A Sleep Reset Toolkit for Teens & Parents

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Helping families trade late-night scrolling for better sleep, connection, and emotional regulation.

<u>Why This Matters</u>

Nighttime scrolling keeps the brain overstimulated, leading to poor sleep, anxiety, and emotional burnout — especially for teens. This toolkit helps reset the nervous system, encourage family bonding, and build healthier tech habits, all in under 30 minutes a night.

Nightly Routine Reset (15–30 Minutes)

Step 1: Unplug the Scroll (10–15 min before bed)

- Set a nightly "Rest Time" reminder
- Turn on "Do Not Disturb" or blue light filters on devices
- Invite a screen-free zone (bedroom, 1 hour before sleep)

Step 2: Choose Your Chill Mode

Search and press play on any of these (Spotify or YouTube):

Guided Meditations (Teens + Parents)

- "Yoga Nidra for Sleep Ally Boothroyd"
- "Mindfulness Meditation for Teens UCLA Mindful Awareness"
- "Body Scan for Sleep Jon Kabat-Zinn"
- "Sleep Talk Down Guided Meditation Jason Stephenson"

Binaural Beats & Soothing Frequencies

- "528Hz DNA Repair + Deep Healing"
- "432Hz Heart Chakra Sleep Music"
- "Theta Waves Emotional Healing Sleep"
- "Rain & Ocean Sounds for Deep Sleep"

Encourage headphones or external speaker — no screen watching needed!

Step 3: Breathe Together (2-5 Minutes)

Try this family-friendly breathwork:

- Inhale 4 counts
- Hold 4 counts
- Exhale slowly for 6 counts
- Repeat 4–6 times Bonus: Add a calming phrase like: "We're safe to slow down."

Step 4: Reflect & Release (2-5 Minutes)

Use this moment to wind down your mind by reflecting quietly or writing in a notebook.

Choose one to journal or think about:

- One thing that felt good today
- One thing I'm letting go of tonight
- What I want to feel more of tomorrow

Tip: Keep a small notebook by the bed for this nightly habit. It helps the brain signal: "It's time to rest."

Step 5: Wind Down Ritual (5–10 Minutes) Choose what fits:

- Rub calming lotion on hands or feet
- Read one page of a book aloud
- Do a 1-minute "body scan" (relax each part of the body, slowly)