

Electronics Policy: Parent/Campers

Electronics: Killooleet's philosophy frees children to develop their interests and skills that include face-to-face relationships with others. Relying on letters and occasional calls rather than daily chats or texts to stay in touch with family and friends at home makes the adjustment to camp easier and growth greater. As they learn to trust caring adults, camp friends, and themselves, campers become more resilient. We also are aware of the mounting evidence of correlations between screen time and mental health concerns among children and adolescents. Therefore, we are a screen-free community. Please leave all phones and screened electronics at home. We will send home phones and other devices that do arrive, unless a child needs the phone for a trip home after camp; in that case, we will store it for them.

Exception: Music devices. Music is a very important part of camp, so we do allow, and even encourage, campers to bring one of our accepted music-playing devices. We permit campers to have MP3 players and older ipods for music only (screenless, with headphones). Please do not send an iTouch, iPhone or iPad or the like. If your child brings a music player to camp, please help them download their playlists and back up their music files on a computer before camp because they won't have access to the internet.

Here is a list of some affordable devices we allow:

- Older iPod Classic, Nano or Shuffle
- [SanDisk 8gb \(\\$35\)](#)
- [SanDisk 32gb \(\\$50\)](#)
- [JOLIKE \(\\$35\)](#)
- [MIGHTY music player \(\\$125\)](#) This enables campers to save playlists for enjoyment at camp where Spotify and Amazon aren't available.

Please be sure that your child brings an older device rather than a new expensive one as small, fragile electronic devices do not always survive the summer. If you have any questions about a specific device, please contact us at info@killooleet.com. If you have any financial concerns about providing a music playing device, please do not hesitate to reach out to Kate to see if camp can be of assistance.