Folk Dance Weekend
Memorial Day 2020 Online Event
Zoom Tips

Bonus: Zoom Virtual Backgrounds

Land-themed Zoom virtual backgrounds (1920 x 1080 preferred) are shared here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12KBr4sGY41sUtVXnRve8Ma3RYiBOuQ3o/

In Advance

Download the Zoom App

The Zoom app requires an account, but signup is free. You can use a web browser without an account, but you still need to download the plug-in for the web browser. The app works better than the browser, but it is your choice. Zoom downloads are here:

https://zoom.us/download

Settings (if you are using the app)

In the app click the gear icon below your profile picture on the upper right.

During a meeting click the up-arrows next to the microphone and camera icons on the lower left.

- Video: check “Display up to 49 participants per screen in Gallery View” if that option is available (not grayed out).
- Audio: check “Press and hold SPACE key to temporarily unmute yourself”.

After You Join the Event (if you are using the app)

- Open the participants window (bottom control bar).
- Open the chat window (bottom control bar).

- Turn on closed captioning (bottom control bar).
- Choose Gallery View (top control bar).

If You Are Participating in the Campfire

Settings (if you are using the app)

Audio (Advanced):

- Check the box “Show in-meeting option to “Enable Original Sound” from microphone”.
- Disable “Suppress Persistent Background Noise”.
- Disable “Suppress Intermittent Background Noise”.
  (Zoom is normally optimized for voice, and thinks instruments are noise.)

Original Sound

- When you join the meeting, make sure you check “Turn **on** Original Sound” in the upper left corner. If the button says “Turn **off** Original Sound” leave it alone -- you are good to go.

(Again, Zoom normally optimizes for voice, and sacrifices sound quality for bandwidth.)