

## **Troop 124 & 5124 Electronics Policy**

To help scouts be actively present at meetings and outings, and to be considerate of other scouts' experience and the larger natural environment, our troop Electronics Policy is as follows:

1. The troop encourages leaving all electronics at home so every scout can be fully engaged in the scouting activity and enjoy the great outdoors.
2. The only electronics permitted on outings are a camera or smartphone.
3. Electronic devices are only permitted at meetings for the purpose of teaching/participating in classes or assisting with scout advancement with leader approval.
4. Smartphones should be out-of-sight and/or out-of-sound to be considerate of other scouters and the environment. Smartphones should be either turned off or on Silent.
5. Smartphones and headphones/earbuds are only permitted for the following:
  - Taking photos (following youth protection guidelines).
  - As a scout learning tool (tying knots app, reviewing rank requirements, trail maps, etc), with leader approval.
  - In vehicles during transport to/from outings, with permission of the driver.
  - During free time (with headphones/earbuds).
  - To call a parent/guardian within one hour before returning from an outing to arrange pick-up transportation.
  - For a work-related purpose.
6. Recorded music that can be heard by multiple scouts (using any type of speaker) is only allowed with specific SPL and Scoutmaster approval.
7. While on an outing, a scout will not call or text home unless the scout has asked and received Scoutmaster approval AND the Scoutmaster participates in the phone call. (This is because if a scout feels sick, homesick, sad, cold, etc troop leaders are on site and are better able to immediately help address the scout's challenge.)
8. If a scout chooses not to follow the troop electronics policy their device may be confiscated by an Adult Leader for the duration of the activity.