

# N-HYM Electronic Device & Cell Phone Guidelines

## Goals:

The purpose of these guidelines is to help minimize distractions, when we meet together as a youth group, so that we may further focus on Knowing, Growing, and Serving Christ. Additionally, we strive to build youth that can fellowship more closely with one another and strengthen their relationships within the group.

\*Please note that these guidelines address known and unknown distractions and allow the group leader to handle any distractions as they arise.

## Expectations:

Electronic Devices – includes ipods, MP3 players, gameboys, DVD players, etc.

- May be used while traveling to and from our destination.
- Will be collected by the adult leaders at arrival and returned upon departure. (may be requested on night before departure for charging)
- Parents will acknowledge and list the devices that their child is bringing when they check-in for a trip.

Cell Phones –

- Are allowed when we meet together as a youth group.
- They may be used only as a mobile phone, camera, or clock.
- All cell phones should be turned completely off during meetings or worship times. (not just silenced or on vibrate)
- During youth ministry events, texting will be allowed to and from our destination. Once we arrive, there will be **NO TEXTING** until departure for home. (To aid in this guideline, we are respectfully requesting that those parents who have a parental control feature for their child's phone take a minute to turn off the texting feature when we are off site for retreats, camps, etc.)

## Consequences:

\*While a reminder may be periodically given, these guidelines serve as the students' notification to be aware of all expectations.

- In the event that a student is found using a cell phone or electronic device in any manner other than those stated, the phone/device will be taken from the student for the remainder of the youth event.
- Parents will be notified and the phone/device will be returned to the student at the conclusion of the event.

If at any time there is a special circumstance or emergency and a student needs to communicate with those at home, they may come to one of the adult leaders for assistance. In the same token, parents are free to contact the adult leaders at any time if they need to communicate with their child.