SAMPLE CONTRACT BETWEEN PARENTS / GUARDIANS AND CHILD REGARDING THE USE OF A CELL PHONE

CHILD

Using a cell phone is a privilege and a responsibility. As a minor, I am aware that my parents are responsible for my actions when I use my cell phone.

Note: at each ____________________ insert Mom/Dad/other.

I understand that if I do not follow the rules we have decided on, ___________ may take away my cell phone.

I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

• I will make sure I understand what services come with our cell phone plan by discussing it with ___________
• I am aware of how many minutes per week I can use. If I go over my allowed minutes, I may have to pay for it out of my allowance or my cell phone may be taken away from me.
• I am aware of how many text messages I may send. If I go over the allowed number of texts, I may have to pay for it out of my allowance or my cell phone may be taken away from me.
• I will use my cell phone to communicate only people I know personally such as family and friends,
• ______________ will check my phone regularly to see who is in my list of contacts.
• I will not use my cell phone to say rude or hurtful things to anyone or about anyone.
• I will not use my cell phone to argue with anyone.
• I will not use my cell phone to bully or threaten anyone.
• I will not take and/or send nude or semi-nude photographs of myself or anyone else with my cell phone. I understand that this could lead to the police being involved.
• I will tell _____________ if I receive on my cell phone a threat, a request for a nude picture, or anything else that is suspicious and makes me worried. If I receive such material I will not delete it before showing it to ______________.
• I am aware that anything sent or received by my cell phone can be traced.
• I will keep my cell phone with me and will not allow others to use it if they are doing something such as sending a hurtful message to someone.
• If I lose my cell phone I will inform _____________ immediately.
• I will comply our family rules about when I cannot use my cell phone (for example):
  o During meal times
  o When I am doing my homework
  o After 10 pm and before 7 am
  o At school
PARENT / GUARDIAN

I believe that _______________ (insert child’s name) is responsible and I am willing to allow him/her the privilege of using a cell phone. I understand that because _______________ (insert child’s name) is a minor, that I am ultimately responsible for his/her actions.

Note: at each _______________ insert child’s name

I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

• I will communicate clearly with _______________ to let him/her know what expectations I have about his/her use of the cell phone. This includes information such as minutes, text messages, internet, etc.
• If _______________ comes to me with a problem about his/her cell phone, I will remain calm and help him/her think of possible solutions.
• _______________ and I may review this contract and amend it as needed.
• If _______________ does not fulfill the terms of our contract, the privilege of using the cell phone will be revoked.

Please initial each bullet point and sign and date this contract.

_________________________   ___________________
Child’s signature      Date

__________________________   ____________________
Parent’s signature     Date