

Mobile Technology Covenant

Each year, St. Timothy Summer Camp offers young members of the Church a unique opportunity to retreat away from the pressures and struggles of everyday life. Encouraging participants to step away from daily habits and routines, the camp makes available a community in which participants can become immersed in an authentic Orthodox Christian atmosphere.

A major component in creating such an atmosphere is separating participants from outside influences and distractions. Of course this is a cooperative effort accomplished by campers, staff, clergy, and parents. Your participation in this effort is vital to the success and effectiveness of the camp program.

To this end, participants and parents are being asked now, during the registration process, to start preparing for a week away from "earthly cares," focusing entirely on Jesus Christ.

By initialing the points below and signing this Covenant, campers and parents show their support of the edifying environment that will be presented at St. Timothy Summer Camp and they agree to contribute to that environment in the specified ways.

Campers (Parents: Please review with camper)

Contact with friends and family members back home by phone, email, or text messaging during the camp session removes me from the focused atmosphere of the St. Timothy Summer Camp community. For this reason, I agree to not bring my mobile phone to camp or agree to leave it in my bag for the duration of camp. I also understand that the Camp Director and staff have the right to confiscate my phone if it is out at any time during the program.

Use of personal gaming systems (Gameboy, PSP, Nintendo, etc.) is a distraction to the program and removes me from the focused atmosphere of the St. Timothy Summer Camp community. For this reason, I agree to not bring my gaming systems to camp.

Use of personal audio systems (iPods, mp3 players, etc.) can potentially remove me from the focused atmosphere of the St. Timothy Summer Camp community. For this reason, I agree to only use my player according to the rules set by the Director of the Camp.

Parents/Guardians (Please read the following)

I understand that being in contact with my child by phone, email, or text messaging during camp removes them from the focused atmosphere of the St. Timothy Camp community. As well, I understand that speaking to a parent back home worsens cases of homesickness. For this reason, I agree to refrain from contacting my child during the camp session, except in cases of emergency when I will make contact through the camp office (315-346-1222). Likewise, should a serious need arise regarding my child, the camp will contact me.

I feel it is important for my child to participate in the focused atmosphere of St. Timothy Summer Camp as a full participant in the camp community. For this reason, I agree to discuss this covenant with him/her prior to camp and support its goals and methods.

Camper signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____