

Troop 5 Yonkers Cell Phones and Electronic Devices Policy BYOD101

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

The Troop recognizes that technology is an important component of education both within Scouting and beyond. Certain technologies however can disrupt the educational process when used inappropriately. Since Scouts and Leaders routinely carry cell phones, portable music devices and other similar devices, the Troop is obligated to limit Scout and Leader use of such devices during the Scouting day to ensure that the educational environment is free from distractions and conducive to learning.

As such, Scouts and Leaders must keep all cell phones, portable music devices, etc. put away and out of sight "during" instructional time. Any Scout, who has such a device in plain view, whether or not such device is in use, will be subject to disciplinary consequences and "may have" the item confiscated. If confiscated the Scoutmaster or his designee will inform the Scout's parent /guardian of the incident that led to the confiscation, and tell the parent/guardian when the item may be picked up.

During periods of instruction and other Scout evaluations, leaders may request the Scouts remove all devices from their possession, either by returning the devices to backpacks, or placing outside the direct possession of the Scout. Any use of the electronic device during instruction and review will be considered cheating and will be addressed accordingly.

If a Scout or parent has special needs that require the use of a cell phone or other device during instructional time, the Scoutmaster or his designee may accommodate those needs. Exceptions to this policy may be made for emergency circumstances.

Legal References: Boy Scout General Statutes

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