# Troop 575, Mantua OH – Cyber Chip Policy

# Boy Scouts should not use electronic devices at Boy 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 Boy Scout-aged boys are influenced by the behavior of adults, use of electronics by adults is discouraged at Boy 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 Boy 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 boys' view to do so. Many of our Boy Scout parents have younger children who attend Boy Scout meetings and/or events. The younger children may use electronics to keep them occupied while their parents and older siblings participate in the Boy Scout activity. Using technology in Boy Scouting can be appropriate in the right situation, but we want to help the boys 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.