

# **Participant Electronic Devices Policy**

#### **Purpose and Scope**

- The policy applies universally to all individuals participating in Adventure WA Support Services' events and activities.
- It carefully outlines the sanctioned use of various electronic devices, including but not limited to, mobile phones, tablets, iPads, and mp3 players.

### **Policy Statement**

- Participants are strongly urged to leave electronic devices at home. This suggestion aims to facilitate an
  immersive and distraction-free experience during our camps or programs, allowing participants to connect more
  deeply with their peers and the activities presented.
- For those who bring devices, these will be collected and securely held by the assigned Facilitator for the duration of the camp or program, ensuring they are not a distraction during activities.
- In cases where participants are found using devices without permission during activities, said devices will be confiscated and securely stored until the conclusion of the program.
- Parents and caregivers will be given a specific contact number, which should be used exclusively for emergencies, to communicate with the Adventure WA Support Services Facilitator overseeing the camp or program.
- If parents or caregivers wish to communicate with their child or dependent during the camp or program, they can prearrange check-in times through coordination with a designated Adventure WA Support Services Relations Officer.

### **Communication or Behavioral Aid Devices**

- Participants who rely on electronic devices for essential communication or behavioral support are encouraged to bring these devices along. This allowance aims to support their independence and ability to communicate effectively.
- Detailed instructions on how and when these essential devices should be used must be provided by parents or caregivers during the intake process, ensuring a clear understanding and adherence to their primary functions.
   When not in use for communication or behavioral support, devices will be securely stored to prevent loss or damage and will not be used for entertainment or other non-essential purposes.

## **Partnership and Special Project Services**

For services and activities conducted in partnership with other organizations, or special projects that deviate from Adventure WA Support Services' standard offerings, policies regarding the use of electronic devices will be tailored and communicated on a case-by-case basis, respecting the needs and agreements established with our partners.

#### REVISIONS

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