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## **Cell Phones and Social Media Guideline**

*Paddy Rossbach Youth Camp – Amputee Coalition*

To foster a safe and respectful environment at the Paddy Rossbach Youth Camp, the Amputee Coalition has established the following guideline regarding electronic devices, photography, and privacy.

### **Cell Phone Usage**

**Amputee Coalition defines the following as electronic devices:**

- Cell Phone, Smart Watches, Radios, Headphones
- Laser Pointers, VR Headsets/Goggles, GoPro Cameras
- Electronic Games, Laptops, or Any Recording device

The Amputee Coalition allows the use of cell phones at camp, provided their usage **does not interfere with camper safety, well-being, or the overall camp experience**. We expect campers to be present and stay off devices during camp activities and meals. The following rules apply:

- Counselors and campers MAY NOT communicate via cell phones one on one with each other during camp under any circumstances.
- Campers and Counselors MAY communicate via cell phones via group text threads as long as two 18+ counselors/staff are included in all threads. This is for the protection of both campers and counselors/Amputee Coalition staff.
- Campers may communicate via cell phones with other campers one on one.
- Phones are not permitted in the pool area at camp.
- Use of phones or other devices should be respectful; usage that distracts from programming or causes disruptions may result in device usage being banned during camp activities.



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Due to the nature of our outdoor and activity-rich environment — which includes water, sand, and other natural elements — electronic devices are particularly vulnerable to damage or loss. **The Amputee Coalition and Camp Aranzazu are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged electronic items brought to camp.** Additionally, since we are on a camp site, Wi-Fi access is not guaranteed while on Camp Aranzazu property.

### Phone Call Break Times

Designated break times will be built into each day of camp. During these times, campers will be encouraged to call or text their parents/guardians and check in. To maintain a focused and immersive camp experience, we kindly ask that campers limit phone or video communication with those outside of camp to these designated break periods.

### Photo Release and Social Media Use

All campers, counselors, and staff are required to sign a photo/media release form indicating their preference for use of their photo, image, or likeness in camp photography or videos. This waiver acknowledges that the Amputee Coalition may share photos or videos from camp in a variety of platforms including social media, website, and resources. This waiver acknowledges that campers and counselors may share photos or videos from camp on their own personal social media platforms.

While we support the use of social media to celebrate and share the camp experience, **we also recognize the importance of privacy and safety.** Not everyone may be comfortable having their image shared on social media. For this reason, we ask that campers adhere to the following respectful social media guideline:

- Never tag your location when posting to social media, especially while on site at camp.
- Do not share photos or videos of other campers, staff, or volunteers on social platforms or directly to another person without their permission.
- Any photos or videos shared publicly on social media must be respectful and follow all camp rules.



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## **Sharing Photos/Videos with People Onsite**

To help capture and preserve important camp memories, Amputee Coalition has set up a shared Photo Circle folder for campers, counselors, and staff will be able to upload their photos and videos to a common folder and access contributions from others in real time. Access to the shared folder will be provided to everyone upon arrival at camp.