

TECHNOLOGY POLICIES

The Rules:

*Campers are requested to turn in their phones after arriving on Maui and contacting parents of their safety. Phones will be returned mid-week during our allocated phone time and then again the night prior to departure.

*Campers are not allowed to Tweet, Facebook, Text, or otherwise access the internet while at camp.

*iPod Touches, iPhones, iPads, Tablets, Laptops, other smartphones, and any other devices that access the internet will be stored safely during camp and will not be accessible to campers.

*We strongly recommend campers bring good old iPods or CD's instead in order to listen to their music, and we will not make exceptions.

*Even international phones will be stored during camp.

The Reasoning:

We understand that cellphones and the internet are a large part of everyday life, however at camp we want campers to be present to get the most out of their Maui Surfer Girls experience. We are offering an opportunity to detach from technology and the fast-paced life by providing campers with adventure, experiential learning, leadership, and self- growth. We feel that limiting phone and internet usage enables us to better accomplish these goals. For this reason, we require campers to hand over ALL devices that access the internet, when arriving at camp.

The Exceptions:

*Family/camper Emergencies (Please call our director first, and we will provide campers with opportunities to contact you as needed either from their phones or from ours.)

*Homesickness and missing friends or family does not qualify as an exception to our technology and phone rule. Over the past 13 years of running this amazing and transformative camp, we have found that making contact when homesick makes campers' sadness worse. Without constant ties to what is happening at home, campers have the opportunity to be more present in the activities and bonding happening all around them at camp. Embracing camp life is a far better cure for homesickness than hearing loved one's voices or seeing your faces on video chat. Thank you in advance for your understanding about this policy.

I have read and understand the Technology Policies

Camper Agreement

Parent Agreement