



Cell Phone Policy and Agreement Form

Policy:

Campers are not allowed to bring cell phones or any other electronic devices to camp. Valley Trails Summer Camp is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or broken devices.

Cell phones are expensive and can get lost or stolen while at camp. We are trying to help youth develop life skills at camp including independence and self-reliance. By contacting friends and family during the camp day the camper does not have the opportunity to develop independence.

We believe this emerging independence is one of the benefits of camp and it is one way your child can develop greater resilience. Another unique feature of camp is the opportunity to build a community within the camp environment. The use of cell phones and text features often distracts campers from the opportunity to become a part of this community.

We also respect and appreciate the wonderful relationship youth and families have, but if our campers are to enjoy camp fully they must be able to develop this independence. If there is an emergency or we are concerned about the youth's well being, we will contact you immediately.

If a camper brings a cell phone to camp, it will be held in the camp office until the end of the camp day and will be returned to the camper's parent/guardian. By signing below, I agree to the above stated. I agree that I will not hold Valley Trails Summer Camp or any camp staff responsible for any damage, loss, or theft of any device. I understand that the camp may choose to take further action if my camper breaks this policy.

Agreement:

I, _____, understand that I am not to bring a cell phone or any other electronic device to camp.

Printed Name of camper: _____

Signature of camper: _____

I, _____, have read the above cell phone and other electronic device policy and agree to the guidelines as stated.

(Signature of Parent)

(Date)