

## WHAT IS THE CLASH CAMP PHONE POLICY?

**No phone zones:** This year at Clash, there will be very specific times where cell phone use will be prohibited. These include services, small groups, and breakouts. If a student is caught using their phone during these times, it will be taken for the remainder of camp. If a student is refusing to give up their phone, the parent will be called by a pastor. If the student still refuses to give up their phone, the parent will need to pick up their student within 2-3 hours of the phone call. Over the years, we've found that taking students out of their regular routine opens them up to hear from Jesus in ways they haven't before. The use of cell phones is the main prohibitor of a great camp experience. Before we leave for camp, we will give you three points of contact for emergencies. All of our leaders will have cell phones so your student will have access to a phone if they need to reach you. When enrolling your student, both the parent and student will sign this agreement to abide by the Clash Camp phone policy.

**Why:** A new trend at camp has taken place in recent years. GFC staff have been talking to the tops of kids' heads more and more. With their faces pointed down, they're missing out on an entire world of camp above and around them. The reality is that our phones bring us closer to people who are far away, but distance us from those sitting right next to us. The no phone zones are designed around the most intentional times where we believe God will work on the hearts of students through teachings and group interaction. Many will ask, "why not no phones at all?" We'd actually advise that your student doesn't bring their phone at all. We also understand that while many of us long for the days when we were not tethered to smartphones, Gen Z has never known those days. Clash is one of our biggest draws as a ministry, and we use smartphones at camp as a strategy to extend influence to those who are new to the ministry.

**How:** If a student is caught using their phone during the no phone zone times, it will be taken for the remainder of camp and stored in a safe place.

**What happens if my student gets their phone taken away?** We will return the phone on the last day of camp and we ask that you trust our counselors and staff to keep them safe for the remainder of camp. When teens come to camp they—and you—are making a leap of faith, temporarily transferring their primary care from you as their parents to us as a staff. This is one of the growth-producing, yet challenging aspects of camp. So, if you choose to send your student with no phone or they get their phone taken away, you will have been given three points of contact. A general non-emergency line, a staff member, and counselor.

This policy is designed to help ensure that your student has an amazing experience at Clash Camp 2020. By signing electronically upon enrollment, you are stating that you have reviewed the above statements and your student agrees to uphold them.