

2017 Cell Phone Policy

CELL PHONE POLICY

Independent Lake Camp understands the role of cell phones in the world today. Children have a lot of pressure in their everyday lives to be connected to the Internet and social media. We want to be a place where children can be relieved of that pressure and interact more with the people they are with. We have developed a policy to encourage children to "love the ones they are with." Our policy used to forbid cell phones at camp, however we realized that approach did not teach children how to learn to choose not to use their phones.

Thus, our policy on camper cell phones is:

- **Campers on ELKVIEW*** are not permitted to keep cell phones in the bunk. We discourage them to bring the phones to camp however if they do we will store them in a safe in the office and they can come to the office and use them during free choice.
- **Campers on LAKESIDE**** are permitted to bring cell phones however they may only be used inside their cabins during cleanup, rest hour, and after EVAC. They will not be provided with any WIFI password.

If a cell phone is seen outside of the bunk, it is immediately confiscated and stored in the office until the end of the session.

***ELKVIEW** = Going into 7th Grade and Younger

****LAKESIDE** = Going into 8th Grade and Older

ELECTRONICS POLICY

Understanding the electronic culture our campers live in today and supporting their development is a primary focus at ILC. We understand that campers use and utilize electronics in their daily lives. That being said, we have a focus to try to help campers understand the value of having an option for electronics, but choosing not to use them. At ILC, campers are allowed electronics to listen to music, read or play games in their bunks, however, they will not have access to any wifi and there is very limited cell service. We do not recommend sending any expensive electronic items to camp, as they often get lost or broken. ILC is not responsible for any broken, lost or stolen electronics that are brought to camp.