

Auglaize County 4-H Camp  
Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy

**Ohio 4-H Camp Cell Phone Policy:** As a means of risk management, youth participants (campers and counselors) may not possess cell phones\* during 4-H camp. Campers shall not use cell phones (as alarms, music players, etc.) in their cabins at any time. Camp Program Directors will determine consequences for possessing a cell phone. The State 4-H Office recommends a zero tolerance approach: If an individual is caught with a prohibited cell phone, they will be sent home at the family's expense. \* Camp Program Directors also have discretion for prohibiting other internet-enabled devices at their 4-H camps.

**iPOD TOUCH, iPODs and MUSIC/VIDEO STORAGE DEVICES:**

We maintain a policy heavily restricting the use of ipods and other types of music and video data storage devices at camp. Due to the capability of such devices to access the internet, download and store, in a private manner, easily available sexually explicit, degrading, foul and vulgar content, they are potentially inappropriate for use at camp. In addition, it is our aim to promote activities, whether formally planned, informal, or spontaneous during free time, that are inclusive and group oriented rather than exclusionary for private personal use or benefit. A reminder that we highly discourage bringing expensive items to camp.

**Campers may have some type of non-internet capability device other than their phones for music in the cabins.**

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR DATA/MESSAGES SENT:**

Another concern regarding phones and electronic devices is the risk that others will gain access to your child's property. If a message/data is sent from their device, I have to assume that your child was responsible. I have no way of knowing if they granted someone else permission or if someone took the device without asking. Your camper will be held responsible for any data transmitted from their devices.

**Cell Phone Policy Agreement Form**

- Campers are not allowed to be in possession of cell phones at camp.
- Campers are restricted in their use of other electronic devices at camp.
- Campers are responsible for any information transmitted from their devices while at camp.
- If a device becomes a problem at camp, it will be held by the Camp Director until the end of camp.
- Extensive violation of this agreement can lead to a camper's dismissal from camp. Parents agree to pick up their child upon request and will not receive a refund for any portion of camp fees.

I understand the above guidelines regarding cell phone and other devices.

Print Name of Camper: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Camper: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the above cell phone policy and agree to the guidelines stated, including that the cell phones are not permitted & other electronic devices will be taken to be returned at the conclusion of camp if the policy is violated. I understand that if there is an emergency I may contact the camp at the phone numbers listed in the camp packet.

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**(Signature of Parent)**

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**(Date)**