

Collegedale Pathfinder's Electronics Policy

Dear Pathfinder Parents,

After much prayer and thoughtful deliberation, we have decided to implement a "no technology" policy in regards to cell phones and all technological devices during Wednesday night meetings, weekend campouts, and all Pathfinder gatherings.

Our time with your Pathfinders is so very limited and we are constantly competing with the distraction of the phones and technology. We believe the decision to remove technology entirely from our Club will provide a healthier learning environment and allow them to grow their friendships through "old fashioned," personal interaction and verbal communication (yes, using our mouths to speak to each other)!

This decision was made by our Pathfinder Executive Staff Team, our Lead Counselors, and our Youth Pastor. A unanimous vote was made by all the staff listed above to remove the phones and technology from our club and establish a "Three-step, Zero Tolerance Policy" as follows:

1. The first time a Pathfinder has a phone or technology in their possession, they will be sent home immediately.
2. The second time they have a phone or technology they will be sent home immediately, and they will not be allowed to attend the next Pathfinder outing or campout.
3. The third time they have a phone or technology, the pathfinder will have made the decision to withdraw from the Collegedale Pathfinder Club for the remainder of the year.

To ensure the ability to reach your child when necessary, we suggest that you keep the number of your child's counselor and deputy for their unit, Miss Karen, or Mr. Bobenhausen's number on hand. The staff will continue to have access to their phones but do keep in mind that we often camp in areas with no cell service.

We are living in times where disrespect, pornography, selfishness, and ungodliness is prevalent! Our task at hand is big and we kindly ask that you work with us to help avoid the unnecessary distractions phones and other technology devices bring. Please support our efforts with the children and youth in our Pathfinder Club, pray for our Club, and be sure to keep your child's phones and technology at home.

Sincerely,
Collegedale Pathfinders Executive Staff, Head Counselors, and Youth Pastor