



Thank You Teachers!

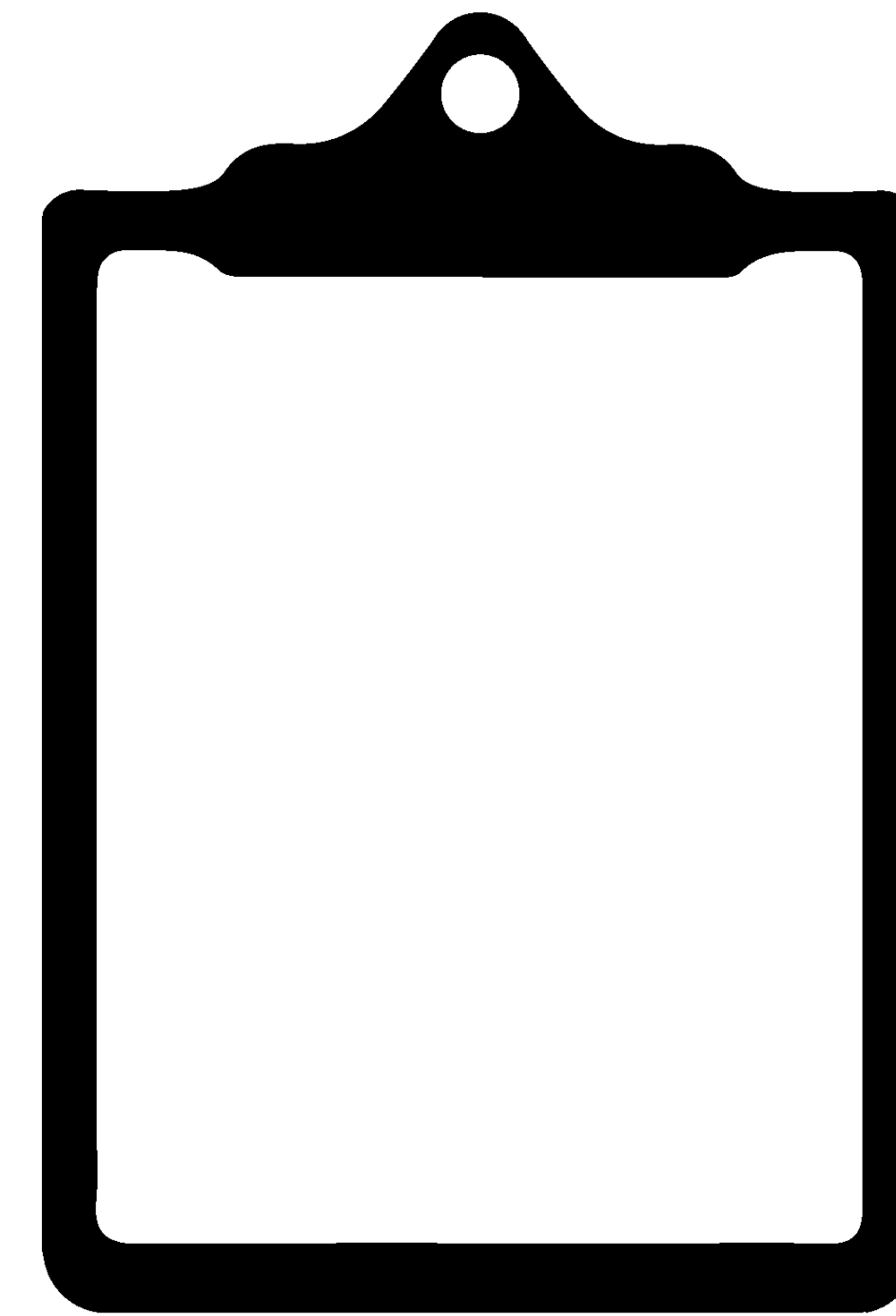
A video message to celebrate educators around the world.

Dear members of the GitHub community,

This year at GitHub graduation, we want to send a message to the teachers whose hard work has helped shape our graduating class into the next generation of software developers. Teachers dedicate endless time, energy and resources into their classrooms because they care, and we want to kick off our 2021 graduation with a compilation video honoring them and the invaluable work they do.

You have received this email because you are a distinguished member of our student community and we want your voice (and face) to make an appearance in this video. We are hopeful that you will take the time to share your reflections and gratitude for the teachers who had an impact on you, and teachers around the world who contribute to our developer community.





Before we start, please
fill out [this release form.](#)

Now let's get filming!

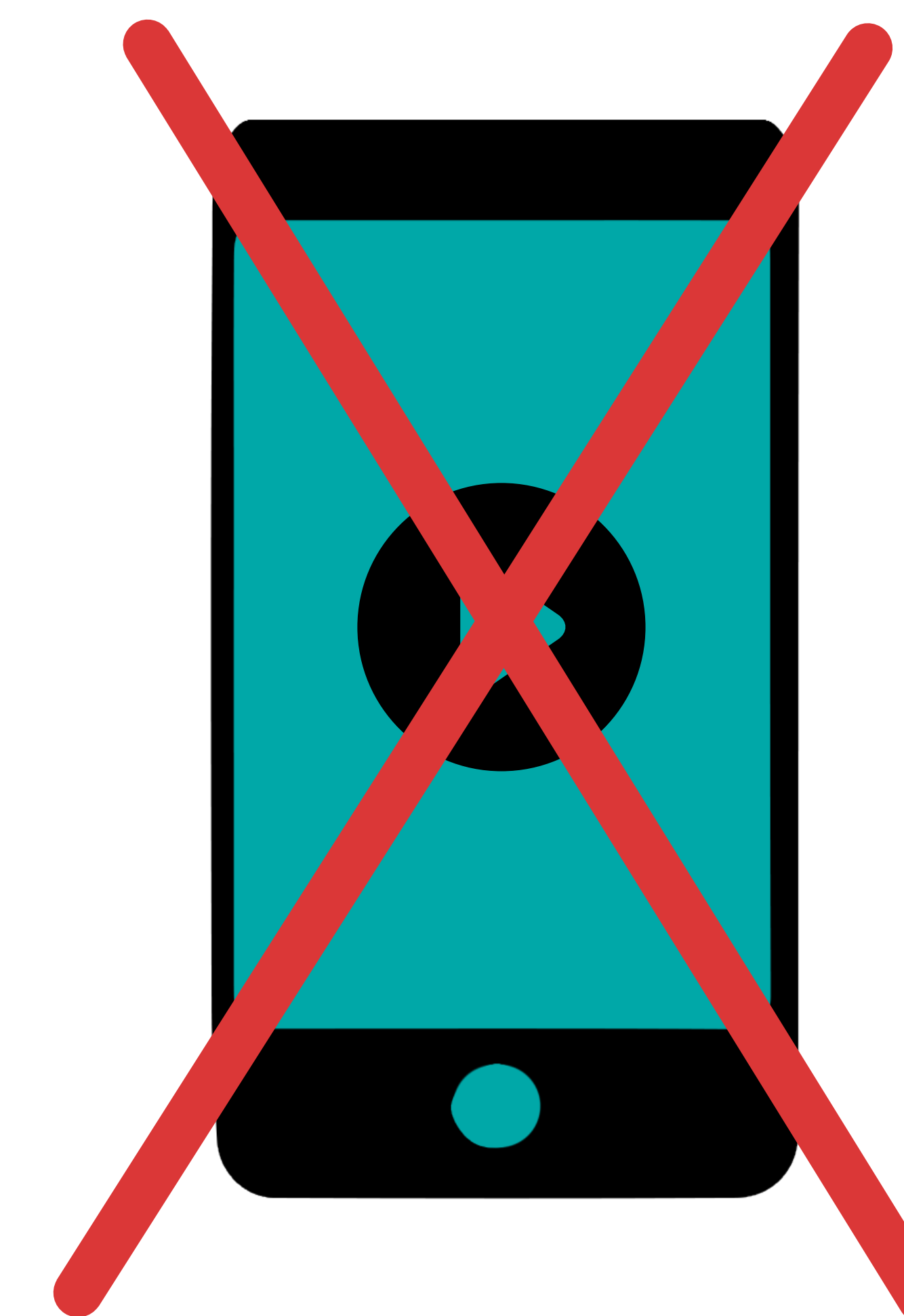
Below is an outline of our goals and helpful tips while recording your video.

First, find a good location: Make sure it's relatively quiet (no construction or loud traffic.) If possible, find a place near a window with good front light. Try to make sure you're not in a dark area with a bright light behind you.

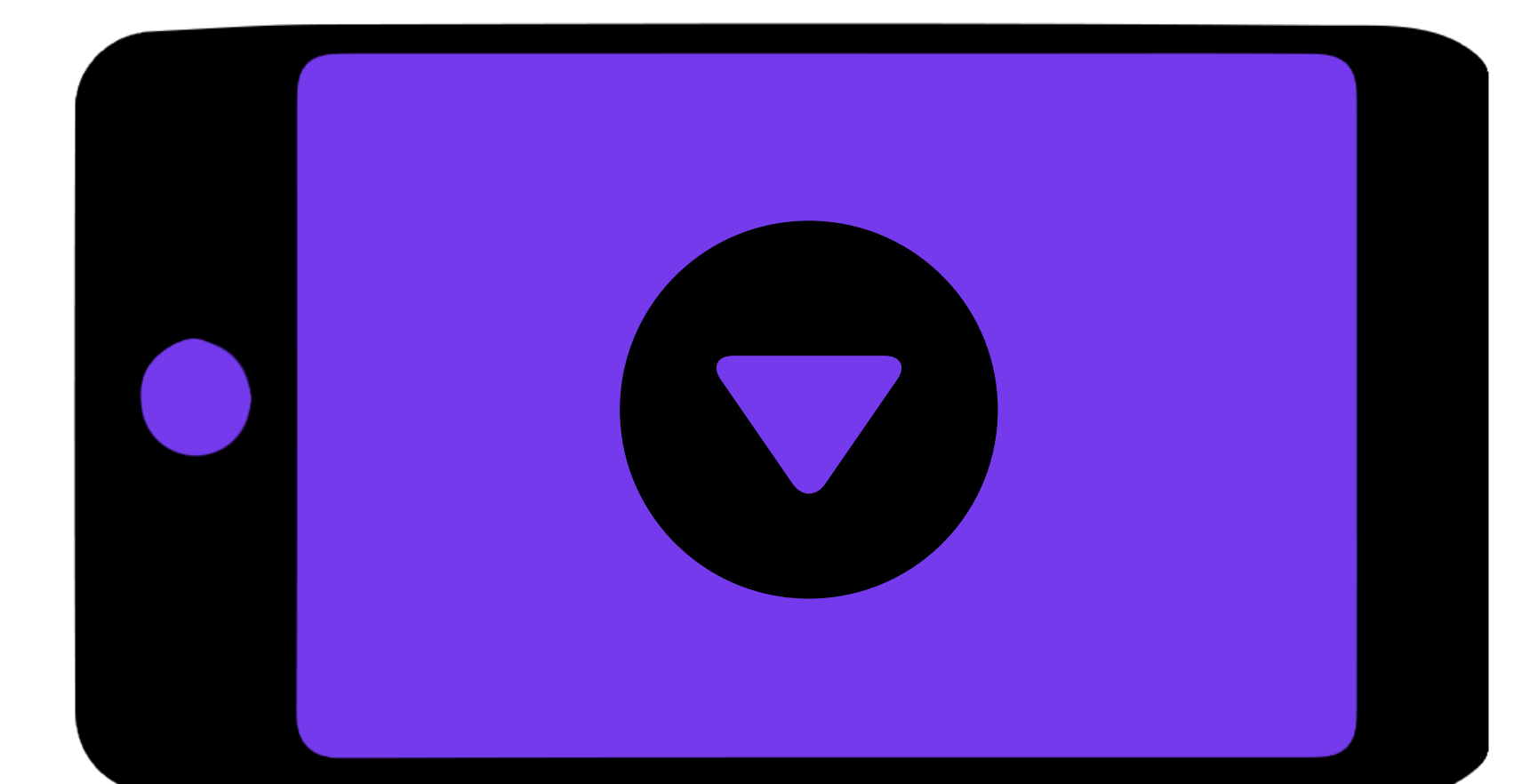
Second, get the camera set up: Make sure your phone is in the horizontal/landscape orientation. (See image to the right). Make sure you are 2-3 feet from your phone and the phone is as close to level with your eye line as possible.

Third, click Record! Greet the teachers. Offer words of encouragement, gratitude, and celebrate them and the work they do. Speak from your heart and don't worry about stopping and starting or making it perfect, we'll be editing. Extra credit for being fun, funny, wearing GitHub swag and/or costumes!

How to Hold Your Phone Correctly When Filming With Your Smartphone



Portrait Orientation
People will cry if you film like this.



Landscape Orientation
People will not cry if you film like this.



If it helps...

Write down some ideas or a whole script beforehand.

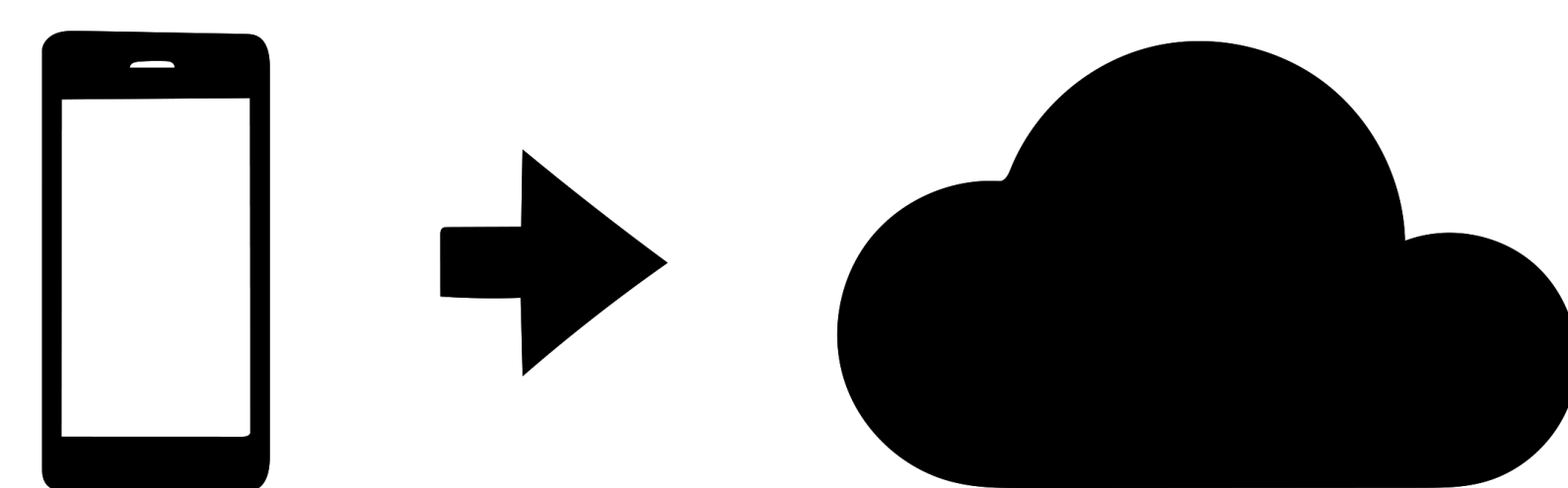
Here are some idea starters:

- Say hello!
 - "Hey professor [name]!"
 - "Hey teachers!"
 - "Dear teachers,"
 - Greet teachers in your native language
- What would you like to share with a teacher who made an impact on your education?
- What's one way a teacher has influenced your path to software development?
- What do you admire about teachers?
- What is one thing you would like to thank a teacher for?
- Offer some words of encouragement to the teachers in our community. What do you think teachers need to hear right now?

Things to keep in mind:

- Avoid centering this on the pandemic – while the last year has been particularly challenging for teachers, we want to highlight the career-long dedication teachers have for their students.
- Having trouble? Think of one individual you know and say what you would say to them.

Upload your videos to [this link](#).



To meet our production timeline we are asking everyone to submit their videos by May 27th. Here it is again, bolded for emphasis:

DEADLINE: THURSDAY, MAY 27TH.



Thank you for lending your voice to this project. We are excited to hear what you have to say, and are grateful to have you as part of our community.

