



Our Electronic Policy

Camp Manitou is Screen-Free!

We believe camp is about unplugging from the world and teaching children the value of play and direct communication. As parents and camp directors, we know that children adapt to new technology at an alarming speed. New technology develops year after year and this makes it impossible for us to keep up in today's world. While we understand the need and dependency for electronics throughout the year and at school, we strongly believe their presence at camp is unnecessary. We want our campers to experience camp and most importantly engage with the entire Manitou community, their friends and nature. Camp is one of the only places left in the world for children to do this. With a "Screen-Free" policy, we know campers will be engaged and physically active. We want to remind you that Manitou has always had a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to phones and the use of a device to watch videos and play games. We understand that allowing these items to be at camp is a temptation and by removing their presence at camp we know this reduces the 'urge' to use electronics at Manitou.

What electronic devices are permitted at Camp Manitou?

We **ONLY** allow personal music devices and digital cameras. Personal music devices may only be used to listen to music *in the cabin*. There are three types of personal music devices allowed at Manitou: a **standard mp3 player, an iPod Shuffle, or an iPod Nano**. We understand an iPod Nano has a small screen – and unlike most camps we will not prohibit their use because know music is very important to our campers. Unfortunately, if you have any other type of iPod we do not allow these devices at camp. If they are brought to camp, they will be confiscated. In addition, if you choose to send/bring an iPod Nano to camp and we find you watching a video (even on that SMALL screen), we will confiscate your device for the duration of the camp season.

What electronic devices are NOT ALLOWED at Camp Manitou?

Please assume that items not found on the list above are NOT ALLOWED at camp. This includes the use of e-readers. Of course, items that are capable of uploading or downloading data of any kind, or being used as telephones are prohibited at camp and use of these items will cause for confiscation and campers may be sent home.

Thank you for your support as we continue to adapt to the changing world. We know limiting electronics at camp can be difficult, but we have always maintained that part of the Manitou experience is removal from a world dominated by screens and buttons. We trust you will chat with your camper(s) about this policy. We welcome any questions you have as you and your family prepare for the best summer ever!

"Manitou - The Last Place on Earth Where the Best Connection Doesn't Require a Plug!"