

Why can't my student bring their cell phone?

We know that in today's culture many of our campers and parents stay in daily communication via cell phones. We also understand the trust that you are placing in us by allowing your camper to come to camp without their cell phone, and want to make sure you understand why we have this policy.

We believe that there is a very real value in your camper spending a week unplugged and disconnected from their digital lives. We believe that taking time off from our phones, computers, social media, video games, etc. can open up the space in our minds and hearts to hear and feel God at work.

If there were any situations regarding your camper while at camp that you need to be made aware of (medical issues, severe homesickness, etc.) we will call you.

We have learned after 25 seasons of camp a few things about our campers...

- It's much easier to focus on the purpose of the camp if we minimize distractions
- Calling home creates homesickness not only for the camper calling home, but the those who know they talked to their parents in their group.
- No digital distractions, build better friendships
- We have a full schedule, and don't have time to let everyone "phone home"
- We love parents that model integrity and follow every rule, not just the ones they like (Don't try to sneak that phone in)

Bottom line, our NO CELL PHONE and digital devices guideline is to help each of our campers UNPLUG from distractions and focus on their personal relationship with the one who created them.

