

# Shiktehawk Bible Camp Electronic Device Policy

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In an effort to balance the work / life relationship at camp, and to hold to the values we hold that camp is a place where people can experience a deeper connection with God and others we have decided to adopt a new cell phone and electronic device policy.

Electronic devices and cell phones (a cell phone is an electronic device) defined:

Electronic devices:

- Laptop and Desktop computers
- E-readers
- Tablets
- Music players – ipods, mp3 players, etc
- Smart watches
- Headphones, air pods, etc.
- Radios
- Cameras

*Cell phones:*

- Any communication device that has the ability to connect to wireless networks

Campers:

- Campers will not be permitted to have any electronic device in their possession while at camp. They are asked to leave them at home. If they are found to have them while at camp we will hold them in our camp office until their departure

Staff:

- Will be asked to turn in any electronic devices upon their arrival to each session of camp. They will be provided with a compartment in the camp office where their device(s) will be registered and stored. In order to obtain their devices staff will need receive permission from leadership staff.
- Will be permitted to use their own electronic devices during their breaktimes each day, or if deemed necessary by leadership staff, for the purposes of family emergencies, arranging for pick-ups, drop-offs, etc.
- Will have access to cellular networks and the camp wifi between the hours of 8:30am and 10:00pm, so long as it falls within their break times.
- Will not be permitted to use their devices in public view. This is to preserve an environment where these devices don't create distraction.

- If a staff member breaks any of these rules the device will be confiscated for the remainder of the week or to the discretion of the Director of Operations. Repeat offenses may result in a work suspension or dismissal.
- Are encouraged to abstain from overuse of the devices and focus their attention on their relationships with God, campers, and fellow staff and volunteers
- The camp will provide music playing devices for the purposes of program enhancement and teamwork music and must be played for all involved to hear. All music must be Christian music or instrumental. Staff are encouraged to listen to the same type of music on their own time. Camp will provide an opportunity for staff to broadcast premade playlists of music over an FM transmitter which people can tune into on FM radios around the site. This “camp radio show” can include content such as music, funny interviews, news, announcements, etc. Our hope is that this show will be something people can have fun with, and it will have content that staff and campers will find entertaining.
- Will be permitted to use headphones for personal use only during break times. Headphones are not be used while working. We want to foster an environment where people while working in teams will have ample opportunity to have meaningful conversations.
- Will be permitted use watches that don’t have the capability to do anything but keep time and sound alarms at any time.
- Will be permitted to use alarm clocks that only have the ability to sound a generic alarm (not music) at any time. The camp will provide permanently affixed alarm clocks in each cabin.
- Will be provided with computer / internet access stations at camp for the purposes of research and program development, important activities such as registering for school, online courses, applications, research, etc. These access stations will only be available between the hours of 6:00am and 10:30pm

#### Youth Volunteers

- Will be under the same guidelines as campers

#### Adult Volunteers

- Will be strongly encouraged to abstain from the use of electronic devices while at camp.
- Will not be permitted to use electronic devices in public unless it is related to the camp program or emergencies

#### Leadership staff:

- Will be under the same guidelines as all other staff.
- Will be permitted to use electronic devices for the purposes of work only outside break times and must be limited to public view. This work may include communication with those outside of camp, shared work lists, photos, etc.