

Troop 202 Policies on Electronics

Electronic devices are to be used as tools, not toys. If they are not used as a tool, then they must be a toy for entertainment. In Scouting, we seek to give all a break from the rigors of the work and school worlds by presenting outing opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors and each other's company. Additionally, we seek to provide interesting and engaging meeting content so that an electronic toy is not desired or needed.

	TROOP MEETING	TROOP OUTING
CELL PHONES or SMART PHONES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed <u>only</u> for Scouting business, such as recording event dates and commitments, or referring to Scouting references applicable to the meeting content. • May <u>not</u> be used for homework, web searches, or video viewing during meetings. • Must be closed and put away when not in use for Scouting business. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If below Star rank, <u>not</u> allowed. (If brought, they must be declared and surrendered to an adult for storage for the duration of the outing.) • If Star rank or higher, allowed <u>if</u> they are (1) declared to the designated adult leader, (2) used only as needed for Scouting business or communication, (3) not used for web searches or video viewing, and (4) not used excessively. • If it is used excessively, the Star+ Scout will surrender the device to an adult for storage until the end of the outing. If it is used irresponsibly or inappropriately, the Scout may be subject to the troop disciplinary process.
TABLETS or ELECTRONIC CALENDARS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed <u>only</u> for Scouting business, such as recording event dates and commitments, or referring to Scouting references applicable to the meeting content. • May <u>not</u> be used for homework, web searches, or video viewing during meetings. • Must be closed and put away when not in use for Scouting business. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Not</u> allowed.
ELECTRONIC GAMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Not</u> allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Not</u> allowed after arrival at off-site outing. • Allowed in car while en route. • Allowed at troop lock-in. • Leave in vehicle or give to an adult for storage.