



Deep Impact Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones have become a necessary part of life. Because of this, Deep Impact has developed the following guidelines to help each of us understand the proper uses of our cell phones while at a Deep Impact project. Since cell phones are very expensive and there are many opportunities for lost phones, Deep Impact recommends that leaders consider having youth leave their phones at home. However, if this is not something to be considered, please make sure everyone understands the following:

This is printed on the Deep Impact “What to bring” list: **Electronic devices are discouraged for the week and are not allowed to be used during worship or while working on the mission sites. Cell phone use on the mission sites or in worship is not allowed by any youth and allowed by adults for emergency use only. Any electronic device or other valuable is brought at the risk of the person bringing the property. Deep Impact/North Carolina Baptist Men will not be responsible for the damage, loss or theft of any personal property brought to Deep Impact.**

With this in mind, please adhere to the following:

- Cell phones are not to be used in worship (We will look at/read our printed Bibles)
- Cell phones will not be used on the mission project sites
- Deep Impact strongly suggests that all students leave cell phones in their rooms at the lodging facility during the day as well as during worship
- Adults should only use cell phones in an emergency while on the mission project sites and are discouraged from having phones in worship
- Youth leaders are encouraged to set a “cell phone” time right after a meal or after church group devotion for youth to use phones
- All youth and leaders are discouraged from sharing cell phone numbers and becoming followers on social media with any person that we minister to through our mission projects.
- Caution should be exercised when sharing cell phone numbers and social media with DI participants from other churches.

There may be Deep Impact locations that we need to add additional policies or tweak existing policies. This will be handled on a week by week/location by location basis.