



Chartwell's
HAPPY DAY CAMP

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2026 Parent Guide





January 1, 2026

Dear Happy Day Camp Parents,

Welcome to Chartwell 2026! We are so happy that your children will be coming to Happy Day Camp for a beautiful summer experience. Our mission is to create a safe, fun, activity-filled day camp. We take our mission seriously and are busily preparing for a wonderful summer!

Over the winter we have once again been planning, creating, repairing, and preparing Chartwell for the coming summer. The manual and trainings have been updated, pools are being painted, the lawns are being prepared for the spring, the database systems have been upgraded, and the employee training and scheduling systems have been enhanced.

We are planning many exciting activities for the camp! Each week will have a special theme and activities relating to that theme each day. Community performers such as the Stunt Bike performers, Action Karate, and Dinosaurs-Are-Us will be coming to give the kids even more special activities. There will be at least one outside performance per week. This is in addition to the swimming and other play activities that are available all day at camp.

Sharon Damiano will be returning as our Camp Director, and Tyler Filippone will continue as our Assistant Camp Director. Gabby Celso will implement the science and extended program for the camp. Artists from the community will be joining us to create art, music and performance activities for the children.

We look forward to having a wonderful summer with you! We will keep you updated as we get closer and closer to the opening day of camp on June 22, 2026. We look forward to seeing you and your children soon!

Best regards,

Mr. J.

James B. Johnston
CEO/Owner



Dear Camper Parent,

Thank you so much for your interest in Chartwell's Happy Day Camp.

We have lots of fun activities planned for the summer! Here is a list of some of what the campers will enjoy:

- Swimming
- Sports: Pickleball, Basketball, Flag Football, Soccer, Volleyball
- Building Swim Skills – Free Swim Lessons (ages 8 & under), signed up for 4+ weeks.
- Giant Inflatable Bounce house/Obstacle Course
- Musical Garden
- Butterfly Garden
- Science Experiments
- Arts & Crafts
- Drama & Music
- Weekly themes and special events
- Special Presentations

We will be having open houses in April 2026. We will announce these on our website when the dates are closer. We are also happy to schedule a tour at another time if needed.

Best regards,

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Chartwell Happy Day Camp Administrator



2026 CAMP 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 to us if you have 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 GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The Chartwell Happy Day Camp Experience is all about building friendships, fostering confidence, and having a blast. Our diverse range of activities include arts and crafts, swimming, sports and games, music, science, and so much more. Weekly themes celebrate various components of life such as self-esteem, cooperation, exploring new skills, and experiencing new opportunities. Special presentations such as puppeteering, bike shows, drama, and community partners enhance each week's theme.

Happy Day Camp's purpose is to provide a safe, accessible day camp where children can explore, participate, and belong. We believe in fostering creativity and expression. We have an outdoor stage where we have performing arts that allow children to explore their artistic potential. We have a Magical Musical Garden that adds a unique and harmonious touch to the camp atmosphere, and a butterfly sanctuary that encourages exploration and discovery.

The goals of Happy Day Camp are to:

- Create a respectful, kind, and inclusive natural environment.
- Increase children's self-esteem, personal responsibility, and independence.
- Help children build friendships, social skills, and community.
- Promote children's understanding of and respect for nature and the environment.
- Provide children with a sanctuary and time out from electronics and other modern distractions.
- Encourage children's development of skills, talents, and abilities.
- Support children's health, wellness, and well-being.

Happy Day Camp serves children from New Jersey who are aged 3-14 years. The camp is staffed with a Camp Director who has been in charge of the program since its inception, an assistant camp director, camp counselors, lifeguards, and administrative staff. The director and assistant director are certified teachers with backgrounds in special education. All staff are certified in CPR and first aid. Lifeguards must have lifeguard certification, and camp counselors must undergo extensive training to be employed in the camp. Staff must be at least 17 years old to work in the camp. The camp uses a ratio of 1:10 for children ages 5-17, and a ratio of 1:7 for children ages 3-5.

In order to enroll in Chartwell's Happy Day Camp parents visit the camp website at: www.chartwellhappydaycamp.com. There they are prompted through a series of questions to enroll in the weeks and services they need. Happy Day Camp offers an array of possibilities for enrollment. There are full day, am $\frac{1}{2}$ day, pm $\frac{1}{2}$ day and am/pm extended care choices. Parents pick the schedule that fits their needs and then submits for enrollment. The camp administrator processes the enrollments and creates payment invoices. Parents must submit information about the child, including medical history, a photograph, any special needs, and any friends with whom the child wishes to be paired.

The Happy Day Camp serves an average of 600 children per year. Many children come every day throughout the 10 weeks of camp and are also dropped off early or picked up late. We have created flexibility in scheduling for the camp based on parents' needs. The camp generally serves children throughout Burlington County but any person who wishes to enroll their children may do so regardless of residency.

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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 collaborate to adapt and improve our curriculum and approaches creating 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 several 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 FUN!!!

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.

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 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 a 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)

Cash or check must be sent at least 2 business days in advance prior to using funds.

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



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why should I choose Happy Day Camp for my child?

We have a fun, stimulating, experiential camp for children. We keep campers safe. We build self-esteem and relationships. We value community. We seek to positively impact the learning experiences and life skills of every camper. We foster a love of nature at camp.

2. Who will supervise my child?

Our senior leadership team, consisting of the Owner/CEO, Facility Director, Camp Director, Assistant Director, and Extended Care Director, have many years of experience in day camp and their related field. Most are teachers with a master's degree, and many have degrees in Recreation, Childhood Development, and Psychology.

3. How are staff trained?

Candidates go through rigorous training that covers various areas including behavior management, child protection and safety, policies and procedures, including emergency procedures.

4. How will my child receive their medication at camp?

Our Camp Director assists campers in getting their medication as directed by the parent/guardian.

5. How do you deal with misbehavior?

All staff are constantly observing and supervising the campers. We believe the best way to correct a behavior is to intervene prior to a problem. We redirect behavior as soon as possible. We are clear and direct in teaching rules, regulations, and behavioral expectations. We expect each camper to maintain appropriate behavior, but it is our responsibility to figure out what the child needs to be successful. When positive reinforcement is not enough, there may be times when discipline is necessary. Guidance will be consistent and based upon an understanding of each child's individual needs and developments. We act in accordance with N.J. state regulations protecting the safety and rights of the group and individuals within.

6. What is my child prohibited from bringing to camp?

The following items will be confiscated and returned to parents upon checkout:

- Digital devices (phones, laptops, video cameras, watches, etc.)
- Gum
- Cellphones
- Knives
- Magazines & Books (water can ruin printed materials)
- Lighters
- Fireworks
- Any sharp object with a point
- Candy
- Any glass containers

Our goal is to provide a safe environment for all campers and staff.

7. What safety protocols do you follow?

Chartwells Happy Day Camp is licensed by the State of New Jersey. We adhere to the USA Best Practices for Day Camp and Aquatics.

8. What about water safety?

- All campers are required to take a swim assessment,
- Campers participate in instructional swim classes.
- All aquatic staff are lifeguard certified.
- Staff is in-serviced prior to camp and are C.P.R and First Aid certified.

9. What other safety measures do you have?

- We do sunscreen checks every two hours throughout the day to ensure that campers do not get sunburn.
- We monitor the heat index carefully and institute heat protocols when needed by cancelling structure of day and keeping kids in pools, in shade, inside with air conditioning, or in sprinklers.
- We monitor the children's water drinking to make sure they stay hydrated.
- We have 2 counselors for each group so that children are never left alone.
- We use state mandated child:staff ratios: Children ages 3-5 have one adult for every 7 children. Children ages 6-14 have one adult for every 10 children.
- We pay special attention to allergies, medications, and food concerns.
- We check with parents whenever an issue or possible issue arises.



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:

- Develop Lifelong Skills
- Promotes Independence
- Make Time to Play
- Teaches Teamwork
- Encourages Resilience
- Provides Fun (Screen-Free) Activities
- Encourages a Connection with Nature
- Fosters Growth
- Builds Self-Esteem
- Supports Healthy Living
- Nurtures Friendships
- Teaches Kids to Respect Differences
- Promotes Growth in a Safe Environment
- Gives Children a Sense of Purpose and Place to Grow
- State of the Art Facility
- Fifteen Acres of Recreational Land
- Six Pools
- Promotion of Personal Growth and Socialization Skills
- Safety Risk Management
- Electronics Free Environment
- Experienced Educated Staff
- Theme Based Age-Appropriate Activities
- Magical Musical Garden
- Safe, inclusive, enriching environment
- Supportive Community





Happy Day Camp Parent Agreement 2026

Child Name: _____ D.O.B: _____ Age: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email: _____

1 I fully understand that the Camp reserves the right to dismiss, in its sole discretion, a camper whose condition, conduct, influence, or behavior is deemed by the Camp to be unsatisfactory or detrimental to the best interest of the Camp or who violates the Camp rules and regulations. I understand that a refund will not be issued in the event that my camper is dismissed for any of the reasons listed above.

2. I acknowledge that payment must be made in full prior to the camper attending camp. To guarantee any time period payment must be paid in full or payment arrangements must be made.

3. Payment during any promotional period is due IN FULL by each respective deadline, in order to receive the discount offered.

4. I acknowledge that Chartwell Happy Day Camp does enforce a 2026 Season CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY: Cancel with FULL REFUND through April 1, 2026. Cancel with CREDIT for this or next season through May 1, 2026. Cancel with NO refund or credit after May 15, 2026. I acknowledge that the Camp cannot replace the camper once the season has started, and I fully understand that I will not be entitled to a refund or credit beyond May 15, 2026. Requested for refunds or credit must be made in writing. After the refund deadlines, no adjustment, reduction in billing, refund or allowance will be made for late arrival, dismissal, absence, or withdrawal of a camper, for any reason.

5. If the camp is closed due to severe weather, parents will be notified as early as possible of the closing. There will be no credit or rate adjustment applied.

6. If a camper misses a day, no credit or rate adjustment will be applied.

7. The parent or guardian is responsible for applying child's sunscreen prior to drop-off. Counselors will supervise or assist children in reapplication of sunscreen throughout the day. Each child should arrive in a bathing suit underneath clothing. The child must also arrive with the following inside a labeled bag: change of clothing, plastic bag, towel, sunscreen, and insulated water bottle. Each item must be labeled individually.

8. I understand that if I do not sign an agreement or submit payment in a timely manner, it is possible that the Camp will not allow my camper to be dropped off and may refuse to serve the Camper until payment is made.

9. Realizing the orderly operations of the camp are of utmost importance, we agree to comply with all Camp rules and regulations regarding enrollment and withdrawal of campers, camp programs and all visitation at Camp.

10. For good and valuable consideration, I hereby consent to and authorize the reproduction, publication, and use by the Camp and their successors and assignees for advertising, commercial, or any other purposes of any photograph, picture, nickname, voice, or likeness of my/our child.

11. IN CASE OF MEDICAL EMERGENCY: I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Camp Director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and order injections, anesthesia or surgery for the child named above. The Camp Administration will make every effort to immediately contact parents in the event of an emergency.

Name of Parent: _____

Parent Signature _____

Date: _____

<p>CAMPER HEALTH HISTORY FORM 2026</p> <p>Developed by Chartwell Family Oasis 2026</p>		<p>Camper Name _____</p> <p>First _____ Middle _____ Last _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Birth date: _____ Age on arrival at Camp _____</p> <p>Date to start camp: _____</p>	Camper Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____
<p>Print, complete, and return to the camp office on or before camper's first day of attendance.</p> <p>If mailing, send to: Chartwell Happy Day Camp PO Box 283 Marlton, NJ 08053</p>	<p>To Parents/Guardians: Please follow the instructions below. Attach additional information as needed. Please note if there are any medical, behavioral, or emotional issues we will need to address.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete pages 1,2 and 3 (form 1) and make a copy for your records. 2. Send the original, signed form to Chartwell Happy Day Camp, P.O. Box 283, Marlton, NJ 08053 by/on the first day that the child will attend camp. 		
<p>Camper Home Address: _____</p> <p>Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Parent/guardian with legal custody to be contacted in case of illness or injury:</p> <p>Name: _____ Relationship to Camper: _____</p> <p>Preferred Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____</p> <p>Address (If different from camper): _____</p> <p>Second parent/guardian or other emergency contact:</p> <p>Name: _____ Relationship to Camper: _____</p> <p>Preferred Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____</p> <p>Additional contact in event parent/guardian cannot be reached:</p> <p>Name: _____ Relationship to Camper: _____</p> <p>Preferred Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____</p> <p>Allergies <input type="checkbox"/> Nones Camper is allergic to: Food <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine <input type="checkbox"/> The environment (bug bites, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please describe: _____</p> <p>Diet/Nutrition <input type="checkbox"/> Camper eats regular diet <input type="checkbox"/> Camper eats only vegetarian diet <input type="checkbox"/> Camper is lactose intolerant</p> <p>Other: (describe): _____</p> <p>Restrictions: _____ I have reviewed the program and activities of the camp and feel camper can participate with no restrictions. _____ I have reviewed the program and activities of the camp and feel camper can participate with the following restrictions: (describe): _____ </p>			

Camper Health History Form 1	Camper Name: _____ First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Birthdate: _____		
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Health Care Providers:

Name of camper's primary doctor(s) _____ Phone #: _____
 Name of dentist/orthodontist(s) _____ Phone #: _____
 Name of psychologist/psychiatrist: _____ Phone #: _____
 Name of preferred hospital: _____ Phone #: _____
 Name of Insurance Provider: _____ Policy #: _____
 Name of Subscriber: _____ Insurance Phone #: _____

Medication: _____ This camper will not take any medications while attending camp.

_____ This camper will take the following medications while attending camp:

Please note: "Medication is any substance a person takes to maintain and/or improve their health. This includes vitamins & natural remedies. Please review camp instructions about required packaging/containers. Many state require original pharmacy containers with labels which show the camper's name and how the medication should be given. Provide enough of each medication to last the entire the camper will attend camp."

Name of medication	Name of prescribing doctor	Date started	Reason for taking medication	Time to be given:	Amount/dose to be given:	How it is given:	Any known side effects:

Parent/Guardian Consent:

I, _____ am the parent/guardian of _____ (camper). I have read the Chartwell Happy Day Camp manual and agree that my child may participate in the activities of the camp. I have provided all information necessary to enable the Chartwell Happy Day Camp to serve my child. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to communicate with the camp staff about my child, and to inform the camp of any changes/incidents in the child's life that may impact their day at camp. I also acknowledge that if my child has not had all of the recommended immunizations, that I accept the health risks that my child may encounter.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ (printed)

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date: _____

CAMPER HEALTH HISTORY
FORM 1

Camper Name: _____
First _____ Middle _____ Last _____
Birthdate: _____

General Health History of Camper: Check "Yes" or "No" or each statement

1. Ever been hospitalized:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	11. Had fainting/dizzy spells:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N
2. Ever had surgery:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	12. Passed out/had chest pain:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N
3. Have recurrent /chronic illnesses:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	13. Had mononucleosis in past 12 mos:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N
4. Had a recent infectious disease:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	14. If female, had menstruation problems:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N
5. Had a recent injury:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	15. Had problems with falling asleep:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N
6. Had seizures:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	16. Had back/joint problems:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N
7. Have diabetes:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	17. Have a history of bed wetting:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N
8. Had asthma or shortness of breath:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	18. Have diarrhea/constipation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N
9. Had headaches:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	19. Have any skin problems:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N
10. Wear glasses, contacts, etc.:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	20. Traveled outside of country in 9 mos:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N

Mental, Emotional, and Social Health: (Check "yes" or "no" for each statement:

Has the camper:

1. Ever been treated for attention deficit disorder or attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder: _____ Y _____ N
2. Even been treated for emotional or behavioral difficulties or an eating disorder: _____ Y _____ N
3. In the past 12 months, seen a professional to address mental/emotional issues: _____ Y _____ N
4. Had a significant life event that continues to impact the camper: _____ Y _____ N
5. Does your child require extra assistance in school? (Section 504) _____ Y _____ N

Please explain any "yes" answers, noting any issues and how they are to be addressed at camp.

What have we forgotten to ask?: Please detail any information you feel we need to address your child's needs. If your child requires assistance in school, please give detailed information about the care needed. (Attach additional pages if needed.)