

Troop 458 Technology Policy

Troop 458 acknowledges there is more than one opinion as it pertains to technology use in scouting activities. Our troop has established a policy where we avoid banning technology and instead embrace it and teach its proper use. This is a similar approach taken to teach proper use of other typical scouting and camping items like pocketknives, axes, saws, and gas stoves.

Following in the footsteps of fellow troops, we are basing our policy on the 12 points of the scout law. This makes it relatable to all scouts as they practice the scout oath and scout law on a daily basis.

General Guidelines

1. Use the technology to build relationships with the troop, find useful information, communicate and share excitement about Scouting.
2. Updates to social media sites using scout-appropriate photos or clips can share and build excitement about Scouting.
3. Communication between parents and scouts should be minimal on scouting activities. Parents can reach out to the adult leaders on the outing for emergencies or updates.

Trustworthy: A truthful Scout seeks permission before sharing and posting of information.

Loyal: A loyal Scout uses a phone or device in a way that adds value to their troop or patrol.

Helpful: A helpful Scout could use applications such as a scoutbook, first aid or GPS.

Friendly: A friendly Scout could use a phone to assist someone else with information.

Courteous: A courteous Scout avoids using a device as a distraction.

Kind: A kind Scout always treats people with respect while on social networks.

Obedient: A obedient Scout follows rules and examples set by parents and adult leaders.

Cheerful: A cheerful Scout uses social forums to build relationships while having fun.

Thrifty: A thrifty Scout is a smart consumer. Using voice, text and data plans wisely.

Brave: A brave Scout does not participate in mocking or bullying of others.

Clean: A clean Scout uses clean language and only discusses appropriate topics.

Reverent: A reverent Scout respects feelings of others and does not spread irreverent ideas.