



How to sign up...

Applications for camp may be obtained from your hospital, doctor, nurse or social worker. You may also write, call, or e-mail the office directly:

HAPPINESS IS CAMPING

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2012 SUMMER CAMP

Campers and Siblings, ages 6-15

SESSION 1	July 2 – July 6
	Monday - Friday
SESSION 2	July 9 – 13
	Monday - Friday
SESSION 3	July 16 – 20
	Monday - Friday
SESSION 4	July 23 – 27
	Monday - Friday

NOTE: All sessions start on Monday and end on Friday
Camp is closed July 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22



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A free summer camp for children with cancer

JULY 2ND - JULY 27TH



What is Happiness Is Camping? It is ...

- *waking up to the chattering of birds...*
- *gliding across a still lake on a zip line just inches above the water...*
- *singing the camp song before digging into three hearty meals each day...*
- *splashing in a cool pool on a hot day with noisy friends...*
- *laughing 'til your sides hurt at the weekly talent competition...*
- *holding hands and singing at day's end...*
- *falling asleep to the sound of crickets...*



We'd Like To Welcome Your Child To A Week In The Country: Where Illnesses Are Forgotten and Having Fun is Just What the Doctor Ordered

It's all these things and more. Happiness Is Camping is a very special family of children who share an illness. Because this serious bond exists, there is a deep understanding among the campers. No child will be stared at here because of a missing limb or lack of hair. All the campers have survived similar experiences and are eager to assist one another, to ease any visible discomfort with ready friendship and supportive smiles.



Our staff of counselors and doctors, nurses and volunteers are a part of this special family, and the health and welfare of each child is paramount to them. You can be sure, however, that your child won't be treated as a sick kid—he or she will be treated like a kid. And that's what makes this camp so wonderful; it's just that—a camp for kids.

A Country Retreat ...

The camp is located on 145 scenic acres of woodland in Hardwick, New Jersey.

Comfortable camping facilities include spacious cabins, each complete with modern shower and toilet facilities,

bunk beds and are all air-conditioned; a modern, fully equipped dining hall; a recreation building for rainy day activities and dances (with computer center, library and video center for movies, TV and stereo); an arts and crafts workshop; a full size swimming pool; a climbing tower, adventure and ropes course. The east end of camp boasts a lighted sports

complex for tennis and basketball. At camp's center is a sparkling lake, home to elusive fish and families of ducks, swans, and turtles, as well as our fleet of row boats, canoes and kayaks. A new fully equipped gymnasium is our latest addition.

"Happiness Is Camping was a great opportunity for our Kara . . . she became 'normal' again with kids who knew what the score really was. "

Quality medical care...

The Camp houses a fully equipped health center. Our dedicated staff always includes a pediatric oncologist and two or more hematology oncology nurses. They reside at the camp's health center and provide 24-hour medical supervision. The center is equipped to handle on-going care, thus enabling the camp to welcome children who require IV chemotherapy or transfusions, children at serious risk of bleeding and infections, and children with significant physical disabilities. In addition to administering to the children's health needs, the medical team enjoy participating in all camp activities. This offers campers the opportunity to socialize with their physicians and nurses, and view these life givers in a warm, non-clinical light. Happiness Is Camping Medical Director Emeritus Paul A. Meyers, MD from Memorial Sloan Kettering Center and Medical Director Richard G. Gorlick, MD, from The Children's Hospital at Montefiore, are eager to assure you that your child will be well cared for during his or her stay.

"You and your staff gave our 'chosen' one a well deserved natural childhood experience... thank you."

A wealth of activities...

At Happiness Is Camping, it seems the activities never stop and neither do the children. The day begins with flag raising at 8:00 a.m., and doesn't end until taps is sung at 9:00 p.m. In between, campers can choose from daily activities that include: supervised swimming, fishing, boating, computers, ropes, archery, arts and crafts, newspaper reporting, drama, various sports, and much more. Each evening welcomes a



different event, which range from a team scavenger hunt or "movie night" in the rec hall, to a cabin talent competition, the annual haunted house, or a themed dance.

Siblings too...

Happiness Is Camping also allows our campers' siblings to attend camp. With the sacrifices many families must make to care for a sick child, siblings can sometimes feel a bit left out. Sibling camp is intended to help the brothers and sisters of our campers feel special, too... Siblings must be of camp age, (6-15 years old), and must attend the same week(s) as their brother or sister. Siblings may attend for one or two weeks.



Enthusiastic staffers...

Led by the camp director, the camp staff includes an assistant director, full-time activities specialists, a volunteer coordinator, a crew of paid staffers who work through the full camp season, and teams of volunteers, 80 strong, who join the camp for one week sessions. Staff live with the campers in their cabins and lead and participate in all activities. From the devoted volunteers who have returned to camp year after year to the newest recruits (who are quickly adopted by the camp family), each staff member is dedicated to seeing that everyone has an enjoyable, safe summer, filled with laughter and friendship.

Who may attend...

Any child with cancer, age 6 to 15 years, is welcome at Happiness Is Camping. All that is required is that the child's personal physician determine the child well enough to attend. You must present evidence of health insurance and/or medicaid. A medical form is part of the application and

"Happiness Is Camping is a wonderful idea. . . it helps ease the hurt"

"You guys are amazing . . . you are doing God's work."

must be completed. Special permission forms are included in the application package and must be signed by parents.

Happiness Is Camping is free...

The Board of Directors of Happiness Is Camping realize that illnesses, especially cancer, are expensive. For this reason, they've worked hard to build a financial base, centered upon contributions and volunteer services, which allows them to offer the camp program at no cost to you. Donations are accepted, but under no circumstances will a child with cancer be turned away for lack of money. Included in the camp "package" is all medical care, food, and activities.

Preparing for camp...

It's very important to send an ample supply of prescribed medications with detailed instructions for their dosage and use. Children will require inexpensive clothing, shoes, toiletries, jackets, etc.—a list will be provided for you. Don't forget to give your child plenty of stationery and cards on which to write home! Stamps, too. While phone calls and visits are discouraged—remember, kids love to get mail. A camp canteen offers camp shirts, candy, soft drinks, disposable cameras, film, stamps and toiletries. You may want to give your child a few dollars for each day at camp. We'll open an account for them on arrival.

