

# French Woods Performing Arts Camp, Inc.

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Dear Parents:

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## Camp Policy for Small Electronics

Every season parents call to voice their concern that their children want to bring their personal electronics such as iphones and ipods and laptop computers to camp. A majority of our parents have vehemently suggested that French Woods prohibit such items at camp. We strongly concur with you, and consistently articulate, that these items should be **LEFT AT HOME**. Such electronics are expensive, delicate, very easily misplaced and given the outdoor environment of camp, very easily damaged.

**FRENCH WOODS CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE, FOR ANY REASON, FOR THE LOSS OR DAMAGE TO YOUR CHILDREN'S ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.**

This includes, but is not limited to, the damage or loss of: iPods, iPhones, Blackberries, Androids and other cellular and Smart Phones, Laptops, iPads, PSP's, X-Boxes, DVD players, Hand Held TV's, Gameboys, Earphones, Digital Cameras, as well as any chargers and cords etc.

There is no reason to bring a cell phone to camp. Furthermore, there is no cell service at camp. If a child brings a cell phone, it will be confiscated and put in the camp safe, where it will remain, until the child goes home.

All electronic equipment that is needed for any activity is on-hand at camp. In addition, our computer lab has 100 Mac computers and every bunk has its own computer that can that can be used by your children during "down time" to send out and read their email.

We do understand that your children might be more comfortable having their own music close by and suggest an inexpensive non-video MP3 player or a DAP (digital audio player) as a good alternative for an expensive iPod for the summer.

French Woods has all the equipment necessary for both digital and black and white photography. Campers interested in photography are discouraged in bringing their own cameras, but they are allowed to do so. French Woods however, will not be held responsible for the loss or damage of any photographic equipment brought to camp. Video, sound, lighting, recording, deejay and other hi-tech equipment is readily available at camp for your children's activities.

Please call me directly if for any reason you still feel your child needs to bring any of these expensive items to camp. We want you and your child to enjoy the French Woods experience without worrying about losing or damaging expensive electronic equipment. To reiterate, we are, as strongly as possible, asking you to have your children leave this equipment at home. Insurance is available for purchase for the loss of many items, including clothing and tuition protection, at very low rates through your own insurance company or through other companies associated with camping. (See our website [www.frenchwoods.com](http://www.frenchwoods.com) under Parents/Links for options.)

We are all looking forward to a fun-filled, safe, and productive summer without any of the worries. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that appears to read 'Joe'.

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