

[Cheat Sheet] 8 <mark>Remote Team-Building</mark> Activities to Book Today

Building a collaborative, connected team or company when you work remotely is a challenge, especially if your team is spread across states or countries. But finding truly fun ways to connect is critical to building those all-important person-to-person bonds that make employees more engaged and satisfied at work.

From encouraging coffee chats with new people over Slack to inviting a farm animal to your next Zoom meeting (really!), we've broken down the eight best team-building activities and everything you need to know about them to make planning your next virtual bonding event a snap. Any HR or leader of a team will want to bookmark this guide as they're planning team-building events.

Each entry includes:

- Estimated costs and fees
- How and where to sign up
- Participant details
- Tech requirements
- Key information
- Testimonial



1. Remote cooking classes

Virtual cooking classes with <u>Rockoly</u> offer a fun way to connect your whole team through delicious food! Class options range from Mexican street tacos to homemade pizza to

holiday specials and more. Ingredients are shipped directly to employees and you'll have an event planner to make everything seamless.

- **Cost:** from \$109 per person (depends on the number of participants and selected menu)
- How to sign up: Book 3-4 weeks before on their sign up page
- Participants: No minimum, no limit
- Tech requirements: You can use Zoom, WebEx, Teams, Google Meet, and more
- **Other important info:** There are vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options so employees with many dietary restrictions can still have a great time.
- What an employee chef had to say:

"Rockoly makes it super easy—even sending the ingredients directly to your employees' homes! We learned how to make a pizza from scratch, which opened up space for lots of great conversation." -KYLIE BRADBURY, BONUSLY



2. Virtual paint night

With a <u>Marco Experiences</u> virtual paint night, your team can come together while making their own beautiful little piece of art. The finished artwork is a wonderful memento from the team bonding, plus the connections your team will build (and a little de-stressing to boot).

- **Cost:** \$60 per person
- How to sign up: 15+ days ahead on their sign up page
- **Participants:** 10+ minimum
- Tech requirements: Zoom
- **Other important info:** Be sure to delegate a DJ from your team for extra fun vibes!
- Amateur artist testimonial:

"I had no expectations for this work social event, but I LOVED it! So relaxing and fun and made painting something pretty really easy! I'm going to book my family for an event!" [FROM THE WEBSITE]



3. Goat-2-Meeting

The name is so great we had to say it twice—with <u>Goat-2-Meeting</u>, you can have a goat (or 20) join your next Zoom meeting! You can also get an in-depth tour of a farm and meet the goats, llamas, chickens, cows, and whatever other animals they have at the time. It's memorable and adorable.

- **Cost:** from \$95 for 10 minutes to \$750 for a full virtual tour
- How to sign up: Visit their sign up page

- Participants: No minimum, no limit
- **Other important info:** The animals at Sweet Farm are all rescues and the cost goes to their care, so it's a fun twist on team bonding for a great cause.
- Employee-turned-goat-fan:

"Our team recently created a Goat-2-Meeting as a custom reward and we were surprised with it during our last all-hands meeting. The meeting was full of smiles and laughs thanks to the goats, 10/10 would recommend. "#" -BONUSLY TEAM



4. Donut chats

Donut chats randomly pair people across functions and departments via a Slack integration to share a virtual coffee and donut and get to really know each other. It starts the conversation for you (no long awkward silences here) and also ensures the chats really happen with check-ins. It's a fun, low-stress way to boost cross-company socialization.

- **Cost:** There are three tiers: free, \$49/month, or \$99/month (see the website for details)
- How to sign up: Head straight to their website
- **Participants:** No minimum, no limit
- Tech requirements: Slack or Microsoft Teams

- **Other important info:** You can also automate celebrating birthdays, holidays, and anniversaries with your teams so you never miss a moment for connection.
- A Bonusly employee testimonial:

"At Bonusly, we allocate a stipend for each donut chat as an effort to incentivize the chats even more. We have found this to be an excellent way to increase cross-departmental socialization, especially when we're all working remotely."



5. Virtual escape room

Take your team through one of The Escape Game's actual escape rooms—all done online with the help of a live Game Guide. Your team gets to solve problems and overcome obstacles together from the comfort of home and can choose from any of the available themes like Gold Rush and The Depths.

- Cost: \$20-35 per person
- How to sign up: Get set up with your escape room here
- Max participants: Up to 10 players per game, up to 500 players at one time
- Tech requirements: Zoom
- **Other important info:** For the millennials on your team, they have a Rugrats-themed escape room if anyone's craving a throwback.

• A real escapee:

"Our founder loves escape rooms, so we used to do them often before Covid. When I told him we could do one virtually, he actually said 'no way it'll be the same.' But after we did one event with The Escape Game, people were already asking to do it again."

-ABBIE FROM PETDESK



6. Virtual holiday party

<u>TeamBuilding.com</u> helps you create the perfect holiday celebration for your whole organization—from home! You can add a company presentation for year-end updates and custom company trivia, plus get cocktail kits shipped to employees' homes so it really feels like a party.

- **Cost:** \$50 per person for the basic tier, \$129 per person including cocktail kits and prize wheels
- How to sign up: Book before Nov. 15 at <u>https://book.teambuilding.com/epic-holiday-party</u>
- Participants: 100+ guests and up
- Tech requirements: Uses their Zoom account

- **Other important info:** TeamBuilding also has many other virtual party options available, including themed trivia and murder mystery games, to get your team together virtually.
- Employee party-goer:

"Excellent hosts. I've been at our company for only a year and almost entirely remote. It was great to connect with people that I typically wouldn't have on a different level and get to see some personalities come out." -NICK H. FROM NEON ONE



7. Virtual day of service

Plan a virtual day of service with <u>Building Impact</u>—nothing brings teams together like working for a great cause. You can choose a virtual volunteer project like creating summer hydration kits for kids experiencing homelessness, or host a virtual food drive, among many options. Doing good together makes everyone feel connected.

- **Cost:** from \$50 per person
- How to sign up: Head to their volunteer project page
- Participants: 10+ guests

- **Other important info:** You can invite a Building Impact facilitator to join and make your event a live one, or run a continuous drive for food and gift cards.
- Happy helpers:

"Time flies when you're having fun and giving back! Our employee volunteers were on a mission to #buildmoreimpact! What an amazing group of nonprofits – thanks for giving us the chance to contribute to the important work you do!" -TAKEDA EMPLOYEE



8. Virtual tiny campfire

Virtual Campfire brings the summer camp feeling to life remotely for your team! Share delicious s'mores (of course), tell ghost stories, and play games to help your team connect over the campfire and build collaboration and connection. It's camp for grown-ups without leaving home.

- **Cost:** From \$70 per person
- How to sign up: <u>Head to their website</u>
- Max participants: No minimum, no limit
- Tech requirements: Zoom
- **Other important info:** They even send a cracklin' campfire-scented tealight to toast your s'more over for a totally authentic feel.

• Employee camper:

"What a fun and unique team bonding experience! Camp Counselor Vic was awesome and the gourmet s'mores delicious." -LAUREN OLSEN, ADOBE

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