Options for a virtual youth county government program

Due to the current pandemic it may be necessary to conduct your youth county government virtually.

 First contact your county to see which of the popular platforms they prefer Microsoft Teams or Zoom.

Ask if they would record or allow you to record a tour of the courthouse and or county jail. Then set up a schedule of when each count official would be able to join the conference, have them explain their job then open it up for a question and answer session with the students.

Here is information on Teams and Zoom.

Teams

Microsoft Teams has clients available for desktop (Windows, Mac, and Linux), web, and mobile (Android and iOS). These clients all require an active internet connection and do not support an offline mode.

Teams is available for 32-bit and 64-bit versions of Windows (8.1 or later) and Windows Server (2012 R2 or later), as well as for macOS and Linux (in `.deb` and `.rpm` formats). On Windows, Teams requires .NET Framework 4.5 or later; the Teams installer will offer to install it for you if you don't have it. On Linux, package managers such as `apt` and `yum` will try to install any requirements for you. However, if they don't then you will need to install any reported requirements before installing Teams on Linux.

The desktop clients provide real-time communications support (audio, video, and content sharing) for team meetings, group calling, and private one-on-one calls.

Desktop clients can be downloaded and installed by end users directly from https://teams.microsoft.com/downloads if they have the appropriate local permissions (admin rights are not required to install the Teams client on a PC but are required on a Mac).

Zoom

 First of all, head over to Zoom in your browser. The platform is compatible with Windows, Mac, Linux, iOS, and Android. The layout will be slightly different depending on whether you are on desktop or mobile.

The free option also allows users to conduct meetings in HD video and with audio, participants can join via their PC or a telephone line, and both desktops and apps can be shared.

It is possible to join a meeting just from your browser, but in the interests of longevity and avoiding browser limitations, you should download the application.

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