

McDonald Road Hawks

Electronic Device Policy Agreement

Campouts: One of the goals of the Pathfinder leadership is to help our young people develop a love for nature and the outdoors. The use of electronic devices (phones, iPods, gaming devices, etc) creates a major distraction, as well as a risk. Each family has its own rules regarding what is and isn't allowed with electronics; one family may approve of a video that another family does not approve of. When Pathfinders are sharing a tent together, their counselors are not in the tent with them; thus counselors are unable to provide appropriate supervision regarding what is being viewed and shared with others. Additionally, those who choose to stay up late on electronics may not get the sleep they need, and may keep others from sleeping as well. For these reasons, Pathfinders are not permitted to bring electronic devices on campouts. We offer young people the opportunity to unplug from media, and plug into the great outdoors!

- **Communication:** If you need to reach your child, or your child needs to reach you, you may do so through the counselors or director, who will have their phones with them at all events. For a faster response, please text instead of calling.
- **Pictures:** Traditional cameras are allowed and encouraged for those who would like to take pictures. Additionally, counselors and staff often take pictures and are happy to share these with parents.

Club Meetings: Electronic devices are permitted at meetings, but must be on silent and stowed away. They may be taken off silent and used after club dismissal at 8:30.

Violation of Policy: Pathfinders who violate this policy will have their electronic device(s) taken away, and their parent will need to pick it up from the counselor. Repeat offenses may result in loss of camping privileges or in extreme cases, dismissal from the club.

Note: McDonald Road Church and the Pathfinder Club will not be responsible for damaged, stolen, or lost electronic devices that are brought on campouts or to club meetings.

Pathfinder:

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to support and abide by the club's electronic device policy as stated above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent:

I have witnessed my child read this, and I agree to support and abide by the club's electronic device policy as stated above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____