

AFTERSHOCK

Technology Agreement

Our goal in Aftershock is to create a community where campers can fully engage with Christ, each other, and the camp experience, free from the distractions of phones and screens. Technology can be a wonderful thing, and in today's world, rules like the ones listed below can come across as extreme and outdated.

One of the most beautiful and powerful parts of Camp can be summed up in the word *detach*. During your three weeks of Aftershock, you get to leave your current home dynamic and enter into a new temporary community, where you will meet new friends, try out new activities, gain new memories, serve wholeheartedly, and focus on the love of Jesus with your full attention. Without fail, and confirmed by studies at camps across the nation, we have seen that cell phones distract from this. The bottom line is: we believe that a break from tech is necessary to bring about the experience we aim for in Aftershock.

With that said, here is our full Aftershock Technology Policy:

Personal Devices

- All connected devices (i.e. Cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, and laptops) are not permitted during camp. Campers should leave these devices at home.
- If a device is found after check-in, it will be collected and stored securely in our Main Office until departure day.

Communication Home

- Campers will not have access to digital communication during the full session.
- Families may send letters or emails through the camp office, which will be given to Aftershockers daily. Aftershockers may also write letters home, which we will scan and email to speed up the communication process.
- Aftershockers will be given the option to call home on each Saturday of the program, to offer updates and connect with parents.

We know that this is a challenging policy, both for campers and parents. Feel free to give us a call to learn more about our heartbeat behind this policy. Thank you for your willingness to help us build the kind of program that we believe will help these campers know, follow, and rest in Jesus for years to come.

Camper Name (print): _____

Camper Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

