

# HAPPINESS IS CAMPING FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER

## PARENT INFORMATION

We understand that this is an exciting time for your child. We also understand that you are sending your child into our care. For us to be able to provide the best quality care for your child we must have the enclosed paperwork completed. ***Please read the following information packet so you understand a little about our program and how to prepare your child for camp.***

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**MEDICAL DEPARTURE FORM** this form is to be completed within one month of departure or at your last doctor appointment prior to departure to camp. Make sure that the Doctor/Nurse signs this form and it is returned. **This form does not need to be completed if the camper has been off medication(s) for at least 18 months.**

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### GETTING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CHILD

The best way for you to stay in contact with your child is through letters. Campers love to receive mail while at camp.

Your letters should be addressed to:

Name of Child  
c/o Happiness is Camping  
62 Sunset Lake Road  
Blairstown, NJ 07825

**Telephone calls should be avoided. Campers do not have access to telephones while at camp. If you find it necessary to call camp, you will be directed to a staff member. Be assured that a member of our staff will answer or return the call as quickly as possible.**

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**SWIMMING:** Each camper will be given a swim test before being given permission to swim. Campers may then sign up for swim classes.

**BROVIAC:** Please note that for the campers health and safety our Medical Director has **prohibited** swimming for all campers with broviacs.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Please inform our office of any Special Needs that the camper may have before they depart for camp. Let us know about broviacs, special assistance, wheelchairs, crutches, sight and hearing impairment, dietary needs, bed wetting, or any changes that might affect their camp stay.

**MEDICATIONS:** **ALL** medications that the camper will need orally, by injection, or intravenously **must be sent to the camp with the camper!** ***Please leave all medications in original packages. Please be sure to pack enough medications for your camper's ENTIRE stay.***

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## Packing For Camp

### **Suggested clothing & equipment list for one session.**

If your camper is staying longer please add on as necessary.

PLEASE mark ALL camper's belongings with name.

Suitcase or Duffle Bag	9 Pairs of socks
1 Warm Jacket	9 Pairs of underpants
2 Sweatshirts or sweaters	1-2 Swim suits
2-3 Pairs of jeans	Towels and Soap
8 Pairs of shorts	Toiletries in containers
8 Shirts (2 long-sleeve)	Sunglasses
1 Hat/cap	1-2 Beach towels or robe
2 Pairs of shoes (sneakers)	1 Pair flip flops/sandals pool use
3 Pairs of pajamas medium weight	Sun Screen
Raincoat or Poncho with hat	Laundry bag

Camp *DOES NOT PROVIDE BEDDING – You should send pillows, sheets, blankets or a sleeping bag for each camper.*

\*Camp does not provide laundry service. Please pack enough clothing for their entire stay.

\*Camp is a great place to wear out your old clothes such as jeans, sweatshirts, or shorts. We do not require any special uniforms or equipment.

\*We are not responsible for lost or torn clothing or personal property.

**\*Please leave radios, boom boxes, TV, electronic games, jewelry, cell phones, and expensive items at home. They are not appropriate for camp.**

### **Desirable** (but not necessary)

Bug Spray	Musical Instruments
Flashlight	Reading Material
Hiking Boots	Paper/Stamps/Pens
Camera	Pre-addressed Envelopes or Post Cards

There is a small general store that is open daily in the evenings. We have all sorts of goodies for the campers. Spending money may be sent with the camper that will be deposited in the camp bank. We suggest about \$25 per week. Any money left over will be returned to you after the camper's last trip of the summer.

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