

4-H Camp 2017

Cell Phone, Internet, Social Networking, and Blogging Policy

We share the concerns of many families and schools regarding the dangers associated with young people's use of social networking platforms. In general, our camp views social networking sites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snap Chat), personal websites, and blogs positively and respects the right of campers to use them as a medium of self-expression.

There are always risks associated with social media though, that range from online sexual solicitation to cyber bullying to the damaging of one's own reputation, camp admission status or job prospects by posting inappropriate information on personal pages.

Please discuss this with your child and encourage him or her to share any inappropriate postings by or about members of our camp community, while also following appropriate guidelines themselves when referring to the camp, its programs or activities, its campers, and/or employees, in a blog or on a website.

Our 4-H Camp's policy is that:

1. Campers must be respectful in all communications and blogs related to or referencing the camp, its employees and other campers.
2. Campers must not use obscenities, profanity or vulgar language.
3. Campers must not use blogs or personal websites to disparage the camp, other campers or employees of the camp.
4. Campers must not use blogs or personal websites to harass, bully or intimidate other campers or employees of the camp. Behaviors that constitute harassment and bullying include, but are not limited to, comments that are derogatory with respect to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, color or disability; sexually suggestive, humiliating or demeaning comments; and threats to stalk, haze or physically injure another person.
5. Campers must not use blogs or personal websites to discuss engaging in conduct that is prohibited by camp policies, including, but not limited to, the use of alcohol and drugs, sexual behavior, sexual harassment and bullying.
6. Campers will only have cell phones in their possession during the allowed times (free time). Any camper using their cell phone during non-designated times will have their phones taken away for a time to be determined by the Camp Director.

Youth campers should try to leave cell phones at home. There isn't a place to charge them and if they are lost or stolen 4-H Camp is not responsible for any lost or stolen devices, charging cords, headphones, etc. Any camper found to be in violation of any portion of this Cell Phone, Internet, Social Networking, and Blogging Policy will be subject to immediate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal without financial reimbursement to the camper or the camper's family.