outside the Session

- Encourage Guides to continue working on challenges after the session as free Zoom sessions only last for 40 minutes at a time
- Ask them to email you photos and videos of what they have done and share these in the following session to encourage others

