

Troop 4 Electronic Device Policy

Rules for Summer Camp and other overnight activities

1. Scouts are allowed to use devices during travel time; the device must be packed away safely and securely once the destination is reached
2. Parents are directed not to contact scouts directly via messaging or phone calls during camp, but to contact the adults;
3. Scouts are allowed to use electronic devices to assist with scouting pursuits at camp - i.e. to work on Merit Badges, such as the Photography Merit Badge, or to take photographs and videos as and when appropriate, but the devices must otherwise remain packed away
4. Watching videos, playing video games, and other inappropriate use is strictly prohibited;
5. Violation of these rules will lead to confiscation of electronic devices.

These rules do not apply to high adventure camping trips. The adult leaders for these trips will provide guidance on the use of electronic devices.

Rules for Troop Meetings and other single-day activities

1. Scouts are not allowed to use their devices to play games, listen to music, watch videos, or engage in social media activities.
2. Scouts may use their devices for necessary communications, e.g. calling for a ride home, but only at a time and manner that does not disrupt the primary activity
3. Scouts may also use their devices for taking photos and videos, writing and reading notes, and looking up information on the web that is directly relevant to the activity they're engaged in,
4. Scouts are expected to use proper judgment when their device is out, and should not use it in a manner that distracts others or detracts from the primary activity
5. If a scout is observed using a device in an inappropriate manner, they may be required to put the device away. In extreme cases, it may be confiscated until the end of the activity