

# 3 Simple Steps to Holding Virtual Astronomy Events



## 1 Practice with a Team

It is good to have a “production” team to answer questions, field the chat, share links, and troubleshoot. Practice before the event and get comfortable with mistakes.



Partnering with a group? Libraries, schools, and civic clubs usually have their own meeting software and can invite you to present!

## 2 Capture the Event



The simplest method is a phone or computer camera and microphone. If you want to share content, you'll need an interface such as:

For small groups, these interfaces provide a space for group interaction.

For safety, do not post interactive meetings publically. Record and share after or stream via a platform below.



Zoom

Easy to use, free basic options, many features, screen sharing, whiteboard



Meet

Google makes this simple to use from any Gmail account



Teams

Microsoft's video conferencing allows file sharing and chat features



OBS

Open source, good for sharing live sky views, record or connect to streaming below

## 3 Share with the World

For a larger audience, it's best to stream the event. Common streaming platforms include:



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