

ELECTRONICS POLICY AND AGREEMENT

One of the goals of camp is to build friendships, community, and self-confidence. As such, many camps and programs do not allow any electronics or limit the type or amount of electronics use permitted.

At our programs, we recognize that many of our participants find video games soothing and enjoy spending a significant amount of time using electronics for fun, but also to relieve everyday stress. Since we want our participants to feel comfortable and we realize that camp can be a significant transition, we permit the use of some electronics at camp on a limited basis.

1. Handheld video games and personal music players (iPods, MP3's) are allowed at camp, provided that participants **DO NOT** use devices to access to the internet through these electronics. In addition, any such items that have video capabilities must have the videos/TV shows/movies removed before the start of camp.
2. Electronics brought to camp are held in the camp office and will be distributed during electronics times. Electronics are returned to the office after electronics time. Electronics are required to remain in the office at all other times, unless a camp director has provided special permission for additional use.
3. **NO CELL PHONES AT CAMP.** In order to protect the privacy of our participants, **cell phones and cameras** are not permitted.
4. Participants may not access the Internet during camp, unless the camp has a computer activity period and/or special permission is granted. Therefore, access to email, use of Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and other social media sites are not permitted during camp. Participants should let their friends and relatives know that they will be "offline" during camp.
5. Any electronics that are brought to camp are brought **at your own risk** and they are the participant's responsibility. Staff and counselors are not responsible for damage or loss of these items.

Parents/Guardians, please review this policy with your child (if capable to). If you have any further questions about this policy, please contact us. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We know that this policy will improve the quality of our camp experience and we look forward to building friendships and community at our programs!

PLEASE SIGN

I have read and the above Via Electronics Policy and Agreement and I agree to follow the rules stated in this policy during my program with Via Services.

Participant's Name: _____

Participant's Signature: _____

DATE

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

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