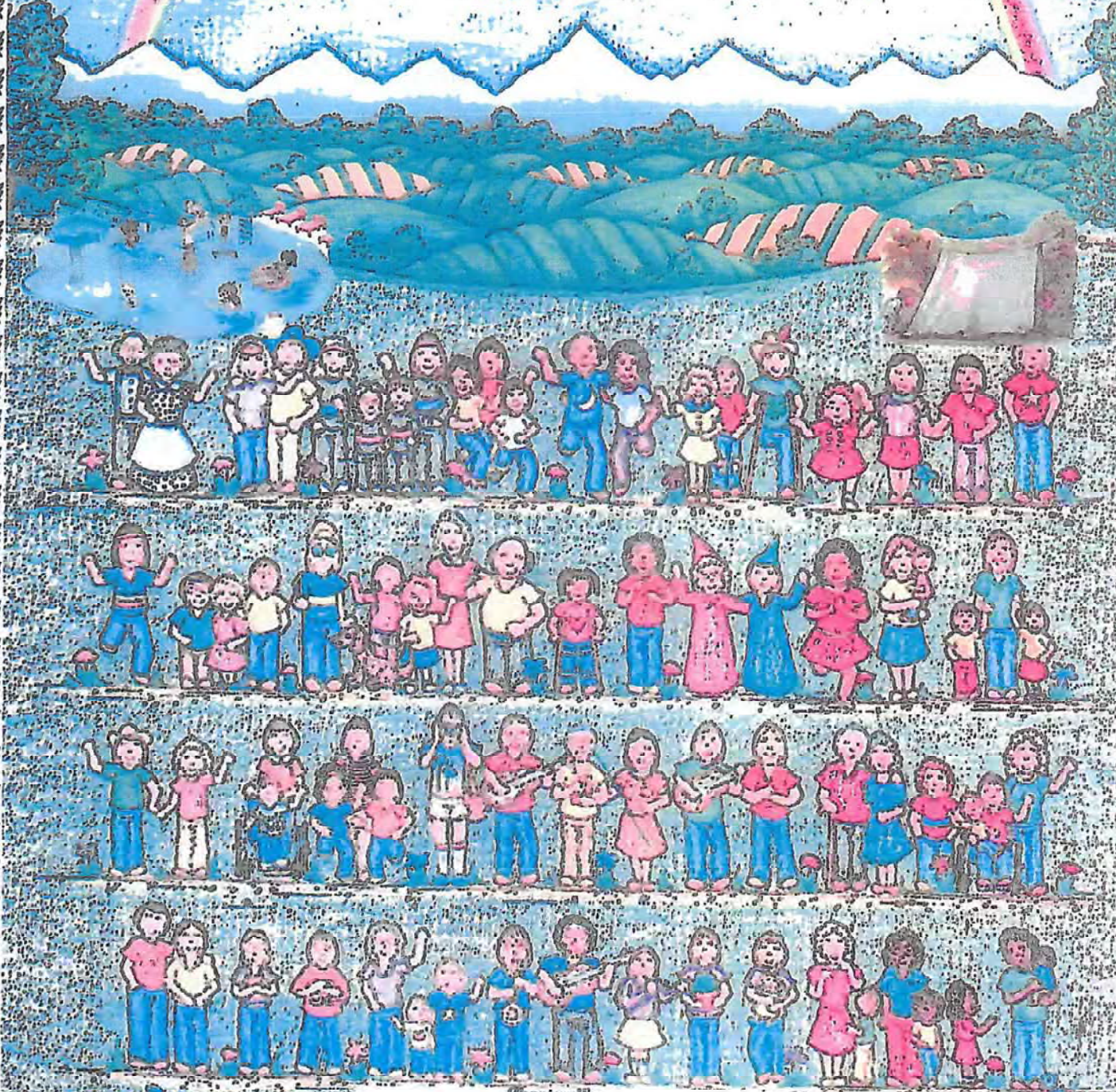


Happy Day Camp

Parent's Guide



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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

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!!!



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WELCOME TO CAMP WEEK 1 ACTIVITIES

June 22–June 26



POOL PARTY SPLASH!

Celebrate the first day of camp with a beach ball extravaganza! Dive in, make new friends, and start the summer off the best way – with a big splash!



TEAM BANNER CREATION!

Show your camp pride! Each group will design and decorate a team banner to display on their tents.



LEARN LIKE A LIFEGUARD!

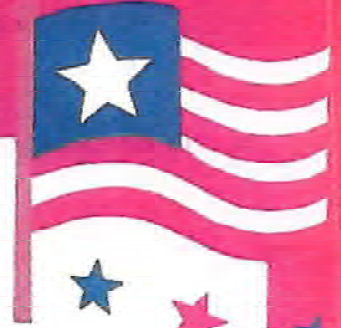
Our amazing lifeguards will lead a First Aid lesson where you'll learn simple safety skills and become a camp safety hero!



All of this and more awaits you in Week 1 –
come join us for the fun!



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WEEK 2 ACTIVITIES

June 29th – July 3rd



FIRETRUCK VISIT

Start the week with a visit from our local firefighters! Explore a real fire engine and learn how these everyday heroes keep our community safe.



TIE-DYE

Get creative and patriotic by making your own red, white, and blue tie-dye shirt to wear at camp!



PENNY DIVE

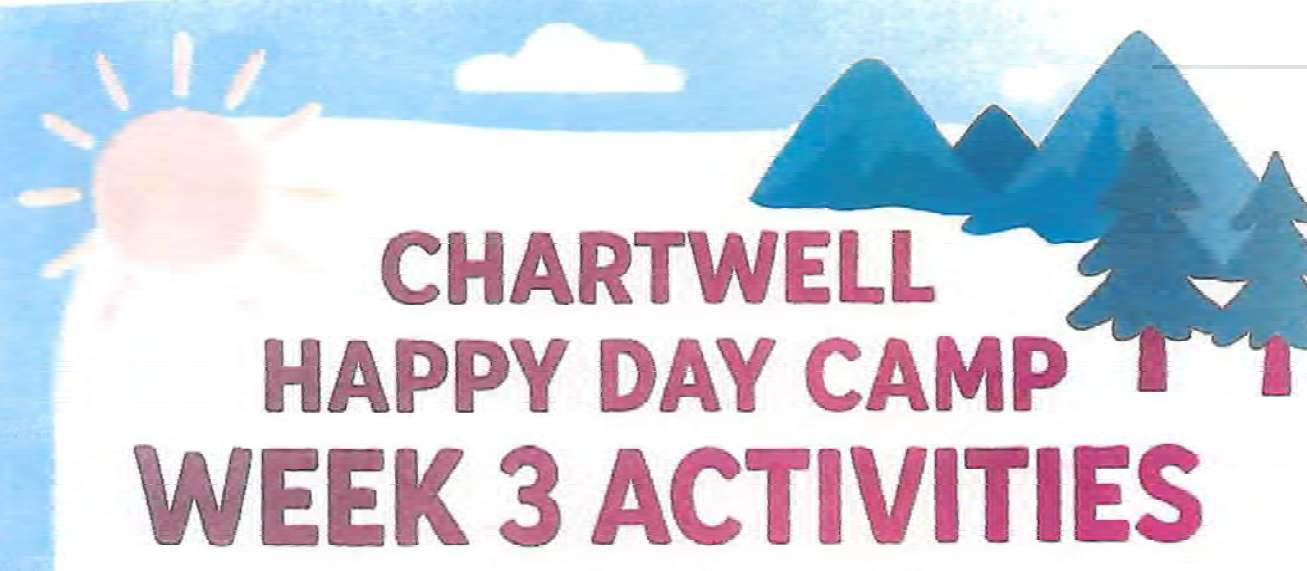
Search for pennies and have fun splashing in the pool! How many can you find at the bottom?



BAKING SODA ROCKETS

Blast off! Learn how to make your own rocket and watch it soar high in the sky!

Join us for another awesome week of fun!



CHARTWELL HAPPY DAY CAMP WEEK 3 ACTIVITIES

July 6–July 10



ROCK GARDEN

Discover your creative side as we paint colorful rocks to decorate our camp garden!



BIKE STUNT SHOW



Watch in amazement as a stunt performer shows off bike tricks and daring feats!



SOLAR S'MORES

Use the power of the sun to make a delicious, gooey treat!



Join us for an awesome week
full of adventures!



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WEEK 4 ACTIVITIES

July 13 - July 17



DIVING BOARD JUMP COMPETITION!

Show off your jumping skills
and make a splash in our
friendly contest!

PETTING ZOO!

Get to know adorable farm
animals up close!



NATURE HIKE & SCAVENGER HUNT!

Let's explore the wilderness
and search for hidden
treasures along the trails!

Join us for a week full
of outdoor fun and adventure!



**CHARTWELL
HAPPY DAY CAMP**
WEEK 5 ACTIVITIES
COMPETITION WEEK
July 20–July 24



**3 V3 SPORTS
TOURNAMENT**

Play to win in basketball, soccer, and more as teams face off in a friendly competition!



**RELAY
RACES**

Join the fun! Team up and race across the field in a variety of fast-paced challenges!

**TRIVIA
DAY**

Get ready to show off your knowledge and brain power in our exciting camp trivia contest!



**CHRISTMAS
IN JULY**

Celebrate the holiday spirit in summer with festive games and activities!

Test your skills and teamwork in our week of camp competitions!



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CHARTWELL'S GOT TALENT

WEEK 6 ACTIVITIES
July 27–July 31



HALLOWEEN!

Dress up in your favorite costume and go trick-or-treating around camp!



CHARTWELL TALENT SHOW Take the stage and share your special talent with all of your fellow campers!

LIP-SYNC BATTLE

Rock out to some awesome tunes in our lip-sync showdown!



Get ready for a fantastic week full of music, creativity, and fun!



CHARTWELL HAPPY DAY CAMP

WEEK 7 ACTIVITIES

August 3–August 7



POOL NOODLE RELAYS

Hop in the pool and see which team can race their noodles the fastest!

AMOEBIA TAG

Link together with friends and try not to get tagged in this wacky game of tag!



BUBBLE MAGIC

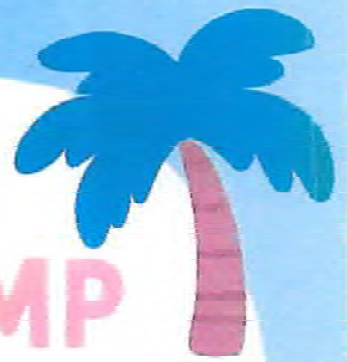
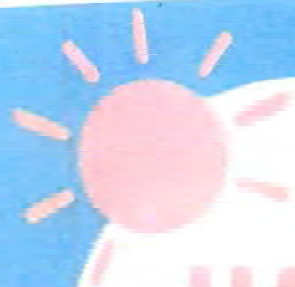
Watch in amazement as giant bubbles float through the air!

DINOSAUR BONE DISCOVERY

Dig in the sand and uncover ancient dinosaur fossils!



Dig into a week of prehistoric fun!



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WEEK 8 ACTIVITIES

SUPERHEROES & ROYALTY

August 10 – August 14



MEET A SUPERHERO, PRINCE, AND PRINCESS

Spend some time with a heroic superhero, a dashing prince, and a lovely princess!

DECORATE A SUPERHERO MASK OR ROYAL CROWN

Get creative and craft your own mask or crown!



SUPERHERO TRAINING COURSE

Complete a series of heroic challenges fit for a superhero!



Come join us for a
super-powered week
of fun!

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WEEK 9 ACTIVITIES

August 17–August 21

MAKE YOUR OWN BIRD FEEDER

Build a feeder to attract and feed some of our feathered friends around camp.



NATURAL ART

Create different art projects using leaves, twigs, and other outdoor materials.

BUG HUNT

Grab a magnifying glass and search for interesting insects to examine up close.



ANIMAL YOGA

Try yoga poses that mimic different animals, like cats, cows, and more.

Discover the fascinating world of insects and animals throughout the week!





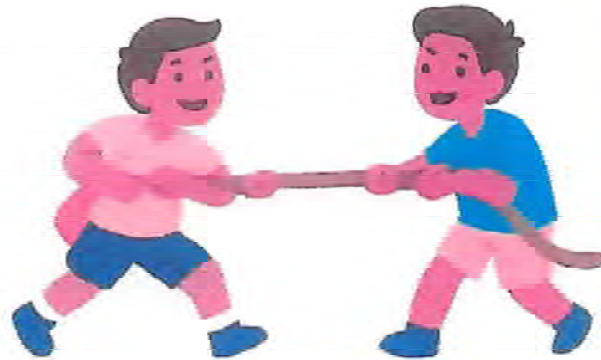
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WEEK 10 ACTIVITIES END OF SUMMER BASH PREP August 24 – August 28

BALLOON POP RELAY RACES

Run, pop, and tag your teammates in this fast-paced and hilarious relay challenge!



TUG OF WAR

Grab the rope and pull together in this classic strength-and-teamwork showdown!

WATER BALLOON TOSS

Partner up and toss water balloons back and forth – but don't let them burst!



Get ready for an awesome end-of-summer celebration!

CHARTWELL HAPPY DAY CAMP WEEK 11 ACTIVITIES



END OF SUMMER BASH

August 31 - September 4



FIELD DAY

Celebrate summer with fun outdoor games and friendly competitions!



END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

Join us for a special event to wrap up an amazing summer at camp!

PHOTO BOOTH

Dress up and take wacky photos with fun costumes and props!



DANCE PARTY

Get ready to move and groove with your friends!



Let's end summer with a bang!

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

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 to 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



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.



Full Day Program 8:30am-3:00pm

- Program 8:30am-3pm
- AM care – camper(s) may be dropped off as early as 7 (no extended care fee)
- \$390/Weekly (discounted)
- \$110/Daily (2days \$220, 3days \$330, 4days \$440)
- \$120/Daily “Drop-In” Rate

Extended Care (optional)

- PM Care Program 3pm-6pm
- \$30/1day (2days \$60, 3days \$90, 4days \$120, 5days \$150)

Half-Day Program

- AM Option- 8:30am to 12pm
- PM Option- 12pm to 3pm
- Rates AM or PM
- \$280/Weekly (discounted)
- \$75/Daily (2days \$150, 3days \$225, 4days \$300)

2026 Season

- Registration Access: An email will be sent out notifying all camp families once the Parent Portal is re-opened!
- Schedule Changes: Select weeks now, change them later. Deadline for revisions without change fee: May 1st
- Refund Policy: Now through April 1st (Full Refund), April 1st through June 1st (Account Credit), After June 1st (No Refund) [all requests must be emailed to Chartwell@chartwellfun.com]

Payment Methods & Registration

- E-Check (1%fee), Card (3%fee), Cash, or Check (payable/mail to Chartwell Happy Day Camp – PO Box 283 Marlton NJ 08053)
- Submit applications online and make electronic payment via [parent portal](#), once approved and processed a confirmation email will be sent
- Office hours are 9-4:30 Monday through Friday (please call or email ahead to drop off check or cash at Chartwell)

2026 Payment Plan Option

- Available via the Parent Portal only – payments will be automatically processed.
- Deposit Required: 30% deposit before monthly payments begin. Deposit will be calculated and processed at time of registration acceptance.
- 6 Month Plan: (6) Jan, (5) Feb, (4) March, (3) April, (2) May, Final Payment-June
- Plan (of Pymts) will automatically adjust accordingly based on how many payments remain available at the time of registration.
- Automatic Payment Requirement: Card (Credit/Debit) or eCheck (ACH Bank) must be on file for the payment plan option. Email reminders will be sent out on or about the 1st of each month, and charges will be processed on or about the 15th of each month.



WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	6/22	6/23	6/24	6/25	6/26
2	6/29	6/30	7/01	7/02	7/03
3	7/06	7/07	7/08	7/09	7/10
4	7/13	7/14	7/15	7/16	7/17
5	7/20	7/21	7/22	7/23	7/24
6	7/27	7/28	7/29	7/30	7/31
7	8/03	8/04	8/05	8/06	8/07
8	8/10	8/11	8/12	8/13	8/14
9	8/17	8/18	8/19	8/20	8/21
10	8/24	8/25	8/26	8/27	8/28
11	8/31	9/1	9/2	9/3	9/4

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