



Ukrainian Athletic-Educational Association “Chornomorska Sitch”

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Leave electronics at home!

Please leave all expensive electronics at home. These devices have a way of getting lost or broken at camp and sometimes even stolen. Chornomorska Sitch Sports School cannot take responsibility for their loss or damage, nor does our insurance policy cover their replacement. *The only electronics allowed will be mp3 players and digital cameras.*

iPOD/MP3 Players

If your child must have his/her music at camp, please send an inexpensive MP3 player. We **STRONGLY** recommend that your child leave expensive iPod/MP3 players at home. **If your child will bring an iPod/MP3 player, we ask that you remove all movies, TV shows, games and songs with explicit lyrics.** This way we will not have to monitor the age appropriateness of each and every song, movie and TV show our campers may have on their iPod/MP3 player. Please check your child's music player before he/she comes to camp to make sure that it contains only music and with appropriate lyrics. We feel so strongly about movies, TV shows, explicit language and video games having no place at camp that **we will take away any iPod/MP3 player containing movies, games, explicit language or TV shows and return it to you on the last day of camp.**

DIGITAL CAMERAS

We encourage you to send an inexpensive digital camera or disposable cameras to camp. (Make sure you pack enough memory cards and batteries.) Please discuss proper handling of the camera and how pictures should be taken of other campers only with their permission. Again, please leave expensive cameras at home.

GAMEBOYS, PSPs, NINTENDO DSs

No electronic hand-held game devices will be allowed in camp. Board games, card games and sports equipment will be available to campers and we will encourage them to play these games during their “down time” so that they can socialize and interact with one another. Too many campers spend too much time alone on their beds playing their electronic games. **We will take away any Gameboys, PSPs, Nintendo DSs or other hand-held electronic devices and return them to you on the last day of camp.**

CELL PHONES

Campers are **NOT PERMITTED** to have a cell phone at camp. We believe that being at camp is an opportunity for your child to experience a world beyond home and a chance for you and your child to practice “letting go.” “Letting go” allows children to develop autonomy, independence and a stronger sense of self. It allows them to make new friends, take responsibility for themselves and their fellow campers, problem solve and mature a little bit. In the past, the consequences of allowing cell phones at camp have been disastrous, leading to conflicts and allowing campers to focus on their friends at home rather than their friends at camp. We feel cell phone use at camp is counter to the values we teach and uphold at Chornomorska Sitch Sports School and interferes with an important peer aspect of the overnight camp experience. **We will take away any cell phones and return them to you on the last day of camp.** If you need to speak with your child, please contact Soyuzivka's front desk at (845) 626-5641.

LAPTOPS, NETBOOKS, DVD players, iPADS, KINDLES, NOOKS

None of these, or similar electronic devices, will be allowed at camp. Expensive equipment like this is best protected when it stays at home.