

Troop 279 Cell Phone and Electronics Policy

- 1** - Personal electronics devices (ie: tablets, laptops, iPods, handheld video games, etc.), with the exception of a cell phone, should never be brought to a Scout meeting, activity or camping trip unless otherwise directed by a leader (Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, SPL, ASPL).
- 2** - Cell phone use is not permitted at troop meetings unless otherwise directed by a leader (Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, SPL, ASPL). If you bring one to a meeting it needs to remain in your pocket. Leaving cell phones at home are encouraged.
- 3** - Although advised to leave cell phones at home, cell phones are permitted on camping trips and other Scout outings with the following restrictions...
- A** - Bring your cell phone at your own risk. No one other than yourself is responsible for your cell phone. Therefore, cell phones should not be shared. The leadership will not be responsible for personal items and will not take time away from other responsibilities to look for lost or stolen items.
 - B** - Cell phones may be used for emergency phone calls, calling home as warranted and/or as requested by a parent.
 - C** - Cell phones may be used as a tool to complete merit badges and other Scouting requirements.
 - D** - No carrying and use of cell phones outside of the campsite unless approved by an adult leader.
 - E** - At Yawgoog specifically, an adult leader may allot some time to call parents, text and email. Cell phone use will be permitted during car rides at driver's discretion.
 - F** - No inappropriate content will be tolerated.
Inappropriate content is described as...
 - * pornographic material
 - * content containing swearing and crude language
 - * sites that encourage vandalism, crime, terrorism, racism, eating disorders, suicide or bullying
 - * pictures, videos or games which show images of violence or cruelty to other people or animals.
 - * gambling sites
 - * unmoderated chatrooms - where there is no one supervising the conversation and barring unsuitable comments.
 - G** - No cell phones are permitted in bathrooms, showers or changing areas. No inappropriate photos are to be taken at any time.

Consequences for Violating the Cell Phone Policy

Violations of above policy subject owner and device to appropriate response including lockup of device. Surrendering of the cell phone shall be done in accordance with this policy and may be acted upon by any Adult Leader, SPL or ASPL. The device will be given to the Scoutmaster (or designee) at the earliest practical time after the violation occurs. In general, devices will remain in the possession of the Scoutmaster (or designee) until the end of the troop event, unless determined otherwise by the Scoutmaster (or designee).

I have read and fully understand the above statements.

Scout signature _____

Parent/ Guardian signature _____ date _____