

WHITMAN SUMMER CAMP ELECTRONICS POLICY



At Whitman Summer Camp, we believe that the best memories are made when campers are fully present and free from digital distractions. Camp is a time to step away from screens, build friendships face-to-face, and be in the moment. By leaving phones, smartwatches, and other electronics at home, campers can gain confidence, independence, and have the full camp experience. It is also important that campers are not exposed to content that is not appropriate.

To help foster this, we ask that all electronic devices, including cell phones, smartwatches, and gaming devices, stay at home...not hidden in camper backpacks.

Here's how it works:

- Campers should leave all phones and electronics at home. This includes smartwatches, phones, gaming devices, tablets, and anything else that connects to the internet.
- If a device is brought to camp, it will be collected by camp staff and safely stored until the end of the day.
- In cases where a camper is found using a device repeatedly, additional steps may be taken to ensure that everyone can fully enjoy the camp experience.

We kindly ask for your support in helping us to keep camp a fun, screen-free zone! Let's work together to make this a summer full of great memories and new adventures.

Thank you for understanding, and we look forward to a wonderful, tech-free summer with your camper!

ELECTRONICS POLICY FOR CAMP OPEN ROAD

Camp Open Road has a modified cell phone policy:

Appropriate Uses:

- Camp Open Road Campers will be able to bring their cell phones to camp and use them on trips to connect with staff at certain locations. Staff will go over these guidelines on a daily basis with campers. Phones will only be used for communication and NOT for entertainment while at a trip location.
- Campers may have time on the bus when they are given permission to have free time to use their phones for entertainment on long bus trips. Staff will make announcements about when campers can engage with electronics.

Inappropriate Uses:

- Camp Open Road campers may NOT, at any time, use their electronics on camp premises. This includes during downtime before and after trips. Phones and watches MUST be kept in their backpacks at all times.

In cases where a camper is not following these guidelines, the device will be taken by staff and returned to the camper at the end of the day. If this becomes a repeated pattern, further actions will be taken.

Let's get campers off devices and have them embrace the awkwardness of meeting new friends and experiencing new adventures.