

Troop 62 Electronics Policy – June 2017

The intent of this policy is to teach scouts to use their electronic devices as tools, and to learn healthy boundaries for when to use them and when not to use them. It is similar to teaching them the right way to use a knife or a saw.

All scouts must complete the Cyber Chip program for their age group.

Scouts will be allowed to carry phones on outings and at meetings, subject to the following restrictions:

- Phones may only be used as a tool to complete the task at hand or during designated free times. Some examples of legitimate uses to complete tasks are:
 - As a GPS for geocaching
 - Looking up info for a merit badge or other activity
 - Star maps
 - Calculator, timer, utility apps needed for an activity
 - "Designated" free time may not include all free time - some free time will be reserved for camp fires, card games, etc.
- Phone calls are not allowed.
- Phone must be kept on silent mode.
- No sharing of music, videos, or other media is allowed. All media must be "scout appropriate."
- Phones may be used as cameras, however, inappropriate use of the camera is not allowed.
- On camping trips:
 - All phones will be logged in at the start of a trip so that the leaders know which scouts have phones.
 - All phones shall be turned in to the leaders at quiet time. Scouts are to be "electronics free" from quiet time until after breakfast the following morning. Phones will be locked in a leader vehicle for safe keeping.
 - Leaders will not make any special provisions for charging scout phones.

Game systems (DS, PSP, etc.) are only allowed in cars, as they are not tools.

Scouts are not allowed to have phones at summer camp.

Violations of this policy will result in confiscation of scout electronics for the meeting or trip. Serious or repeat violations may result in loss of electronics usage privileges.

Scouts, please sign, along with a parent. Thank you.

We have read and discussed the important policies outlined in the above letter regarding the Troop 62 Electronics policy. We understand the policies and agree to abide by them.

Name of parent: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Name of scout: _____ Signature _____ Date _____