

## TECHNOLOGY POLICY

2024

R.A.D. Camps maintains a rigorous technology policy aligned with our mission of fostering a deep connection with nature among our participants. Our policy is designed to minimize screen time and maximize engagement with the outdoors. Here are the key components:

**Sprouts Program (Ages 4-6):** Absolutely no technology is permitted. Any electronic devices will be promptly confiscated upon arrival and returned at the end of the day during pick-up.

Main Program: Our vans are designated device-free zones to encourage interaction and engagement among participants. No screens allowed. Phones, iPads, and Smartwatches with sound, music, texting, calls, or any other non-timekeeping function will be promptly confiscated upon arrival and returned at the end of the day during pick-up.

<u>Cameras:</u> Standalone cameras are permitted, but cell phone cameras are not allowed to avoid distraction from the activities or experiences of others. Participants are encouraged to capture memories responsibly without disrupting the camp environment.

**Teen Van:** Teens are not encouraged to use their devices in the van. However, usage should be limited, and devices should be put away upon arrival at camp locations to immerse in the outdoor experience fully.

By adhering to these guidelines, we ensure a technology-free environment that encourages exploration, creativity, and meaningful connections with the natural world during our camp programs.