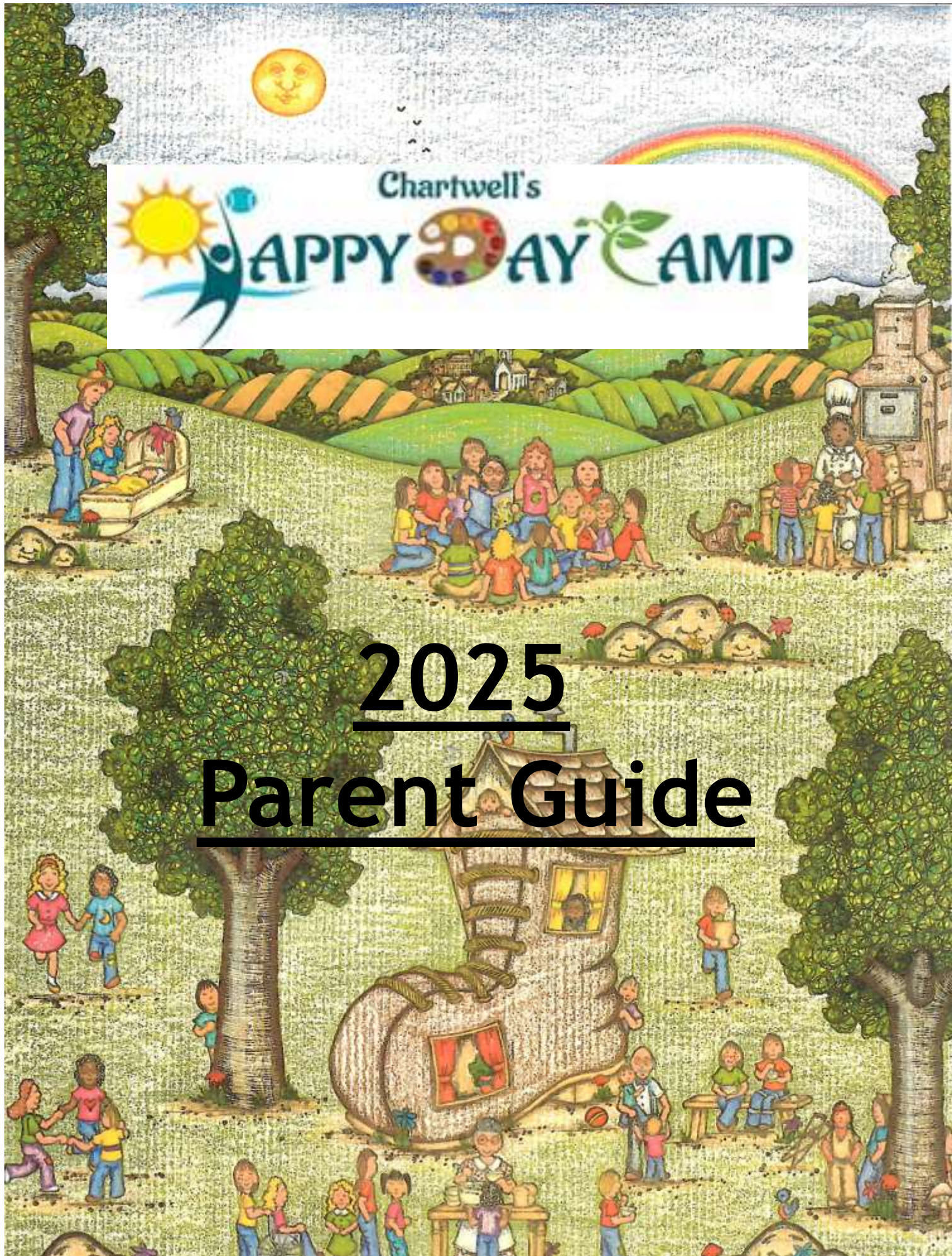




2025 Parent Guide



2025 SEASON

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for choosing to be a part of Chartwell's Happy Day Camp!

We look forward to providing your children with an exciting summer filled with lots of fun and extraordinary memories.

The Happy Day Camp Manual has been created as a reference guide for our camp families. It contains vital information and policies about our summer program. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Here's to the BEST SUMMER EVER at Chart-well's Happy Day Camp!

Best Regards,

Chartwell Happy Day Camp Staff



CHARTWELL HAPPY DAY CAMP

VISION STATEMENT

At Chartwell's Happy Day Camp, we believe that today's campers are tomorrow's leaders. Our camper centered programs are designed to challenge every child in a supportive and fun environment. Our goal is to create a safe place where campers make friends, learn new skills, build self-confidence and gain a sense of independence.

We pride ourselves on creating an experience as unique as each of our campers. From our Athletics to our Arts and Crafts and Music/Drama programs, Happy Day Camp affords many opportunities to develop new skills.

We value staff expertise, best practices and quality resources. Our staff collaborates to adapt and improve our curriculum and approaches to create meaningful activities that result in a quality camp experience for each child. Our counselors serve as positive role models and exhibit dedication to our community. The memories campers make at Happy Day Camp truly last a lifetime!

Happy Day Camp Philosophy

We strive to foster a safe nurturing natural environment for all children where they can thrive and grow as individuals and as a camp community.

Happy Day Camp Goals

At Happy Day Camp we want all children to succeed. To ensure this, we have a number of goals for the camp. Our goals are:

- To create a respectful, kind, and inclusive natural environment.
- To Increase self-esteem, personal responsibility, and independence.
- To help children create friendships, increase their social skills, and build community.
- To promote understanding of and respect for nature and the environment.
- To provide a sanctuary and time out from electronics and other modern distractions.
- To encourage development of skills, talents, and abilities.
- To support health, wellness, and well-being, and EUN!!!

Our Counselors

Our counselors are the heart and soul of Chartwell's Happy Day Camp. They are role models, mentors, and friends to our campers. Every counselor has undergone an extensive interview process, reference checks, and a background check.

Many counselors return year after year and help to establish a family atmosphere between campers and staff. They encourage our camper's talents and interests as well as support personal growth and self-esteem.

Our staff maintain a level of enthusiasm, professionalism, safety, and responsibility so campers have positive role models and a sense of belonging. They are trained to be attentive, safety conscious, engaged, and prepared for guiding campers in the kind and caring community that is Chartwell's Happy Day Camp.

Things to know

Chartwell Happy Day Camp is a 10-week summer program for children ages 3-14 years old. Campers must be potty-trained.

Chartwell has six pools, and campers swim twice a day. Campers should bring towels, bathing suits, sunscreen, bug repellent, and pool shoes/flip flops to camp every day. We do not have the ability to store children's possessions when they are not at camp.

Campers who are unable to swim must bring and wear floatation device while in water, for their safety (lifejacket, puddle jumpers etc.).

Electronics are NOT permitted at camp. This includes cell phones, smart watches, tablets, handheld games, etc. Please do not send these items in with your child. If it is necessary to contact you during camp time, camp staff will be in touch with you.

Happy Day Camp Daily Schedule

Happy Day Camp maintains a schedule throughout each day which is based on a weekly theme and daily activities to keep the children engaged and excited.

Example of our tentative daily camp schedule:

7:00-8:30am: Early Drop-Off - Morning Extended Care

8:30am: Regular Drop Off, Group Meet & Greet

9:00 am: All Campers Morning Assembly

9:30 am: Water Activities - Pools, Splash Park

10:00 am: Sports, Games, Play Courts & Fields

10:30 am: Arts & Crafts - Creative Projects

11:00 am: Lunch/snack time, Sunscreen, Relax, Butterfly Sanctuary

11:30 am: Science and Nature activities

12:00 - 1:00 pm: Lunch, Sunscreen, Rest and Relax

1:30 pm: Music, Drama, Musical Garden

2:00 pm: Woodlands Walk, Butterfly Garden

2:30 pm: All Campers Afternoon WRAP-UP

3:00 pm: Pack-Up, Pick-up - On the Homeward Trail

3:05-6:00 pm: Aftercare, Supervised games, Free Play

Swim Lessons & Testing

Each camper will be tested the first day they attend camp. Swim testing will allow staff to determine skill level of camper. Each camper will receive a wrist band that indicates skill level, this will alert staff/lifeguards as to which pools each camper is permitted.

Lost & Found

Chartwell Happy Day Camp cannot be not responsible for loss of valuables or personal property items. It is the camper's responsibility to keep up with his/her belongings. Do not allow campers to bring in items of value (phones, games, trading cards, etc.). There will be a lost and found bin. Parents with their camper(s) may check the bin during drop-off/pick up. Lost and found will be saved for 1 week, then donated to goodwill.

Lunch and Snacks

Please pack lunch and snacks as our campers are very active throughout the day and need lots of energy!

Children are encouraged to drink plenty of water and to carry an insulated water bottle with them. Please label the outside of the lunch box / container, as many look alike.

We have purchase options in our Carnival Cafe as well. Parents may put funds on a pre-paid Chartwell Fun Account for the camper to spend on food, or they may pay in cash.

Lunches will not be refrigerated or heated in the microwave.

Lunches should include a drink and eating utensils (plastic ware). Due to an active schedule, please make lunches healthy, nutritious and do not spoil easily.

PURCHASE Lunch and snacks at the Chartwell Carnival Cafe

Our café will be open for campers to purchase lunch or snacks after 11:00 am daily. The café is cash or pre-paid (Chartwell Fun Account) only.

Chartwell Fun Account: Funds may be added to a Chartwell pre-paid "Chartwell Fun Account" (minimum \$25 per deposit)



CHARTWELL HAPPY DAY CAMP
SUMMER 2025 THEME SONG:

Sung to the music of Freré Jacques:

Happy Day Camp
We Love Day Camp
Chartwell Fun
In the sun

Swimming, laughing, playing
Day Camp minds are saying,
Chartwell's Fun
We're Number One!

Summer Camp Benefits

The benefits of summer day camp are endless and can last a lifetime. Not only will your child gain greater independence and a stronger sense of self, but they will also develop new skills and make new friends. At camp they will make memories they will cherish forever.

Chartwell Happy Day Camp aims to:

1. Develop Lifelong Skills
2. Promotes Independence
3. Make Time for Play
4. Teaches Teamwork
5. Encourages Resilience
6. Provides Fun (Screen-Free) Activities
7. Encourages a Connection with Nature
8. Fosters Growth
9. Builds Self-Esteem
10. Supports Healthy Living
11. Nurtures Friendships
12. Teaches Kids to Respect Differences
13. Promotes Growth in a Safe Environment
14. Gives Children a Sense of Purpose and Place to Grow
15. State of the Art Facility
16. Fifteen Acres of Recreational Land
17. Six Pools
18. Promotion of Personal Growth and Socialization Skills
19. Safety Risk Management
20. Electronics Free Environment
21. Experienced Educated Staff
22. Theme Based Age-Appropriate Activities
23. Magical Musical Garden
24. Safe, inclusive, enriching environment
25. Supportive Community