



DIGITAL DETOX

Today's kids are part of the most connected generation ever, some having had cell phones and mobile gaming devices since grade school. In fact, school is probably the only place kids are without their phones for more than a few minutes.

Every season parents call to voice their concern that their children want to bring their cell phones to camp.

Camp is a "step back in time" place where we make real friends, not social media acquaintances. A place where we actually speak to one another— even on the bus, and where games are played OUTSIDE! Camp provides a break from the screens which children stare at an average of 7.5 hours per day, and an opportunity for us to interact with each other the way humans have done for thousands of years: Face to Face. Kids will have plenty of time in their life to stare at screens. It's our job to give them as much sunshine as we can during their most formative years of life. Not only are cell phones and other electronics expensive and can get stolen or lost, but also their usage can interfere with and even sabotage a child's overall experience at camp.

We believe camp is a great place to "unplug" and enjoy conversation, not text messages. A camper that spends so much time immersed in technology or communications may do so at the expense of getting to know fellow campers and counselors. Summer camp offers a great opportunity to learn about and navigate social situations while not being constantly connected to and immersed within a digital/virtual world.

To reiterate, we are, as strongly as possible, asking you to have your children leave this equipment at home. We have spoken to many campers, staff and parents about the policy and have taken your thoughts from our post-summer camp evaluations into consideration. We recommend that your child powers down, unplugs, and takes what we're certain is a well-needed break from the world of electronics.

We all are looking forward to a fun-filled, safe, and productive summer without any of the worries. We appreciate your cooperation

Yours in camping,

Ian Feibelman
Director/Owner