

# Care & Feeding of the Summit Playhouse Computers

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To anyone who uses the Summit Playhouse computers – please remember the following:

**DO NOT PUT WATER BOTTLES ON THE TABLE WITH THE COMPUTER!!!**

**These are SUMMIT's computers. They are not your personal playtoys.  
If you infect them with ransomware or a virus, *WE CANNOT RUN THE SHOW!***

So please follow these rules when using our computers:

**Do NOT install any apps unless checking with Wendy Roome.**

In particular, do not install file sharing apps, social media apps, or messaging apps. And especially,

**Do NOT install google drive or dropbox apps.**

If you need those, use Safari or Firefox to access the web versions. Yes, that's less convenient. But those apps play fast & loose with the operating system. Even if they work now, they could break if we upgrade.

**Do NOT use our computers for email, snapchat, instagram, tic-tok, etc.**

Use your own device!

**Check with Wendy Roome before updating any software.**

It's probably ok to update QLab & Firefox, but I'd like to check them out on my computer first.

**Do NOT install any image editing, video editing, or word processing apps.**

In particular, do not install Adobe Creative Cloud. Instead, use them on your own computer. Note that the laptop does have Audacity for sound editing, and Adobe Acrobat Reader for PDFs.

The laptop has a limited amount of disk space, and those apps chew up space. And I've had trouble with Adobe CC & ProTools interfering with QLab. So please keep our computer as clean as possible.

**You CAN use ZOOM!**

But only for Playhouse business, please!

**File sharing.**

You can use file sharing to transfer files between your device & Summit's computer. But you'll have to connect to the sph-artnet wifi network rather than BettyK. (Sph-artnet-5G is the same as sph-artnet).

NOTE: When we're running a show, sph-artnet has a lot of traffic from the lighting controller. So if you need to access the internet during a show (email, upload, download, etc), please disconnect from sph-artnet and connect to BettyK.