

# Camp Mardela

## Cell Phone Policy and Agreement Form

### Policy:

Campers are not allowed to bring cell phones or any other electronic devices to camp.

Cell phones are expensive and can get lost or stolen and the physical camp environment is not kind.

Camp is a unique environment. We are trying to help youth develop life skills at camp including independence and self-reliance. By contacting friends and family during the week the camper does not have the opportunity to develop independence. We believe this emerging independence is one of the benefits of camp and it is one way your child can develop greater resilience.

Another unique feature of camp is the opportunity to build a community within the camp environment. The use of cell phones and text features often distracts campers from the opportunity to become a part of this community.

We also respect and appreciate the wonderful relationship youth and families have, but if our campers are to enjoy camp fully they must be able to develop this independence. If there is an emergency or we are concerned about the youth's well-being, we will contact you immediately.

If a camper brings a cell phone to camp, it will be held in the camp office until the end of the camp session. We will not be held responsible for any damage or loss of any cell phone at camp.

### Agreement:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that I am not to bring a cell phone to  
Printed Name of Camper

camp. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of camper

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the above cell phone policy  
Parent Name

and agree to the guidelines stated, including that the cell phone will be taken to be returned at the conclusion of Camp if the policy is violated. I understand that if there is an emergency or concerns I may contact the camp. (410-479-2861)

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(Signature of Parent) (Date)