

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 447
LINTHICUM, MARYLAND**

SCOUT CELL PHONE CONTRACT

The Boy Scout Law defines behavior that is expected of all Scouts. Behavior that is contrary to the Boy Scout Law may pose an unsafe environment to the Scout or other Scouts. The purpose of this contract is to stipulate the rules for the use of a Cell Phone during Scout activities. This contract only applies to Cell Phones and does not carry over to Tablets, Laptops, or other electronic devices which are not allowed at Scouting events.

The privilege of carrying a Cell Phone during Scouting activities may be earned by any Scout who is at the Rank of First Class or Higher. The Scout must first earn the BSA Cyber Chip, attend Troop Training, and have the permission of his Parents and the Scoutmaster. The BSA Cyber Chip must be renewed yearly. This privilege may be revoked at the discretion of the Scoutmaster or other Adult Leader.

Troop 447 will NOT accept any form of Cyber Bullying and will enforce all rules concerning Youth Protection. Any act of Cyber Bullying during a Scouting event will be cause for disciplinary actions and the possible revocation of the ability to carry a Cell Phone.

Troop 447 understands that parents may wish to call their Scout during Scouting activities however we ask that you refrain from doing this. If a parent needs to contact their Scout we request that you call the Adult Leader that is in charge of the activity first to determine if it is an acceptable time for Cell Phone use.

Cell Phone Guidelines

- 1) Troop 447 and it's leadership are NOT responsible for the Cell Phone if it is lost, stolen, or damaged during Scout activities.
- 2) If a cell phone is lost during a Scout activity the Troop will not spend a large amount of time looking for it. It is the Scouts responsibility to keep track of the phone.
- 3) Adult leadership will NOT provide their vehicles or other means for charging of cell phones.
- 4) The Scouts Cell Phone number MUST be given to the Troop. If a leader needs to talk to a Scout on the Phone then all Youth Protection guidelines will be followed.
- 5) Cell Phones will NOT be taken into restrooms for any reason (charging, private phone calls, or for pictures/video). This is a violation of Youth Protection.
- 6) The Scout will NOT take any pictures or videos of any Scout or Adult Leaders without their permission.
- 7) Taking pictures or video of other scouts in states of disrobe, in their tents, in the restrooms, or in the showers is prohibited and a violation of Youth Protection.

- 8) No Pictures or Videos will be posted on any Social Media site without the permission of the person in the picture or video.
- 9) Accessing adult websites and the watching of inappropriate videos or pictures is Prohibited. Adult leadership has the final say as to what is inappropriate.
- 10) Cyber Bullying is Prohibited and will not be tolerated.
- 11) The Cell phone will only be used during down times and will NOT be a disruption to any of the Troops activities. Adult leadership has the final say as to when it's appropriate to use the phone.
- 12) For some activities the Scoutmaster may decide that it is to be a No Cell Phone activity. This will be stipulated prior to the event.
- 13) No Loud music playing at any time especially at night, ear buds are to be worn to not disturb other campers.

I agree to abide by this contract and understand that the consequences of violating these rules will vary depending upon the severity of the infraction. I understand that these consequences can include oral/written warning, forfeiture of Phone during the rest of the activity, parent conferences, and suspension or expulsion from the Troop in accordance with Troop Policy #1.

The signing of this Contract also verifies that the Scout has watched the Cyber Chip videos required by his Grade level on the website **www.netsmartz.org/scouting**

This contract shall remain in force for 1 year from the date of Signature by the Parent.

Signature of Scout

Date

I have discussed the appropriate use of a Cell Phone during Scout Activities with my Son and take full responsibility for the Cell Phone.

Scouts Cell Phone Number

Signature of Parent

Date