

## 2019 Nauvoo Youth Conference Cell Phone Policy

The Prophet Joseph Smith said: "I teach them correct principles and they govern themselves."

### **Principle:**

The Youth Conference Committee has spent a considerable amount of time prayerfully planning the 2019 Nauvoo Youth Conference. Our desire is that each of us will disconnect from distracting outside influences during these few days and allow our attention to be focused on the Spirit that resides in and around Nauvoo. We hope this is a time when testimonies are built and fortified.

Many of you will be called to serve missions in the near future. Many of today's missionaries are asked to bring their phone/tablet with them to the mission field. These devices, when used in the proper way, are a powerful tool to aid in the work of the Lord. Missionaries are provided guidelines/rules around the use of these devices. These guidelines are in place to protect them from inappropriate outside influences that would distract from their missionary focus. This youth conference will be a good time to practice using your device in appropriate ways and to learn to put them down at times and focus on spiritual matters.

If you feel you will be distracted by having your phone at youth conference, or if you cannot willingly comply with this policy and requests of leaders we invite you to leave your phone at home. If you choose to bring your phone we would ask that you prayerfully review the apps on your phone and determine which apps may distract your focus and remove them from your phone prior to coming. Such apps may include Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, etc. If your desire is to have your phone to take pictures, your Ma/Pa, among other stake leaders, will have their phones/cameras and will be happy to send the photos to you following youth conference. *Note: Cell coverage is limited in Nauvoo.*

### **Rule:**

There will be specific times when your phone will be turned in to your Ma/Pa. If you do not feel you will be able to turn your phone in at these times please leave your phone at home as there will be no exceptions to this rule.

### *Collection times:*

- Each evening as you separate to go to bed (it will be your responsibility to bring a labeled charger to turn in with your phone, your Ma/Pa will charge your phone)
- During events where using a phone would be distracting to you or others. These times include the Nauvoo Pageant, the British Pageant, the Temple, Liberty Jail and other times determined by the Youth Committee or your Ma/Pa

### *Opportunities to use your phone for good:*

- You may want to use your phone for personal scripture/gospel study. Consider downloading books or other manuals that you may find helpful. Examples include "Saints", "Come, Follow Me", etc...
- Record your thoughts and impressions. You may want to use the "notes" feature in the gospel library to record your personal thoughts and impressions related to scriptures or events. These will stay with your LDS.org account.
- Spend some time using the Family Search app to get to know your ancestors, especially those who might have been alive during the time of Joseph Smith and the restoration of the gospel.
- Your phone could be used to share your testimony or your feelings during youth conference with friends and family by sending a text or email (post to social media when you get home).
- Wholesome music could help invite the spirit. You may want to create some special playlists that would enhance the spiritual aspect of Youth Conference. This is a unique opportunity to set aside the influences of the world that you face on a regular basis, including music.