



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TROOP/CREW 179
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN



TROOP 179 CELL PHONE POLICY & PERMISSION FORM

Cell phones and digital devices are great tools, and like any other tool used in Scouting, they should be used responsibly.

The following policy covers guidelines for Scouts and parents regarding the use of cell phones and digital devices during Scouting activities, trips, and functions.

While the Patrol Leaders' Council currently allows all Scouts in the Troop the privilege of carrying a cell phone or digital device during Scouting activities, a Scout must also have the permission of parents or guardians.

The Patrol Leaders' Council has set the following rules for cell phone and digital device use:

General Use

- Scouts agree the use of a cell phone or digital device should follow the 12 Points of the Scout Law, and inappropriate content should never be accessed.
- Scouts agree cyber bullying is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Reference: BSA Prevention of Cyberbullying
- Scouts agree devices will not be taken into restrooms for any reason (charging, private phone calls, or pictures or video) - this is a violation of Youth Protection.
- Troop 179 and Leadership are not responsible for anything lost, stolen, or damaged.
- Adult and Youth Leaders will not spend a large amount of time looking for anything lost during a Scout activity - it is the Scout's responsibility to keep track of their belongings.
- Individual Scouts must provide their cell phone number to the troop and at least four Troop 179 Leader's number must be saved in the Scout's phone in case of an emergency.
- Scouts agree devices should only be used during downtimes and should never become a disruption to Troop activities.
- Scouts agree some activities could be considered a "No Device" activity. This will be decided before the event so devices can be left at home, with an adult, or a parent.
- While Troop 179 occasionally takes photos for its website and promotional materials, no individual Scout may post pictures/videos to any social media without the permission of the person in the picture or video and permission from the Troop.

Meetings, Campouts and Summer Camp

- Earbuds shall not be worn at anytime during a Troop meeting. This begins at opening flags and ends at closing.
- Cell phones or other devices shall not be used during a Troop meeting, unless permission is given by an Adult or Youth Leader.
- Scouts agree there shall be no cell phone use during mealtimes. Devices should be put away by all Scouts during meal prep and stay away through clean-up of the patrol site.



- Scouts agree music played through speakers should be limited to downtime. Music should be discontinued immediately if requested by an Adult or Youth Leader.
- Scouts agree, out of respect for others, absolutely no cell phones, digital devices, or music after Taps (lights out). Anything used after lights out, will be confiscated, and returned to the Scout in the morning after Reveille (wake-up call).
- Troop 179 and Leadership will not provide their vehicles or other means for charging cell phones – unless a devoted charge station has been established.
- Individual Troop programs (New Scouts, Traditionals, Venturers) may expand this policy on a temporary basis at the discretion of the Adult and Youth Leaders.
- Failure to comply with this policy may result in the suspension of a Scout's privilege to carry and use a cell phone or digital device at a Scouting function, trip, or activity.
- If any of these rules are violated during a Troop activity, an Adult Leader has the discretion to ask the Scout to put the device away or to confiscate the device.
- If a cell phone or digital device is confiscated during a Troop activity for any reason other than use after lights out, Adult Leaders have the discretion as to when to return the device, which includes returning the cell phone or device to the parents after the event.

Scout (signature)

Date

Parent/Guardian (signature)

Date

Scout's Name

Parent 1 Name & Contact Number

Scout's Cell Number _____

Parent 2 Name & Contact Number

☐ Please use this number to contact this Scout

Please add Leaders Phone Numbers to Scout's Phone

(Scoutmaster Chuck, ASM Hooker and at least two leaders from the Scout's Program)

About Published Rosters:

The Troop publishes several Rosters with Phone Numbers on them. The **Patrol Roster** is the most widely distributed, mostly used by leaders (youth & adults) who are looking to contact the Scout. Many parents ask us to publish the Scouts cell number on this so that they can call the Scout Directly.

We also have a **Parents Roster** that is used more for contacting parents more directly. In an emergency during activities where we need to contact a parent. We first go to a **registration report**. where during registration you're able to give us the best person's phone number for that event.

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