

SPECIAL NOTE RE: USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN CAMP

Parents play the most critical role in teaching their children to respect rules. Help us teach your child that he is not an exception to the rules, but that he shows good judgment and integrity by following the rules. To be candid, our desire is to place the onus on you to impress on your son the importance of following these simple, but mandatory rules. Please collect your son's cell phone *before* he leaves for camp. **It does not hurt the camp if your son is able to sneak a cell phone or video game by us. In the long run, it hurts *him*.**

MOST OF YOU HAVE BEEN WITH US FOR MANY YEARS. YOUR CONTINUED CONFIDENCE IN THE CAMP REFLECTS YOUR TRUST IN OUR JUDGMENT. PLEASE HELP YOUR SON DO THE RIGHT THING AND RESPECT THE CAMP'S POLICIES.

Our electronics policy is simple:

NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE PERMITTED IN CAMP

The only exceptions are the following:

- devices that play music ONLY (e.g., iPod or MP3 player)
- iPOD's with video screens are permitted provided all video files are removed. (You can re-install everything when you get back home!) If a camper is using an iPod to watch videos, we will confiscate it and return it at the end of the summer.
- eBooks for summer reading which will be held in the office (contact Warren to arrange)

THE FOLLOWING ELECTRONIC ITEMS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN CAMP:

- PSP's, GAME BOYS, NINTENDO DS and the like
- CELL PHONES, SMART PHONES
- IPHONES, IPOD TOUCH, IPAD
- TELEVISIONS or PORTABLE DVD PLAYERS
- LAPTOPS, PALM PILOTS, BLACKBERRIES, PDA's and the like
- ANY DEVICE WITH INTERNET CAPABILITY
- ANY DEVICE THAT PLAYS VIDEOS or DVD's

CELL PHONES: This is becoming an increasing problem, especially among older campers. The use of cell phones is not in keeping with what we are trying to accomplish at camp. It is also a question of trust. If a camper cannot be trusted to follow this simple rule, it is hard to justify allowing him to go on a trip out of camp when good judgment and accepting responsibility are essential. Our counselors always have cell phones whenever they are leading trips. It is never necessary for a camper to have a cell phone with him. Campers always travel in small groups and never go anywhere without a counselor, even to the bathroom. If an older camper needs to call home for a valid reason, he simply has to come and speak with Warren or me and the request will be honored.

(The only exception to this rule is if your son is traveling to camp alone, without a camp chaperone, he may bring a cell phone for the trip. When he arrives at camp, he should give the phone to Warren for safekeeping. If he is traveling home alone, we will give him back the cell phone for the trip.)