Legacy Student Ministries

OVERNIGHT CELL PHONE POLICY



Legacy Student Ministries provides unique opportunities for your students to connect with God, adult leaders and other students by hosting overnight retreats, camps, and events throughout the year. Our leadership team believes we can create a better environment for those connections to grow through intentional "disconnection" from daily distractions such as social media, texting, and other forms of digital media consumption and interaction. As a result, we have created an *Overnight Cell Phone Policy* for students attending overnight events at Legacy. The policy includes the following process:

- Students attending overnight events with Legacy Christian Church will check in their phones at the point of registration for the event.
- Cell phones, tablets, and technology capable of internet access will be held by staff and adult volunteers and may be checked out for personal use at designated cell phone use times.
- Phones will be returned to students on the morning of return and/or departure home from overnight events, camps, and retreats.

We believe this will be a value for the following reasons:

- o To eliminate distractions and promote attention at Legacy Christian Church events and programming.
- o To encourage inter-personal connection and foster better relationships with students, adult volunteers, and youth staff.
- o To lessen opportunities of graphic or explicit material to be shared privately or publicly between students that may be harmful.
- o To lessen the opportunity of digital sexual exploitation or photography to take place (in restrooms, sleeping areas, buses, etc.).

Each Student Minister and most of our adult volunteers will have their cell phones accessible for any urgent and necessary phone calls, texts, and emails. Please see contact information for your local campus below.

Thank you for your consideration and acknowledgment of this policy. Please direct any questions or concerns for your children to Brittany Schools, Director of Missional Engagement, at <u>bschools@lcc.org</u>.

CAMPUS CONTACT INFORMATION

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