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## CAMPER/STAFF PHONE & ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Camp is primarily about developing deep and profound relationships with others. The personal connection that comes from truly being present with others is what children and staff members need most for personal growth. Camp is one of the few places left where the priority is one another, nurturing and living in a community and being fully present for one another. The development of camper self-esteem as campers learn to handle and solve problems together with their peers and camp staff is invaluable. Use of cell phones and electronic devices detract from what we are working to accomplish at camp.

Therefore, Moshava will be strictly enforcing an updated phone and electronic device policy for campers as well as instituting a very strict policy for all staff members. Similar policies have been instituted in other ACA camps.

- **Phones and electronic devices are NOT allowed in camp. In addition, we will NOT allow cameras, or any device with a screen. Cameras without a screen are allowed for use outside of living quarters. Smartphones without sim cards for the purpose of playing music or videos are NOT allowed. All electronic devices including iPads, tablets, iPod Touches, Kindles and gaming devices will NOT be allowed in camp. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE. We will allow campers to bring a disposable camera but WE WILL NOT PERMIT campers to take pictures inside the bunks where people shower and get dressed.**
- If your child would like to listen to music in camp please send an MP3 player (an iPod shuffle type of device or similar) without a screen or any apps or videos. Below are links for MP3 player options. Use of speakers are permitted for listening to music inside or outside the bunks. Use of headphones are permitted inside the bunks ONLY. Campers are not permitted to walk around campus with headphones on.

[https://www.amazon.com/AGPTEK-Shuffle-Portable-Sweatproof-Silicone/dp/B0722KVJM3/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1542143208&sr=8-3&keywords=mp3+player+no+screen](https://www.amazon.com/AGPTEK-Shuffle-Portable-Sweatproof-Silicone/dp/B0722KVJM3/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1542143208&sr=8-3&keywords=mp3+player+no+screen)

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00WE2W2A8/ref=oh\\_aui\\_detailpage\\_o06\\_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00WE2W2A8/ref=oh_aui_detailpage_o06_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1)

[https://www.amazon.com/Function-Portable-VZ-SPORT-MATE/dp/B07CXX3WB4/ref=sr\\_1\\_4?ie=UTF8&qid=1542143564&sr=8-4&keywords=mp3+player+no+screen](https://www.amazon.com/Function-Portable-VZ-SPORT-MATE/dp/B07CXX3WB4/ref=sr_1_4?ie=UTF8&qid=1542143564&sr=8-4&keywords=mp3+player+no+screen)

[https://www.amazon.com/MP3-Player-Removable-Lossless-Portable/dp/B07FZ3233V/ref=sr\\_1\\_5?ie=UTF8&qid=1542143564&sr=8-5&keywords=mp3+player+no+screen](https://www.amazon.com/MP3-Player-Removable-Lossless-Portable/dp/B07FZ3233V/ref=sr_1_5?ie=UTF8&qid=1542143564&sr=8-5&keywords=mp3+player+no+screen)

If you are using iTunes files you will need to convert them to MP3/4 player files. The following link will walk you through the process.

<https://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-convert-ITunes-music-in-to-mp3-in-i-tunes/>

- **Travel to and from camp:** A camper traveling by plane may bring their phone with them on the trip. However, the phone must be turned in upon arrival at camp. All phones will be returned in time to charge before the trip to the airport the last day of the session.

We discourage campers traveling on camp buses from bringing phones. If a child does bring a phone on the bus, it must be turned in upon arrival at camp and will be returned at the end of the session. We do not return camper phones on visiting day, trip day or between first and second session.

- **Possession of or using a smartphone (cellphone) or any other device, other than an MP3 player without a screen, in camp is grounds for a 3 day suspension from camp. Parents will be required to either pick up their children or pay for transportation to and from camp.**
- Please share this information in its entirety with your children before they leave for camp.

We look forward to a wonderful summer of growth, development and great fun.

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