

Video Conferencing using SKYPE and a WebCam

(Or talking with the kids via phone while using a web cam)

One of the Voice Over Internet Provider (VOIP) you may choose to use is SKYPE.

It can be downloaded FREE and is FREE to use.

SKYPE is available in both PC & MAC so if one of you have a PC and the other a Mac, you'll still be able to videoconference.

PC Download of SKYPE www.skype.com

MAC Download of SKYPE <http://www.skype.com/download/skype/macosx/>

Also, you may download this SKYPE PRESENTATION – by Jack Casto

http://thevillagescomputerclub.com/Present/skype_presentation.pdf

Note 1: It is free ONLY computer to computer. That includes with or without a web cam. If folks want to use Skype to call telephones and or get a Skype phone # of their own to call out or receive calls, there is a fee. I believe there is an actual phone you can buy so you don't need to be sitting at your computer to use it. (I use Skype rarely so I am not up to date on all the advancements.)

Check this page to see monthly fees for calling landlines:

<http://www.skype.com/allfeatures/subscriptions/?region=uscanada#uscaSubscriptionTab>

NOTE 2: Apparently Skype voice works fine with dial up Internet connections. I used Yahoo's similar service several years ago to call my daughter in Australia for 4 cents/min via my dial up connection. This even though I did not have long distance service via my local phone company. Skype works similarly. Jack Casto

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