

BINGE-WORTHY TEAM ENGAGEMENT IDEAS

Keep your team engaged and connected with these fun activities.

- **1 Host a Virtual Ice Cream Tasting Social.** Arrange for <u>ice cream to be delivered</u> to their location beforehand.
- 2 Play Buzzword Bingo. This <u>bingo card creator</u> randomizes words for PDF bingo cards for your next meeting.
- **3** Start a Round of Virtual Tag. Use your internal messaging system to tag someone by asking a question, sending a GIF, a motivational quote, or a compliment. Explain that they have been "tagged" and in turn must tag someone else on the team. This could also be turned into a virtual snowball fight, May Day basket, etc.
- 4 Have Friendly Competition. Launch a <u>Weekly Water Cooler Trivia</u> or a guess who's who baby picture contest.
- **5** Write Your Team Story. Write a sentence and pass it on until it has reached everyone in the office or on the team. Encourage team members to incorporate fun memories and appropriate humor in their story-telling.
- **6 Show Team Members Appreciation.** Send a <u>Cookie Greeting Card</u> or get the office talking with a <u>surprise box</u> <u>of goodies</u>. Celebrate special occasions by having team members sign an <u>online group greeting card</u>.
- **7 Have Fun While Problem Solving.** Host a <u>Virtual Escape Room</u> or arrange a <u>Mini Virtual Hackathon</u> where teams spend 90 minutes working to solve a problem the organization is trying to overcome.
- 8 Get Your Team Moving & Support a Cause. Sign your team up for a <u>virtual charity race</u> or a <u>virtual race</u> <u>challenge</u>.
- **9 Initiate a <u>First 15 Reading Program</u>**. Encourage team members to read a nonfiction book for the first 15 minutes of each workday and share their insights with each other.
- **10 Learn Fun Facts.** Ask team members to name something that has pleasantly surprised them lately, share something they are proud of, show their favorite meme, or present about a personal passion or hidden talent they have. For smaller groups or using break-out rooms, play 2 Truths, 1 Lie where the person who guesses most lies correctly, wins a prize.
- **11 Initiate a** #*You-Are-Awesome* Channel. Start the channel by giving shout-outs to your team on a regular basis and encourage them to jump on board and give shout-outs to each other. This can be done via a team group on email, Facebook, Slack, or other means your team uses to communicate with each other.
- **12 Encourage Video Connections.** Randomly pair up employees (larger teams use the <u>Donut</u> app) for brief 1 on 1 chats via video while sipping on coffee or tea drinks. Host periodic peer coaching online sessions where employees can discuss challenges with working remotely and brainstorm solutions.
- **13 Farm Seedlings for a Community Garden.** Everyone gets a cup of dirt and then starts planting leftover seeds from apples, watermelon, avocado, and similar. Desk-farmers share pictures of their seedlings and post them to a team message board with cheerful messages of encouragement and friendly competition for the other desk-farmers.