



Tehama County 4-H Camp

Electronic Device Policy

Tehama County 4-H camp aims to provide a unique and immersive experience that fosters interpersonal communication skills, independence, and personal growth among campers and teen staff. To align with these objectives, the use of cell phones and other electronic devices with internet connectivity is not allowed at camp.

1. Camp Communication

- Campers expressing concerns about being away from home will have a support system in place, including fellow campers, teen staff, adult volunteers, the camp director, and camp nurse.
- In case of challenges or adjustments, the camp director or camp nurse will promptly contact the parents, ensuring the well-being and comfort of campers.

2. Fostering Independence

- Transferring primary care to camp staff encourages growth and challenges campers to trust and collaborate with peers and adults.
- Independence gained through camp experience contributes to resilience and self-confidence, aligning with the camp's core adjectives.

3. Hiding Cell Phones

- Parents are urged not to hide cell phones in camper luggage, as this may compromise the camp experience for other campers.
- Considerations for all campers is essential, leave the cell phone at home.

4. Texting

- Camp prioritizes face-to-face interactions for campers, teen staff, and adults to build interpersonal relationships.
- Texting friends outside of camp limits the opportunity to foster new friendships within the camp community.

5. Digital Photography

- Cell phones are prohibited due to the potential misuse of built-in cameras and rapid internet access.
- Digital cameras are allowed, with an emphasis on responsible use. Any compromising photographs may result in dismissal, and legal authorities will be notified if necessary.

6. Other Electronic Devices

- Ipods and similar devices with internet access are inappropriate and prohibited at camp.
- Music/video storage devices are also prohibited to maintain a group-oriented camp experience.

7. Teen Staff Cell Phones

- Teen staff cell phones will be collected at the beginning of camp, securely stored, and returned at the end of camp.

Remember, the goal at Tehama County 4-H Camp is to promote inclusive and group-oriented activities, fostering personal growth and lasting connections. Your cooperation in adhering to the electronic device policy ensures a meaningful camp experience for all participants.