

Camp Week Phone Policy 2026

We recognize that phones can be helpful at camp—for communication, photos, and staying connected. At the same time, our desire is for students to be fully present with God and fully engaged with one another.

This policy is designed to create a **focused, distraction-limited environment** while still allowing appropriate access to communication when needed

Our Goal

To help students:

- Engage fully in worship, teaching, and group conversations
 - Build meaningful, in-person relationships
 - Have access to essential communication without digital distractions
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Should My Student Bring a Phone?

The decision to bring a phone is left to each parent/guardian.

We **strongly encourage students not to bring a phone**, allowing them to fully unplug and engage in the camp experience.

If your student does not bring a phone:

- They will always have access to contact you through staff or leaders
 - Parents will be provided with a contact number for a staff member at any time
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If Your Student Brings a Phone

All students who bring a phone will be required to use the **Brick App**.

This allows:

- Continued access to calls and text messaging
- Limited access to apps and internet usage
- A more focused and appropriate digital environment

What the Brick App Does

- Restricts social media, gaming, browsers, and streaming platforms
 - Maintains communication tools (calls, text, location services if enabled)
 - Supports a distraction-limited and safety-conscious environment
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Setup & Activation

Before Arriving at Camp

- Download the [**Brick app](#)
- Complete setup ([instructions here](#))

At Check-In

- Students will activate “Brick Mode” before boarding the bus
- Phones will enter a limited-access mode for the duration of camp

At Pick-Up

- Students will deactivate restrictions (“unbrick”) as they return to campus
 - Phones will return to normal use
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When Phones Are Not Allowed

Phones should be put away and not used during:

- Main Sessions (worship and teaching)
 - Connect Group time
 - Family Time
 - Leader Directed Activities (games, meetings, etc.)
 - Lights out
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When Phones Are Allowed

Phones may be used during:

- Free time
- Scheduled downtime
- Evening hangout time (as permitted by leaders)

Nighttime Guidelines

To support rest and reduce distractions:

- Phones should not be used after lights out
- If a student is using their phone after lights out, a leader will ask to store the phone until the next morning. If the issue persists, the phone will be held for the remainder of camp.

Respect & Safety Expectations

Students are expected to:

- Use phones appropriately and respectfully
- Refrain from sharing or accessing inappropriate content
- Not take photos or videos of others without permission
- Avoid any form of bullying or harmful communication

If a student needs to contact a parent, leaders are always available to assist.

If the Policy Is Not Followed

We will address all situations with both grace and consistency:

If a student is using their phone in a way that distracts themselves or others:

- **Step 1:** Verbal reminder and phone is put away
- **Step 2:** Phone is held by a leader for a period of time
- **Step 3:** Phone is held for the remainder of camp and a parent/guardian is contacted

If a student is using Apps that should be “bricked” according to the policy:

- The phone will be held by staff for the remainder of the week

If a student engages in any of the following behaviors, they will be dismissed from camp immediately, and a parent/guardian will be required to pick them up from Anderson University:

- Sharing or accessing inappropriate content
- Any form of bullying or harmful communication

All devices that are collected will be stored securely. Students will always have access to contact their parent/guardian through a leader or staff member if needed.

Additional Guidelines

Students should not bring:

- Gaming systems
 - Tablets
 - Laptops
 - Any additional personal technology (outside of a phone or smartwatch)
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Final Note

Camp Week is a unique opportunity to step away from everyday distractions and fully engage in what God is doing.

Our hope is that students leave with:

- A stronger faith
- Deeper friendships
- Meaningful, lasting memories

—not just a camera roll.

We encourage you to **talk with your student ahead of camp about these expectations** so we can partner together to create a focused and impactful experience.

**Biltmore Church is not responsible for any lost or stolen devices.*