LIMITED CELL PHONE POLICY

WHY

- We are committed to creating the best environment for your student to have fun, build relationships, and, most importantly, grow in their relationship with God. In an effort to make space for that to happen in their lives, we will have a limited cell phone policy at Turning Point Weekend.
- We believe limiting cell phone use will not only eliminate distractions but will also protect the Turning Point environment and begin to challenge these students to break away from their phones and allow space for deeper spiritual and emotional formation.

POLICY KEY POINTS

- Cell phones will be collected at check in. They will be labeled with full name, team, and home campus. This will ensure each time phones are returned to the correct owner.
- Phones will be stored in a secure location and only accessible to and distributed by selected adult leaders that will work directly with Venture Church Staff members to make sure they are stored, distributed, and collected correctly and safely.
- Phones will always travel with the students so that if needed, they can be accessed for communication needs with parents, guardians, etc.
- Contact information for Venture Church staff members will be provided to parents/guardians to ensure open communication with students as needed.
- Group leaders will be encouraged to communicate openly and regularly with parents/guardians to ensure another path of communication between parents and students.
- If a student needs to reach out to their parents during a time when phones are collected, group leaders and staff will allow their phones to be used to reach out to parents/guardians. Adult leaders and staff will have parent/guardian contact information if a student does not have a phone number memorized.
- If students have an extenuating circumstance that means they need access to their phone during times they will be collected, such as a control of a medical device, please let your Campus Student Pastor know so we can discuss next steps.

FRIDAY

- **Collected: during check in**
- **Returned: after 9:30 PM Team Time**
- **Collected: as students unload the buses at Camp Shelby (approx. 10:45 p.m.)**

SATURDAY

- **Returned: after 11:30 AM Team Time**
- **Collected: as students go into 7:45 PM Team Time**
- **Returned: after 10:00 PM Team Time**
- **Collected: as students unload the buses at Camp Shelby (approx. 11:30 p.m.)**

SUNDAY

- **Returned: As students load their bus to return to Venture Church home campus**