



# TROOP 58 PHONE POLICY

Effective Date: November 16, 2021



## Background

- Phones continue to be an issue/disruption
- The previous policy of self-managing (keeping phones away/in pockets) has not worked

## Policy

- Effective immediately, scouts are **not permitted to have phones at BT58 meetings**
- Options for phones are:
  - *Preferred*: Leave phones at home/with parents/in the car
  - *Available*: Be Prepared to **proactively** deposit the device into the 'phone bucket' at the beginning of the meeting
- Adult phones are available to ensure needed communication
  - Scouts may use an adult's phone to communicate with parents
  - Parents are welcome to call/text an adult to reach their scout
- General exceptions will be considered if needed (ex. connectivity to a medical device)
  - Any exception only permits use of the device limited to scope of the reason justifying the exception

## Resource

- Linked here is a recommended resource on the benefits of getting phone use back into balance: [www.phonebreakup.com](http://www.phonebreakup.com)