

# Cheshire YMCA

## Cell Phone and Electronics Policy

### PURPOSE

The Cheshire YMCA has adopted a policy of not allowing cell phones or electronics by students while they are participating in Developmental Travel Programs. The reasons for this are grounded in the concept that all students should be focused on the experience of group travel. Additionally, there are practical reasons such as loss, damage, and legal considerations that can arise with the technology that is available today, such as the ability to send photographs from a “smart” phone that may not be appropriate.

### EXPECTATIONS

- No cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, Kindles or other electronic devices are allowed on Tour. Cameras are permitted.
- Parents are requested to participate in the compliance of this policy. We ask that parents collect their child’s devices prior to the tours departure to ensure compliance.
- If a Tour participant needs to make a phone call, they should see their Group Leader or the Tour Director.
- Phone numbers to the Y and other contact information will be made available in the event communication is necessary.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

If a cell phone or other non-permitted device is discovered while on tour, then;

- The device will be confiscated immediately and handed to the Tour Director.
- A call will be made to the parent/guardian of the child to inform that the device has been taken.
- Disciplinary action, such as loss of privileges, will be at the discretion of the Tour Director.
- The device WILL NOT be returned at the bus upon return. The bus drivers are on a “clock” and cannot be held up any longer than is necessary.
- An appointment must be made with the Tour Director or other YMCA personnel during the following week to recover the device. At this time, future family participation in CYMCA programs will be discussed.