

Electronics at Camp...Kalsman Unplugged

Unplug from electronics and plug into campfires, friends, the outdoors, and Jewish life!

Al Tifrosh Min Hatzibur – Do Not Separate Yourself From the Community!

Our electronics policy is designed to:

- ✓ encourage our campers to spend more time off their beds and outdoors
- ✓ promote socialization between campers
- ✓ remove the divide between “the haves and the have-nots” in each cabin
- ✓ reduce the stress associated with the damage to and theft of electronics
- ✓ give campers a much needed break from the world of technology
- ✓ allow campers to fully embrace the connections they make with other campers
- ✓ ensure that our campers are not exposed to age inappropriate material
- ✓ ensure that your children are not focusing on situations revolving around their friends at home
- ✓ prevent your children from hearing about situations and incidents concerning home and family before their parents have a chance to communicate with them



Devices that connect to the internet are NOT allowed at Camp Kalsman. Any device with the ability to connect to the internet (even if you've disabled WiFi) will be confiscated and placed in a safe for the duration of your camper's session.

CELL PHONES

Campers are **NOT PERMITTED** to have a cell phone at camp. Cell phones with OR without a SIM card are prohibited, even for use as a camera.

We believe that being at camp is an opportunity for your child to experience a world beyond home, and a chance for you and your child to practice “letting go.” “Letting go” allows children to develop autonomy, independence and a stronger sense of self. It allows them to make new friends, take responsibility for themselves and their bunkmates, problem solve, and mature a bit. These things cannot be achieved when parents are only a phone call away.

If your child would like to listen to music to help fall asleep or during rest time, please note that cell phones are not an option, even without the SIM card. Please read the iPod/MP3 player section below.

We will confiscate any cell phone found in a camper's possession and return it to you on Closing Day.

We understand that some campers have cell phones in their possession while traveling to or from camp without their parents. Please discuss with your child that their cell phone must be turned in to the camp office immediately upon the camper's arrival at camp. The phone will be returned to your child before they leave camp.

iPODs/MP3 players

Only MP3 players and iPods without the ability to connect to the internet are allowed. iPod Nanos, Shuffles, and other MP3 players *without* wireless access are acceptable, though we **STRONGLY** recommend that your child leave his/her iPod or MP3 player at home. If you allow your child to bring an iPod or MP3 player to camp, please make sure that he/she understands that the device is never to leave the cabin, and discuss proper handling in a camp setting. **If your child is bringing a music device, we ask that you remove all movies, TV shows, and games.** Please check your child's device before he/she comes to camp to make sure that it contains only music.

We will confiscate any iPod or MP3 player that has the ability to connect to the internet or contains inappropriate content and return them to you on closing day.

DIGITAL CAMERAS

We encourage campers to bring disposable cameras or inexpensive digital cameras to camp to document their experiences. (Make sure you pack enough memory cards and batteries.) Please discuss proper handling of the camera and how pictures should be taken of bunkmates only with their permission. Again, please leave expensive cameras at home. Smart phones or other cell phones are not acceptable for use as a digital camera while at camp.

VIDEO GAMES

Video game devices of any kind will not be allowed at Camp Kalsman. We will collect any gaming device and return them to you on Closing Day.

LAPTOPS, NETBOOKS, iPADS, TABLETS, DVD PLAYERS, E-READERS WITH WIFI CAPABILITY

These devices are **NOT PERMITTED** at camp.

ONE LAST WORD ON ELECTRONICS...

We recommend that your child powers down, unplugs, and takes a needed and well-deserved break from the world of electronics while at camp. If your child enjoys listening to music or is studying for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, we recommend that he/she brings an inexpensive CD player or MP3 player that doesn't have the ability to connect to the internet. We recommend disposable cameras or inexpensive digital cameras, a deck of cards, hardcover or paperback books, and age-appropriate board games.

We also believe that campers are more likely to spend quiet time in their cabin writing a letter home if they don't have electronics to distract them!

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact the Camp Kalsman office at 425.284.4484.