



Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones are a great tool, and like any other tool used in Scouting, they should be used responsibly. The following policy covers the responsibilities of scouts and parents regarding the use of cell phones during scouting activities, trips, and functions.

The privilege of carrying a cell phone during scouting activities may be earned by any Scout who is at the Rank of First Class or higher, is appointed or elected to a position of leadership, and has earned their BSA Cyber Chip. A scout should also have the permission of his parents or guardians. Cyber Chips are renewed annually. A valid card must be on your person.

The **Patrol Leaders' Council** currently limits cell phones on campouts to senior leadership with some exceptions for the Bugler and Patrol Leaders on certain trips. **Cell phones are not allowed out during Troop Meetings by any youth.**

- Troop 101 and its leadership are **NOT** responsible for the cell phone if it is lost, stolen, or damaged during Scout activities.
- It is the Scout's responsibility to keep track of the phone. If a cell phone is lost during a scout activity the Troop will not spend a large amount of time looking for it.
- Adult leadership will **NOT** provide their vehicles or other means for charging of cell phones.
- Scouts must provide their cell phone number to the troop. They must also have at least one Troop leader's number in their phone in case of an emergency.
- Cell phones will **NOT** be taken into restrooms for any reason (charging, private phone calls, or for pictures/video). This is a violation of Youth Protection.
- No pictures or videos will be posted on any social media site without the permission of the person in the picture or video.
- Use of the cell phone should follow the 12 points of the Scout Law. Inappropriate content should not be accessed.
- Cyber bullying is prohibited and will not be tolerated.
- The cell phone will only be used **during down times** and should never be a disruption to troop activities.
- Some activities, like Troop Meetings, will be considered a "No Cell Phone" activity. This will be decided before the event so phones can be left at home, with an adult, or a parent.
- Phones may be on your person during a meeting if you need to call for your ride, but they cannot be out at any time during the Patrol Meeting.
- No music playing at any time, especially at night. Ear buds are to be worn to not disturb others.

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Failure to comply with this policy may result in the suspension of a scout's privilege to carry and use a cell phone at a scouting function, trip, or activity. Unauthorized cell phones brought to troop activities will be confiscated and returned to the parents after the event.