

## Cell Phone Informed Consent Agreement

In a world of continuous technological advancement cell phones have become an integral part of our day. At times they can be a beneficial addition to the scouting program and at others a detriment. It is the recommendation of Troop 60 that cell phones **not** be brought on a campout due to the risk of them getting damaged, they were not designed for the outdoors after all. However, there are a number of useful apps that could be used to enhance the scouting experience. The following are the guidelines for acceptable cell phone usage during Troop 60 activities.

- Use the technology to build relationships with the troop, find useful information, communicate and share excitement about Scouting.
- Don't let technology detract from the outdoor experience, the program experience, or the Scouting experience for the troop or patrol. Cell phones should be used to enhance and understand the scouting activity taking place, and not to replace the activity with games or social media.
- Social media should be avoided during scouting activities. When updating social sites after the activity use only appropriate, (non-embarrassing), photos or clips to share and build excitement about Scouting. **Failure to follow this rule will result in the scout's loss of cell phone privileges during future activities.**
- Scouts are not to be texting or calling during campouts. These calls will detract from the outdoor experience and can enhance the effects of homesickness especially for our younger scouts, particularly during longer campouts. If the scout must make a phone call, the leader in charge must be made aware **Before** the call is made and approve the call.
- Please note during this activity scouts will not have any means of recharging a cell phone if the battery becomes low or is depleted. It is the scouts responsibility to be thrifty with the battery life so it may last through the activity.

This form must have parent/ guardian and scouts signature(s)

On my honor as a scout I agree to follow the guidelines for acceptable cell phone usage during the above mentioned activity. I also understand it is my responsibility to take care of my cell phone. If I cannot follow these rules I will give my phone to my leader to lock in a car for the remainder of the outing.

I reviewed and understand Troop 60, Great Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, Cell Phone policy. I have given \_\_\_\_\_,

(Name)

my (son/daughter), my consent to bring a cell phone on

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Activity)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Scout (please print)

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Name (please print)

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Signature of Scout

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Signature

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