

## Camp Alleghany's Electronics Policy

While technology and electronics remain an important part of today's fast-paced society, and being technologically savvy will be important in your daughter's future, we ask that you support us in viewing her time at Alleghany as a "break" from the modern world. After all, Alleghany's philosophy is:

*... that when young women spend time together in a structured yet fun setting, away from their male friends, school, peer pressure, and academic expectations, they grow into confident and successful individuals, capable of excelling in whatever they choose to put their minds to. Alleghany offers a chance to experience new activities, to express one's self, and to broaden one's horizons. Living under an honor system and in the safety of the wilderness away from the distractions of modern technology, the girls build new skills, lasting friendships, and solid self-esteem.*

Therefore, it is prohibited for campers to use or possess the following items at Camp Alleghany:

- Cell phone
- iPad
- Video camera
- Digital camera
- Video games
- Any device that has internet connectivity (including iPods with such capacity)
- Any device that shows/records videos (including iPods with such capacity)
- Any other electronic device with camera, internet, or video capacity

Should a camper have one of these devices at camp, it will be kept in the office until closing day.

A simple mp3 player without video/internet capacity is allowable, but campers may not charge these items, and counselors may not charge them for campers. Radios/discmen are acceptable.

### ***Digital Cameras***

Many newer digital cameras have internet capabilities, so to protect the innocence of our campers only disposable cameras will be allowed at camp. We sell disposable cameras in the camp store for \$10. You can get any disposable camera developed onto a digital CD for no extra charge at Wal-Mart, or for \$0.97 more they will create an online gallery for you. We do have a staff member taking photos every day, and we post hundreds of photos each summer on our password protected gallery.

### ***Electronics on Camp Alleghany's charter buses:***

Once Camp Alleghany assumes responsibility for a camper, all of Camp Alleghany's rules apply, including the Electronics Policy. Therefore, campers will not be allowed to use a cell phone, iPod or any other electronic device on the bus. **Please do not send these items with her on the bus.**

### ***Electronics on the camp side of the river on Opening/Closing Days:***

Please do not allow campers' cell phones or other electronic devices on the camp side of the river on Opening or Closing Days. When you drop your daughter off at camp or pick her up, please leave all her electronic devices, including cell phones, in the car! The only campers who should bring a cell phone into camp are those who are arriving by plane, and they will check their phones into a locked safe in the office upon arrival.

### ***Camp Alleghany's Camper Code of Conduct and Honor Code:***

The Camp Alleghany Camper Code of Conduct addresses this electronics policy, and all campers are expected to uphold this, as we abide by an Honor Code at Alleghany. Parents and guardians, we ask that you help us fulfill our mission by not packing these items in your camper's bags. Please set an example for your child by discussing the Electronics Policy together, and talking with her about why it is beneficial and even enjoyable to spend some time away from the internet and other modern technology. Just a little encouragement from you will go a long way to helping her to enjoy the timeless joys of summer camp. If your daughter seems unable to part with her electronics, refer back to the goals you made with her and talk to her about what she wants to gain from Alleghany—fun in the outdoors, new friendships, experiencing Alleghany at its best! These goals are much more achievable without distracting electronic toys.

[Read more about our Electronics Policy here.](#)