

## Camp Week Phone Policy 2026

We know phones can be helpful and fun at camp — for pictures, staying connected, and downtime. At the same time, we want students to be fully present with God and with each other. This policy helps create a camp environment that's distraction-free during key moments, while still allowing students access to their phones (and to you) during appropriate times.

**Our Goal:** To help students engage fully in worship, teaching, and group conversation and build real relationships while having access to their phones *as needed* without distractions during downtime and evenings.

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### When Phones Are NOT Allowed

Phones should be **put away and not used** during:

- Main Sessions (Worship + Preaching)
  - Connect Group Time
  - Family Time (Campus Connects)
  - Lights Out
  - Any Leader-Directed Activities (dorm meetings, games, etc.)
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### When Phones ARE Allowed

Phones are allowed during:

- **Free Time**
    - Rec time
    - Downtime between scheduled sessions
  - **Evenings**
    - Phones may be used in the evenings during designated hangout time before lights out (as allowed by camp schedule).
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### Nighttime Guidelines

To protect rest and reduce distractions:

- Phones should be **put away at lights out**
- No phone use after bedtime
- Leaders may ask students to place phones in a designated spot in the dorm at night *if needed*

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## Respect + Safety Expectations

- Students should never use phones to share or post inappropriate content or take pictures/videos of others without permission.
  - No bullying, drama, or disrespectful messaging.
  - If a student needs to contact parents for any reason, leaders can help facilitate that.
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## If the Policy Isn't Followed

We'll handle this with grace, but also consistency.

**Strike 1:** Reminder + phone put away

**Strike 2:** Phone held by their leader for a period of time (as approved by staff)

**Strike 3:** Phone held for the rest of the week and parent contacted

Staff will keep phones in a secure location. If a student breaks the policy and loses their phone, we will make sure they always have access to contact their parent/guardian with a staff member or leader's phone.

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## Final Note

Camp is a special opportunity to unplug from distractions and lean into what God is doing. Our hope is that students leave camp with stronger faith, deeper friendships, and unforgettable memories — not just a camera roll.

Please talk with your student about appropriate phone use before camp. This will help us partner together to ensure your student gets the most out of their experience.

Note: Students will **not** have access to Anderson University Wi-Fi. The only way they can access the internet is from their cellular plan. We encourage you to set up content restrictions on their phone.

*\*Students should not bring any gaming devices, tablets, or other forms of technology outside of a phone and/or smart watch.*