

How Virtual Community Builder Happy Hours Work



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Thank you for your continued support as a Community Builder on Patreon. You are eligible to join me for a Virtual Happy Hour. This document is your guide for participating in the Virtual Happy Hour events.

What is a Virtual Happy Hour?

We plan a couple of Virtual Happy Hour events each year, in addition to our in-person Happy Hour events. Virtual Happy Hours allow us to meet when we're in different places, different time zones, and all from the comfort of our home, office, or favorite outdoor space.



What happens at a Virtual Happy Hour event? Is it like a private Q&A session? No.

This is not a Q&A session. This is our time to connect with each other. One of the reasons I do these Happy Hour events is so that I can get to know you a bit too. I hope to learn what you care about and what interests you. Feel free to ask general questions but sometimes I'll direct you to the Q&A instead of answering them at the event. If you want to ask questions about the tech, remember that I have a monthly Q&A Livestream on YouTube where I answer your questions, and this is one of your Community Builder perks!

Reminder: I don't give advice. I won't be giving business, security, financial or legal advice at these events. I never give this sort of advice anyway and I'm sure you wouldn't dream of asking. This event is for us to get to know one another.

What do I need to do to participate in a Virtual Happy Hour?

1. **RSVP to save your spot.** This is a must as space is limited. If you've reserved your spot but later realize you can't join, please update your RSVP. There may be others on a waitlist. You can RSVP with a different email other than the one you use in Patreon. You may choose to do this for privacy reasons.
2. **Mark your calendar.** After you've RSVP'd be sure to add the event to your calendar.
3. **Look for the "Virtual Happy Hour Link" email.** At least one hour before the event, you'll receive an email with the link to join. *Remember, please don't share the link with others.*
4. **Get your headphones.** It's important that you're wearing headphones during these events to prevent feedback and echos. You can share headphones with your +1 or get a splitter so you can both use your own.
5. **Join anytime during the event.** When it's time for the Virtual Happy Hour, come ready with an internet connection, headphones, and your favorite beverage. Together, we will chat for an hour or more and enjoy each other's company. Sometimes special guests, including members of my team, will join us for an even happier happy hour.

Do I have to use my real name, show my face, or participate in a specific way? No.

You can choose to be anonymous for the Virtual Happy Hour. You're not required to turn on your camera. I will have mine on so that you can see me. You do not need to use a real name either; feel free to use a nickname or pseudonym. You do need to use the email you shared to sign up for the Virtual Happy Hour to gain access. You are not required to speak at any point, if you just prefer to listen. If you don't want to use your voice, you can type directly into the chat feature too.

Are there any rules about participating? Yes, just a few.

1. **Respect this as a private event. Do not record it, do not take screenshots, share the attendee list, or what's being said with anyone else.** This is meant to be a safe and private space, just like it would be if we were meeting in person. This isn't just for my privacy; it's for the privacy of all Community Builders. It's also for the integrity of our time together. It's important that we can trust one another to keep all aspects of these events as private as possible.
2. **Be kind, respectful, and come with an open mind.** We may not all share the same political or social views, but it's important we listen to one another and are respectful to everyone in attendance - we are all part of the same community.
3. **Please wear headphones.**
4. **You can bring a guest if they are physically present with you.** You are welcome to have a +1 join us for these remote gatherings, but they will need to be physically present with you at your computer/phone to join and have headphones. Remember- there is no pressure to invite someone, most people actually come solo!
5. **Do not share the Virtual Happy Hour meeting link.** You will be sent the meeting link to join. Do not publicize the link or share it with anyone else, it's only for you.

**Thanks for taking the time to learn more about the Virtual Happy Hour perk.
I look forward to seeing you soon!**

