



GULF COAST COUNCIL, BSA
National Youth Leadership Training
Electronics & Cell Phones



Entertainment Electronics

Entertainment electronics are strongly discouraged at the course other than those necessary to the running of the course, under the direction of staff. Their unauthorized use by participants is disruptive to the operation of the course. They can be expensive and could suffer damage or loss.

If a participant brings entertainment electronics to the course s/he is required *not* to remove it from his/her tent. If it is found outside the tent or if it is detected operating within the tent, it may be confiscated by the course staff to be returned at completion of the course.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are now a ubiquitous feature of today and many parents equip their children with them for what they feel are safety and/or convenience reasons. However, while the participants of a course are present, the course is responsible for the safety of the youth under their charge. The adult leaders *must* maintain their authority and know to whom the youth (and other youth who may use it) are in contact.

For this reason, cell phones are not permitted at this course. If a participant's cell phone is found, it will be confiscated by the course staff and held by the Course Director and returned at the conclusion of the course. Unauthorized use of a cell phone by a participant is grounds for dismissal from the course at the discretion of the Course Director.

If a parent has serious concerns about his/her child having a cell phone and access to it, then the parent should contact the Course Director to discuss any concerns. If the child has special needs, then special arrangements may be made to accommodate those needs.



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Special Needs Form



If a child has special need to have access to a cell phone, written permission must be provided, listing phone numbers and individuals permitted to be called and under what specific circumstances the participant is required to call. The phone and the permission slip will be turned over to the Course Director, to be returned at the conclusion of the course. The Course Director shall be the leader to issue the phone and receive it after each use. It is to be operated only under the supervision of an adult leader, being mindful to respect the privacy of the youth. It should only be used for emergencies and not for trivial or entertainment reasons. It is recommended that it be operated discretely, while following the principles of Two Deep Leadership at all times.

Scout Name: _____

I have read and understand the safety requirements stated in the NYLT Cell Phone Policy. My child, however, has a special need to place calls with a family cell phone. S/he has my permission to call the following people with the provided cell phone, for these pressing needs:

Name:	Number:
Reason:	

Name:	Number:
Reason:	

Name:	Number:
Reason:	

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____