

2019 WAUKEELA ELECTRONICS POLICY

Each off season, we spend time evaluating the changes in technology in order to be sure that we balance the realities of technological advancements with the need to keep Waukeela a traditional experience.

It is our goal to create an environment where campers “unplug” themselves for the summer and make the camp experience one where they interact without video games, apps, movies, cell phone and other electronics. With this in mind, the following is our 2018 policies regarding electronics at camp.

iPods, iPod Touches and Apple Watches:

We feel that an iPod Touch and the Apple Watch are not appropriate for camp life. While they may be great items in our home lives, they are simply not a match for what we are trying to promote at camp.

The iPod Touch and Apple Watch both have Wifi and cellular data capabilities which would result in campers having the ability to go on the internet from certain locations in camp. We will be enforcing a zero tolerance rule which will lead to the iPod Touch and Apple Watch being sent home at the parents expense.

What is allowed:

We recognize that many campers like to listen to music during rest hour and at night.

Consequently, for 2018, we are allowing campers to bring an iPod Nano or Shuffle to camp provided that all video content and applications are completely removed prior to arriving at camp. If video content and/or applications are not completely removed prior to camp, these devices will also be sent home at the parent's expense.

Digital Cameras and Video Cameras:

The popularity of digital photos and videos is at an all time high. Cameras are being used to capture all moments of life whether appropriate or inappropriate. Facebook, Instagram, Vine, YouTube and Snapchat have become vehicles many children are posting these photos/videos to. Unfortunately, there have been countless stories of inappropriate videos being posted leading to devastating results.

We do acknowledge that taking pictures and video and having these memories are important to our campers. With this in mind, we will allow campers to take video, only outside the cabins. Camera's are never allowed inside bathrooms or the shower house.

iPads, Nooks, Kindles and E-Readers:

While many of our campers use iPads in their daily lives, we feel they are not appropriate or needed in “camp life.”

The Nook or Kindle Touch will be allowed to be brought to camp if your child would like to use these devices for reading. All books will need to be downloaded before your child arrives to camp. We prefer that you send traditional books instead as camp will not be responsible for lost or damaged devices.

Any E-Readers that can store/take videos, images or games are not allowed.

Cell Phones:

Cell phones are not allowed at Waukeela. The ONLY exception is if your camper is traveling to camp alone by plane in which case we will collect their cell phone upon arrival at camp and store it in the safe in the office and return it for the way home at the end of the session.

Please call us at 603-447-2260 if you have any questions on our Electronics Policy.