

Phones (for MOVE):

We strongly encourage students to leave phones at home for our trips because it provides the opportunity to disconnect from social media and the digital world. This gives students a week of strategic focus on what truly matters most, their relationship with God and growing their spiritual walk with Him.

If a student would feel more comfortable attending our trip with the ability to contact home, leaders or participate in the camps' digital programming - we completely understand that. The following phone guidelines are to be followed by all students while on the trip:

- **We want you to be present**
 - Limit your phone use for: meals, free time and transportation.
 - We expect you to not use your phone during Main Sessions and Small Groups
 - Unless directed to use them during programming purposes
 - If it becomes overused or abused (i.e. you are not as present as you could be) then a Youth Coach, after 2 warning conversations, can take your phone away. *If a phone is taken away, you can ask a Youth Coach to use their phone to contact home if need be.*
- **Photos: We would love for you to take photos of our trips!**
 - Again that we are trusting you to abide by M.A.R.S. with phone usage
- **Bus: We want you to be present with others around you, interact and have fun.**

Phones (for MIX):

It is our goal for MIX that students leave their phones at home for our trips because it provides the opportunity to disconnect from social media and the digital world. This gives students a week of strategic focus on what truly matters most, their relationship with God and growing their spiritual walk with Him.

Over the last couple years, we have experimented with phones on our summer trips. We have found and feel that for Junior High students specifically, it is better that phones do not accompany students on trips.

Students often feel more comfortable attending our trip with the ability to contact home, leaders or participate in the camps' digital programming - we completely understand that. To help with that comfortability feeling, students have a couple options throughout the week.

- 1) Jake and other leaders will have their phones on them at all times.
 - a. During the week, leaders are surrounded by students for a majority of the time so there are very few times where urgent contact with leaders would be needed.
- 2) Parents are able to reach out to leaders throughout the week if needed and we will relay information to students or provide our phone for students to call home.
- 3) We will provide consistent updates on Instagram and the Venture Students Parent Facebook group page, so parents are able to check in on their students.