



Camp Week “Brick the Phone” Guide for Parents

Creating Space for Focus, Connection, and Spiritual Growth

During Camp Week, we want every student to be fully present—free from digital distractions and protected from online content that can detract from a meaningful experience.

To support this, we are asking families to *temporarily* **“brick” student devices**—limiting them to essential functions only for the duration of camp.

Purpose

This temporary adjustment helps:

- Minimize digital distractions
 - Reduce exposure to inappropriate or unmonitored content
 - Encourage meaningful relationships and engagement
 - Create space for spiritual attentiveness
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Below is a comprehensive lists of Apps that should be restricted on your child’s device in the Brick app:

Social Media Platforms

- Instagram
- Snapchat
- TikTok
- Facebook
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Reason: These platforms are designed for constant engagement and may expose students to content or communication that is not aligned with a focused camp environment.

Gaming Applications

- Roblox
- Fortnite
- Other interactive or chat-enabled games

Reason: Games can significantly reduce engagement with in-person activities and peer connection.

Internet Browsers

- Safari
- Google Chrome

Reason: Browsers allow unrestricted access to online content and can bypass app-specific safeguards. If browsing apps are not bricked, we will ask for them to be removed from the device upon check-in.

Video & Streaming Platforms

- YouTube
- Netflix
- Disney+
- Hulu
- Any other streaming platform

Reason: These platforms can quickly shift attention away from scheduled programming and shared experiences.

Alternative Messaging Platforms (Optional)

- Discord
- WhatsApp
- Telegram

Reason: Limits communication to primary contacts and reduces exposure to unmonitored conversations.

What Should Remain Accessible

- Phone calls
 - Text messaging
 - Alarm clock
 - Location sharing apps (for parents)
 - Camera (optional)
 - Photos (optional)
 - Bible App (optional)
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How to “Brick” Your Student’s Phone

STEP 1: DOWNLOAD + SET UP (AT HOME)

Download the **Brick App** from the App Store or Google Play on your Student’s device.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH AN INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO](#)

Step by Step Instructions:

1. Download & Sign In

- Download the Brick app
- Open the app and sign in with an email
- *Each phone must use a unique email*
- Enter the verification code sent to your email

2. Create “Camp” Mode

- Tap the + (**plus sign**) to create a mode
- Name it: **Camp**
- Select “**Allow Only Selected**” under Brick Behavior

3. Choose Allowed Apps

- **Social:** FaceTime, Messaging, Location Sharing
- **Creative:** Camera, Photos
- **Information:** Bible app
- Tap **Done**, then **Save Mode**

4. Adjust Settings

- Go to **Settings (bottom right)**
- Tap **My Brick Rules**
- Turn all 4 toggles **ON (blue)**

5. Remove Emergency Unbricks

- Each phone starts with 5 emergency unbricks — these must be cleared
- Press and hold **“Tap or Hold to Brick”** until the phone is bricked
- Go to **Settings → Emergency Unbrick**
- Repeat until you see: **“No remaining emergency unbricks”**
- **IMPORTANT! Stop once all are cleared.** Do not hold to brick once you have removed the last emergency unbrick.

6. Final Step

- Close the app
 - Bring phone to camp check-in
 - Staff will officially “brick” the phone at drop-off
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STEP 2: ACTIVATE (AT CHECK-IN)

At camp drop-off, find the Brick station. Then you will:

- Open the Brick app
- Tap the Brick device OR start “Brick Mode”
- Phone instantly switches to restricted mode

- ✓ Calls & texts still work
- ✗ Distracting apps are disabled

Once activated, the phone will operate in a **limited-access mode** for the duration of camp.

STEP 3: RESTORE (AT PICK-UP)

- Tap the Brick device (Students will do this on the bus when they are close to returning to campus)
 - ✓ Phone returns to normal
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During Camp Week

- Students will still be able to contact you if needed
 - Devices will not support distracting or unrestricted app usage
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A Helpful Conversation Before Camp

We encourage setting the tone with your student:

“This isn't about taking something away—it's about helping you be fully present for what God has for you this week.”

Final Thought

A distraction-limited environment often leads to:

- Greater engagement in worship and teaching
- Stronger, more meaningful friendships
- Increased awareness of God's work in their lives

Thank you for partnering with us to create a focused, meaningful Camp Week experience for every student.

A note on privacy from Brick: We do not collect or transmit data about the apps you block, that information stays on your device. All app blocking choices and content remain entirely on your device and are protected by Apple's Screen Time frameworks. We use your information to provide our services, communicate with you about your account, improve our products, send marketing emails (if you want them), and comply with legal requirements. We don't use your data for anything unrelated to Brick. To see their full privacy policy, click [here](#).