

Cell Phones at Camp

The use of cell phones has become ubiquitous (seeming to be everywhere at once) in today's society, including among our children. While they are great for being able to reach someone all of the time, they can also be a great distraction. The goal of Christian camping is to enable campers to leave the world behind and be totally present in a camping setting. The constant use of phones negatively impacts this goal. We ask that parents and campers abide by the following phone usage guidelines.

1. Cell phones may only be used during free time as designated by the camp coordinator (usually before breakfast and immediately after dinner).
2. Campers may not call or text friends during any activity. (Camp staff might require that the camper leave their phone in their room during activities.)
3. Phones cannot be used (calls or texting) from 10:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m.
4. Phone calls and texting should be limited to immediate family.
5. Phones should remain on "vibrate" while at camp.
6. Pictures may not be taken in the sleeping areas or bathrooms.

Consequences:

1. The first violation of the phone usage rules will result in a twenty-four hour loss of the phone. (The phone will be held by the Camp Director.)
2. The second violation will result in the loss of phone privileges for the remainder of camp.

Special Note:

- Camp staff cannot be responsible for cell phones.
- Camp staff will make every effort to return confiscated phones; however, they cannot guarantee that they will be returned.

Camper's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____