

Policy and Procedure Number: R/D 5 - Cell Phone & Personal Electronic Use at Camp

We value opportunities for our participants to have the space to build community. We also understand cell phones are an important resource for safety and connection with family.

Approved personal electronics are defined as cell phones, earbuds/airpods, bluetooth speakers, smart watches, medical devices, and eReaders. Unapproved personal electronics are not permitted at camp.

Approved personal electronics are allowed at camp, but only when used in accordance with the following:

- At the Host Church
 - Approved personal electronics **may only** be used during the times and/or locations specified by the Camp Director, or for a specific approved medical reason.
 - Participants **will not** be given access to the Host Church WiFi.
 - Approved personal electronics **may not** be used in shower, changing, or bathroom areas.
 - Approved personal electronics **may not** be used during Worship, unless specified by the Director or Program Coordinator.
 - Approved personal electronics **may not** be used during Programs Activities, unless specified by the Director or Program Coordinator.
- At the Worksite
 - Approved personal electronics shall not be used on the worksite except in instances of an emergency, as they can pose a safety hazard and can limit opportunities for community building. However, when authorized by a work team adult they may be used to take photos or communicate with base camp.

U.M. ARMY Camp Directors, with unanimous approval of all participating church coordinators and their Regional Director, have the discretion to set a more strict Cell Phone & Personal Electronic Use guideline on a camp-by-camp basis.

Enforcement:

All U.M. ARMY participants are required to review and sign the Cell Phone & Personal Electronic Use Covenant, demonstrating understanding and commitment to uphold the expectations it expresses. Shall any of these expectations be broken by youth participants, cell phones or personal electronic devices are subject to being confiscated by Camp Leadership and/or work team adults or participants are subject to being sent home. Adults are also expected to sign and adhere to the Cell Phone and Personal Use Covenant

Cell Phone & Personal Electronic Use Covenant:

We encourage you to come to camp unplugged for the week, allowing yourself to be fully present while at U.M. ARMY. We recognize cell phones are a part of your life. All U.M. ARMY participants are required to review and sign this Cell Phone & Personal Electronic Use Covenant, demonstrating your understanding and commitment to uphold the expectations it expresses. Shall any of these expectations be broken, your cell phone or personal electronic device is subject to being confiscated by Camp Leadership and/or work team adults, or you are subject to being sent home.

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Youth Covenant:

I understand I will only be allowed to use my cell phone or other approved personal electronic device during specific times and/or locations throughout the week, which will be determined by the Camp Director.

I understand my cell phone is intended to be used to speak with my family, take pictures, or for medical or emergency purposes.

I will participate in all activities, and will interact with others at camp.

I understand I will not be allowed to access WiFi while at camp.

I understand engaging in inappropriate behavior, which may include taking inappropriate pictures, watching inappropriate or explicit videos, or listening to inappropriate or explicit music, is strictly prohibited, and will result in disciplinary action, including the device being confiscated, or me being sent home.

I understand bullying of any kind through social media or texting will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action, including the device being confiscated, or me being sent home.

Adult Covenant:

I understand I am setting an example about appropriate cell phone and personal electronic usage during the mission week.

I understand my cell phone is meant to be used for camp purposes, such as material or tool needs, safety concerns, or schedule updates.

I understand my cell phone should be accessible to me at all times for emergencies, and so I can be reached by camp leadership.

I understand I am a full participant at camp, which means personal use of my cell phone will be limited.

I understand, should the need arise for me to request an individual exception, I will communicate with the Camp Director about the need and do so in a way that is not distracting to the rest of camp, such as going into another room/space if necessary.