# Scouts, St. Joseph Mantua OH – Cyber Chip Policy

# Scouts should not use electronic devices at Scout meetings and/or events unless the activity requires the use of them. An example would be using the GPS or an app on a smartphone to go geocaching. Recognizing that Scout-aged participants are influenced by the behavior of adults, use of electronics by adults is discouraged at Scout meetings and/or events unless the activity requires the use of them or unless the adult is taking pictures of the event. We understand that many adults have jobs that require them to take phone calls or check email. There may also be other circumstances in which the use of an electronic device is necessary during Scout meetings and/or events. We ask that if you need to use your device during a meeting, event, or a campout, please step away from the Scouts' view to do so. Many of our Scout parents have younger children who attend Scout meetings and/or events. The younger children may use electronics to keep them occupied while their parents and older siblings participate in the Scout activity. Using technology in Scouting can be appropriate in the right situation, but we want to help the Scouts learn that they can have fun even without it. The final decision regarding the use personal electronic devices at meeting and/or events will be at the sole digression of the most senior scout leader in attendance.