



Electronic Device & Yondr Pouch Policy

Zero-Device Policy

Royal Ridges Camps is a strictly device-free environment. Campers are prohibited from bringing cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, or any internet-enabled/photo-taking devices to camp or on the camp bus.

We aim to eliminate distractions and protect the privacy of all participants. We ask parents to partner with us by ensuring these items stay at home.

Discovery & Mandatory Use of Yondr Pouches

If a camper is found in possession of a device, the following mandatory "Secure & Store" procedure will occur:

- **Mandatory Pouching:** *The device will be powered off and placed in a Yondr magnetic-locking pouch in the presence of a staff member.*
- **Camper Possession:** *The locked pouch will be returned to the camper to be kept at the bottom of their backpack for the remainder of the day.*
- **End-of-Day Release:** *The pouch will only be unlocked by a staff member or bus driver as the camper exits the bus or at parent pick-up.*
- **Responsibility:** *It is the sole responsibility of the camper and parent to ensure the Yondr bag is unlocked and turned over to the bus driver/staff member before leaving.*

Damage & Replacement Fees

By allowing your child to bring a device to camp against policy, you agree to the following:

- **Fee:** *A \$30.00 replacement charge will be applied to the camper's account if the Yondr pouch is damaged, tampered with, or not returned at the end of the day.*
- **Liability:** *Royal Ridges is not responsible for any devices that are lost, stolen, or damaged while stored in a Yondr pouch.*

Legal Foundations & Parental Responsibility

The prohibition of electronics is not just a camp preference; it is a safety and legal necessity. By enrolling your child, parents/guardians acknowledge:

- Vicarious Liability: Under the principle of Vicarious Liability, parents are held legally and financially responsible for the actions of their minors. This includes any inappropriate content, bullying, or media shared by the child via an electronic device while at camp.
 - Invasion of Privacy (RCW 63.60.010): Taking photos or videos of other campers or staff without explicit written consent is a violation of the Right of Publicity and the Right to Privacy. Unauthorized recording, especially in sensitive areas (bathrooms/changing areas), is a violation of Washington State law (RCW 9A.44.115).
 - COPPA Compliance: To remain in the spirit of the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), we must ensure that no minor's "personally identifiable information" (including their face or location) is broadcast online. A device-free environment is the only way to guarantee this protection for your child and others.
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4. Emergency Contact

If you need to reach your child, please contact the Camp Office. If a camper needs to reach a parent, our staff will facilitate the call. This ensures that any communication is handled in a way that supports the camper's emotional well-being and maintains the safety of the camp environment.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact info@royalridges.org