

Get a phone sponsor and/or join one of the calls. FOR FREE!

Posted by Ano Nymous - 01 Dec 2009 07:02

If you want to make long cell phone calls for free - **and keep your own number anonymous**, this is your guide. This should help you if you want to join one of the conference calls, if you want to have long calls with a sponsor, or if you just want to learn how to send and receive calls for free. Please keep in mind that I'm NOT an expert at this, so this guide is fairly elementary. I'm just throwing out some basic ideas. Feel free to correct me or tell me how awesome you think I am. If you'd like to send me some chocolates or ice cream, even better.

What we're going to do here is combine the power of Google Voice (google.com/voice) with the power of those lists cell phone providers allow you to make of numbers which you can call (and receive calls from) for free. This won't work for everyone, but there's a good chance it will be of some use to you, so read this.

What's google voice?

It's somewhat hard to say, because it does SO MANY things. I'll just mention the important parts. Here's what google says about it: "Google Voice is a service that enhances the existing capabilities of your phone numbers. With it, you can access your voicemail online, read automatic transcriptions of your voicemail, create personalized greetings based on who is calling, make cheap international calls, and more."

Why do we want that?

Well, as of now google voice is completely free for US calls. When you sign up for google voice, you get yourself a new number in the area code of your choice (e.g. (718) 123-4567). You can then set up google voice to forward (redirect) calls you receive at your google voice number to whatever phone number you want. You can use multiple

phone numbers, and you can change these settings at any time in the google voice settings (so if your cell number changes, you just go into your google voice settings and add your new phone number). If you add your google voice number to your list of numbers which you can call for free (how to do this varies by carrier), any time someone calls you on your google voice number your call will be free. You can also place calls to other numbers through google voice. I'll discuss how to do this later.

How do I sign up for google voice?

Currently, google voice is invite only. But don't worry! You just request an invite from them and they'll send it to you pretty quickly. I got mine within 24 hours. Go to google.com/voice and click on "request an invite" at the bottom of the page. When you get the invite email, follow their instructions and open your google voice account. Write down the google voice number you are assigned. You NEED to know this number. You now have a google voice account. You can always access it by going to google.com/voice. You can change settings after logging in by clicking the "settings" button in the top right of the page. Add and confirm your cell phone number. Once you've done that, we need to change one more thing before going to the next step. Go to "settings" and then click on "calls." Where it says "Caller ID (in)," click "Display my Google Voice number." Now go to the bottom of the page and click "save changes." Now if someone were to call your google voice number, your phone would ring and your caller id would show your google voice number (e.g. (718)123-4567). You NEED to do this, otherwise when someone calls your google voice number, that person's

number would show up on your caller id, and your phone carrier would charge you as normal. Once you do this, no matter who calls your google voice number, your google voice number will show up on your caller id (making the calls free, once you do the next step).

Now we want all calls you send/receive through your google voice number to be free. Here's how we can do that. The major US cell providers all offer a service which allows you some kind of list of numbers you can talk with for free. The terms (how many numbers you can put on the list, how much your plan needs to cost for you to qualify, etc.) vary by carrier, so you'll have to look into that on your own. Here's a quick rundown:

Verizon: Friends & Family

(www.verizonwireless.com/b2c/splash/friendsandfamily.jsp)

T-Mobile: MyFaves

(www.t-mobile.com/templates/generic.aspx?passet=Pln_Lst_MyFavesLrnDemo)

AT&T: A-list

(www.wireless.att.com/cell-phone-service/cell-phone-sales/promotion/a-list.jsp)

Sprint: Any Mobile, Anytime

(anymobile.sprint.com/)

Do whatever you need to do to set this feature up, and then add your google voice number to the list of free numbers. Once your google voice number becomes active on your list (Friends & Family, A-list, Any mobile, myfaves, whatever), calls to and from the google voice number should be free for you (so they won't use up your minutes).

Outgoing calls, and GUE phone conferences:

Google voice allows you to make outgoing calls as well. There is more than one way to do this, but here's the easiest one. Call your own google voice number. Press 2 to place a call. It will connect you. There is a problem here. Due to a technical issue which I won't discuss here (it's complicated), google voice BLOCKS some sex-lines (haha) and other phone conferencing numbers. Here's the deal with the four conference groups:

1) Duvid Chaim's groups number (712-432-0080) is blocked. If you want it to be free, you need to add it to your free list (Friends & Family, A-list, Any mobile, myfaves, whatever). I did that, and it works fine.

2) Boruch's group number (218-844-8230) is also blocked. If you want it to be free, you need to add it to your free list (Friends & Family, A-list, Any mobile, myfaves, whatever).

3) Elya's group number (712-429-0690) WORKS with google voice as of this writing.

4) I can't test this one (Zeva's call) because I'm not on it and it's not free. She probably uses her own conferencing system, so I'd imagine this one works.

You can also use this system to call your sponsor or to have your sponsor call you. Just give out your google voice number instead of your regular cell number.

I think I covered the important points. If you have any questions or need any help, feel free to ask (although I don't guarantee I can help you!). Good luck!!!

Ano ;D

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Re: Get a phone sponsor and/or join one of the calls. FOR FREE!
Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 27 Jan 2010 16:56

Whats the feature under the "calls" tab?

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Re: Get a phone sponsor and/or join one of the calls. FOR FREE!
Posted by silentbattle - 27 Jan 2010 18:19

? There's a box you can check so that your phone will ring with your GV number showing on caller ID.

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Re: Get a phone sponsor and/or join one of the calls. FOR FREE!
Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 27 Jan 2010 20:02

Oh no no I was talking about making free calls. Someone said you need to put it on the list of numbers thats your carrier allows to call for free. I dont have that feature because my plan does not have enough minutes on it.

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Re: Get a phone sponsor and/or join one of the calls. FOR FREE!
Posted by silentbattle - 27 Jan 2010 23:37

Ah. I thought all verizon plans have at least 5 free numbers.

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Re: Get a phone sponsor and/or join one of the calls. FOR FREE!

Posted by UTS - 28 Jan 2010 06:03

[Ano Nymous wrote on 16 Dec 2009 00:15:](#)

Thanks for the thanks!

I think I'm going to change my user name to "Aino Nymoos." It sounds so much more Heimish un Yeshivish. Oyy vus ken ich tun?

Nu, so did you do it?

Would you at least do me a favor and change "Ano" which could be read as "Annoh" ; "I".

So that could be understood as "I am nim'as" (!)

Gezunteheit.

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Re: Get a phone sponsor and/or join one of the calls. FOR FREE!

Posted by BecomeHoly - 28 Jan 2010 08:55

[Yiddle2 wrote on 27 Jan 2010 14:08:](#)

Unfortunately this wont work for me because I do not have that feature on my phone plan. Apparently it doesnt come with all plans. I guess you need to get a minimum of a certain amount of minutes for my carrier. :(:(:(

-Yiddle

You can still join the calls via a free "skype" kinda connection. But you need a computer & internet. voice.google.com

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Re: Get a phone sponsor and/or join one of the calls. FOR FREE!
Posted by me - 02 Feb 2010 07:54

You can still join the calls via a free "skype" kinda connection.

skype calls to land line phones cost money. Only the computer to computer calls are free.

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Re: Get a phone sponsor and/or join one of the calls. FOR FREE!
Posted by BecomeHoly - 03 Feb 2010 07:46

I meant the skype part will be a requirement for a computer. But voipcheap lets you call phones from the computer for free. Better than skype.

But my previous instructions on google voice are even better than voipcheap. voipcheap is a max of 300 minutes. gvoice is unlimited.

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Re: Get a phone sponsor and/or join one of the calls. FOR FREE!

Posted by BecomeHoly - 26 Jul 2010 13:11

The most common "complaints" about being able to use the phone for recovery are as follows:

- 1) I am afraid of giving out my phone number.
- 2) I can't afford to call long distance because
 - a) I only get free local calling or
 - b) I only get free incoming calls
- 3) I don't have a private phone line I can speak on

Google voice can solve ALL these problems - the table below corresponds to the "complaints" above

- 1) Google provides a FREE and ANONYMOUS phone #. This number can be forward to ANYWHERE IN THE US and can be forwarded simultaneously to up to 4 numbers.
- 2) Google allows you to call anywhere in the US for FREE as follows:
 - a) If you have free local calling, you can call your google voice # and then use it as a calling card to call anywhere in the US for free
 - b) If you only have free incoming calls, you can logon to your google voice account, and then put in the # you wish to reach. Google will then call YOU first, and then call the person you wish to reach. This means you will always be receiving incoming calls
- 3) If you need a private line, google voice can be forwarded to computer phones. Both sipgate.com and whistlephone.com provide free computer phones that google can forward to. All you need is a microphone and headphones (or a headset - I like this one: www.google.com/products?q=cyber+acoustics+ac-201&aq=1&oq=cyber+acoustics+ac) and you will have a private line to use.

To sign up for google voice visit voice.google.com

If you need any help setting this up, feel free to get in touch with BecomeHoly who is using gmail.

Enjoy :-)

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