Connectedness through Gaming
What's the #1 one source of parent guilt?

Screen Time
What Do Video Games Really Do?

• Build confidence
• Foster connection
• Promote curiosity in competition, education, and careers
• Help cope with stress
• Entertain
Playing video games may improve your mental health and make you happier

Oxford University

71% of parents report gaming having net positive effects for their children

Over 280 universities feature esports scholarship programs

• Improved hand-eye coordination
• Improved attention & visual acuity
• Improved visual processing & exec function
• Problem solving & strategy development
• Boosts self-confidence & socialization encourages inclusivity
Bridging the Generational Digital Divide

• Meet youth where they are
• Step out of your comfort zone
• Remove the negative stigmas
• Encourage productive screen time
• Enable parents to engage
• Create youth programs alongside parent booster clubs of enthusiasm
MVPN Gaming
Healing through gaming
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ON-LINE GAMING

https://www.facebook.com/MVPNAbilene

TRUST- CAMARADERIE- HOPE
Introduction

• We strive to bring Healing through Gaming and connectiveness to our online community of players.
PRIMARY GOALS

Camaraderie-Trust-Hope
MEET OUR TEAM

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A glance inside gaming

RULES ROOM: We make sure that every player reads the rules before they can advance

Welcome to # ( ) rules!
This is the start of the # ( ) rules channel. Please read below for the server rules and regs.

Welcome!
Below are the rules for the Official MVPN Gaming Channel!

Rules!
1. Follow Discord's TOS
   https://discordapp.com/terms
   https://discordapp.com/guidelines

2. Be respectful with all members
   Be respectful to others, No death threats, sexism, hate speech, racism (NO N WORD, this includes soft N)
   No doxxing, swatting, witch hunting

3. No Advertising
You do not have permission to send messages in this channel.
The “media room”

We also have a MEDIA room so the players can show off their systems if the wish.
SAFETY: “Dyno bots”

The BOTS have been programmed to tell us when a player leaves & when a player joins the discord channel.

The SAFE ROOM is designed for when an admin may need to take a single player to a private room to talk alone with them if they are expressing suicidal behavior.
Building Community

• The act of playing a game with another person can reach across divisions—across race, across gender, and across socioeconomic barriers—and helps people build new connections.

• The explosive growth of gaming during the pandemic has shown that many have found a new outlet for much-needed connection in isolation.

• For example, in Animal Crossing, players can visit the towns of both real-life friends or strangers who share their village code online.

• Some people have held their birthday parties via Animal Crossing in 2020, others go on dates and some couples who cancelled their weddings due to covid have even gotten married in the game.

• The pandemic “really opened a lot of people’s eyes – even non-gamers – to what games can do to bring people together.”
Gaming & community

• A 2019 study found that video games can help Veterans overcome mental health problems, such as substance abuse disorder and PTSD.

• The main advantage of gaming communities is that they provide a social space for players. These spaces can become important support and social networks - and were particularly invaluable for people living through isolation during the Covid-19 pandemic.
Lived Experience with Gaming
Community Bonding/Exploring
Work and Competition
Questions