



Pine Haven Christian Assembly  
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## **PHCA “No Cell Phone” Policy**

We have a “no-cell phone” policy at camp. Aside from the fact that cell phones are expensive and can get lost or stolen and that the physical camp environment is not kind to such items, our ultimate concern is that our camp is a place ‘unplugged’ from the entanglements with which we have become so familiar and the ‘noise’ that can easily distract us from listening for the voice of Christ in our life. We desire a camp environment free from distractions caused by cell phones, Ipods, mp3’s and the like.

We agree to contact parents if a child is experiencing a challenge in their adjustment to camp. *Parents can help* by talking with their child(ren) *before leaving for camp* and telling them that there is always someone they can reach out to, whether it be their cabin leader, family leader, a trusted faculty or staff member, the dean of the week, or the camp manager. We are all here to help!

If a child needs to call home, they can talk with the deans of the week to make arrangements. In an emergency, parents can also reach their camper(s) by calling the camp number, (218)-732-9419.

If a child needs their cell phone for the trip to and from camp – no problem. At registration, they will turn it in to the staff and we’ll keep it locked up and safe during the week. They can pick up their phone at the canteen on departure day. Please be sure they bring a camera and alarm clock along as their phone will be inaccessible for those purposes.