



Cell Phone Policy

The purpose of this policy is to outline the appropriate uses of cell phones while at Camp Comfort. This policy aims to ensure that cell phone use does not interfere with volunteer responsibility, connection with others at camp, and security and confidentiality of our campers and volunteers.

Campers should not see you on your cell phones throughout the weekend. You are there to be present with the campers and support them on their grief journey. A cell phone should not disrupt the connection between you and your camper.

Many of our campers are coming from sensitive situations and may not have a photo release. Taking photos or videos of campers violates the trust put in Camp Comfort to keep them safe for the weekend.

Camper Cell Phones

Campers are prohibited to have cell phones while at Camp Comfort. If a camper does have their phone, it will be surrendered to Camp staff to be turned off and stored safely for the weekend.

Appropriate uses of Cell Phones

During our time together, there may be a few times when it becomes appropriate for a volunteer to use their cell phones.

Camp Staff and volunteers may use text messaging or phone calls to contact you for the purposes of safety for our campers. I.e. Missing camper, Weather related changes to schedule

Camp Staff may ask volunteers on rare occasions to take a photo of something at camp. If this is the case, share the photo with camp staff and immediately delete. You **may not** share this photo with anyone else.

Cell phones may be used as an alarm clock or watch. A wrist watch is highly encouraged as it is very easy to get distracted by other notifications.

Cell phones can be used to play music in preparation for the talent show. If appropriate music is part of a camper's act, it may be pulled up on a cell phone. You may not use a phone to watch videos to get inspiration for talent show.

Cell phones may be used to coordinate coverage when leaving or returning from Weekend Buddy Breaks. A plan should be in place of where to re-join your campers, but a quick text can be helpful if plans changed.

Cell phones may be used as you wish during Weekend Buddy Break time.

Inappropriate use of Cell Phones

Taking personal phone calls or text messages, except during Weekend Buddy Break time.

Scrolling during cabin time.

Taking photos of campers and camp activities without staff direction.

Consequences of Inappropriate Cell Phone Use

A volunteer can receive 2 reminders to use their cell phone in appropriate ways throughout the weekend. If additional reminders are needed, a volunteer may be dismissed from their role effectively immediately or in following years.