

Kentucky 4-H Camp Technology Policy

A positive and fun 4-H Camping experience does not include time spent on a cell phone, smart watch, or other devices. For this reason, the following guidelines are in effect for technology use during the camping session:

- A. Campers are not permitted to bring cell phones, smart watches, tablets, or other electronic devices to camp. Exceptions are made for campers who use Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems for diabetes management. This should be noted on the camp program registration form.
- B. If Teens are permitted to bring cell phones to camp, they are not allowed to have campers use their phone. A camping group must have a policy in writing regarding the use of cell phones by Teens at camp. All counties in the group must comply with that policy.
- C. Camp Staff must not allow a camper to use their cell phone at any time. Cell phones, smart watches, and other electronic devices are to be used only in privacy unless conducting camp business as needed.
- D. Adults who bring cell phones to camp should not use the phones during classes or any other activity where they are responsible for supervising campers. Any adult with a cell phone or smart watch should use discretion when using it. These devices should be used in private, not in the presence of campers.
- E. Under no circumstance should a camper be allowed to use an adult's cell phone without prior approval from the County Agent.
- F. The 4-H Program, the 4-H Camp and the University of Kentucky are not responsible for any damage, loss or theft of cell phones, smart watches, or other electronic devices that are brought to camp.

