

Technology

Cell Phones & Personal Information Managers

Cell phones and P.I.M.s are not allowed at Woodland Altars. Cell phones are expensive and may be lost or stolen. The physical camp environment is not kind to such items. Also, most cell phones do not have reception at camp.

Additionally, the camera feature on cell phones may create privacy and legal concerns. Any cell phones brought to camp will be secured in the camp office until the camper returns home.

Digital Cameras

Digital cameras are not allowed at Woodland Altars. If your child wants to take pictures at camp, they should bring a disposable and /or film camera. Outdoor Ministries staff takes photographs regularly throughout each session and they are available for viewing on our website.

Post-Camp Communications

Outdoor Ministries hires staff who is best suited to the available job positions. We screen, select and train our staff so they are prepared to fulfill the responsibilities and requirements of their duties. Our staff works with your child in the context of a visible, well scrutinized environment that has many built-in checks and balances. Counselors are supervised by staff and guided by strict policies regarding behavior. Their actions are visible to both co-workers and campers. We hire our staff for camp only and Outdoor Ministries does not take responsibility for their behavior in the off-season.

Please note: Employment with Outdoor Ministries is not an implied personal or professional reference.

Outdoor Ministries does not encourage or discourage contact between camp staff and campers or parents in the post-camp season.

Internet & Social Networking

Outdoor Ministries does not encourage or discourage campers from using Internet communication technologies and/or social networking websites in the post-camp season. If post-camp communication is established, it is expected that all communications will be positive and respectful of fellow campers and staff. The use of threats, obscenities, vulgar and/or sexual language is inappropriate.

If threatening or slanderous messages are sent to other campers or staff and are reported to the Director of Outdoor Ministries, our policy is to call the parents of the camper(s) who sent the messages and share with them the content. Furthermore, any camper who violates any of our procedures regarding the Internet or other communication will be removed from camp, will not be allowed to return to camp in the future, and may even have to answer to the police or other law enforcement authorities. Finally the use of any communications including websites, blogs, emails, etc. to damage, disparage, or threaten another camper or camp staff may have legal ramifications.