

# The Outdoor Center at Happiness Is Camping





Happiness Is Camping  
62 Sunset Lake Road  
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Dear Friends of Camp,

Thank you so much for your interest in The Outdoor Center at Happiness Is Camping! Please take a moment to look over the information included in this packet. If you have any questions, feel free to call or email me. Camp is truly the experience of a lifetime, and I look forward to sharing that experience with your group.

Best Wishes,

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Thank you for your interest in our camping facility!

HIC is located on 150 acres of woodland and fields, with ponds, and streams, 60 miles west of New York City. The camp has been in existence for over 50 years. Happiness Is Camping is proud of our versatile facilities. Our country retreat is the perfect choice for school and church groups, family reunions, day trips or weekly stays. We can accommodate groups of 30 – 200 people.

It's easy to see why The Outdoor Center at H.I.C is the ideal spot for your next outing:

- Modern, well-kept cabins equipped with indoor plumbing, heat and air conditioning.
- Full meal service – you may even choose your own menu! We accommodate all types of diets, nut free, gluten free etc.
- A personalized programming policy – our Group Services Director will work with you to develop a custom schedule that accommodates your needs.
- High ropes elements including zip line, giant swing, vine walk, air rings, horizontal ladder and Burma Bridge.
- Climbing wall with both rock climbing and cargo net ascension.
- Complete low ropes challenge course.
- Two large presentation/recreational rooms, a sports field, meeting rooms and a brand new, full service gym, perfect for basketball and other sports.
- Outdoor and environmental education classes including forest ecology, sustainability, pond ecology, survival, natural history and preservation.
- Relaxing at our pool is the perfect activity for a hot summer's day.
- Don't forget the traditional camp activities such as hiking, orienteering, boating, fishing and archery.
- To finish the night off, roasting some marshmallows for s'mores over camp fire.
- Year-round, dedicated staff of friendly camping professionals who are highly trained in every area we have to offer.
- Just minutes away from the Appalachian Trail, the Delaware Water Gap and historic Blairstown, NJ.
- We are accredited by the American Camp Association and licensed by the State of New Jersey.
- The programs we offer at Happiness Is Camping are available to your group from May through October of each year.
- Most importantly, proceeds from your group go directly towards supporting our summer camp for children with cancer - which operates each summer in July - at no cost to the campers or their parents.

Call today to book your free tour of HIC's buildings and grounds. Camp is an experience of a lifetime. Let us share that experience with you!

# The Outdoor Center Facilities

The Outdoor Center at Happiness Is Camping offers a wealth of lodging and meeting space options.

## Accommodations

Our buildings have comfortable furnishings including bunk beds. Our lodging facilities boasts clean, modern indoor restrooms as well as heating and air-conditioning for optimal comfort.

Based on the size of your group, we offer the following overnight accommodations:

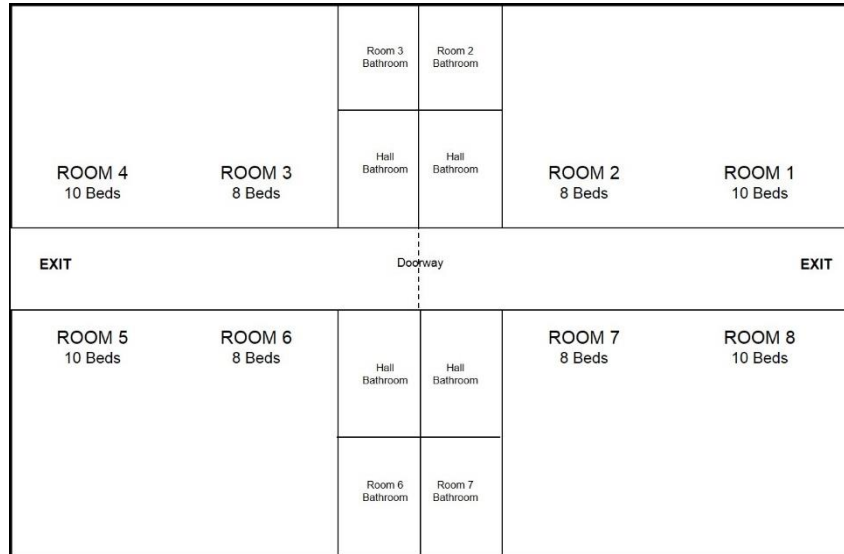
**Main Lodge (72 Beds)** – This lodge is centrally located on camp. The main lodge is our largest lodge, which makes it possible to have your entire group in one place. The building consists of eight separate bedrooms, with each room sleeping 8 – 12 people. Each bedroom has its own bathroom. Main Lodge is fully winterized and sleeps up to 72 people.

**Gramercy Lodge (48 Beds)** – Located across the pond, Gramercy Lodge has 4 large rooms with huge adjoining bathrooms. Each bathroom is fully handicap accessible, and includes two showers, two sinks and two toilets. This peaceful building is perfectly located for access to The Rec. Hall and Loft. Gramercy Lodge sleeps up to 48 people.

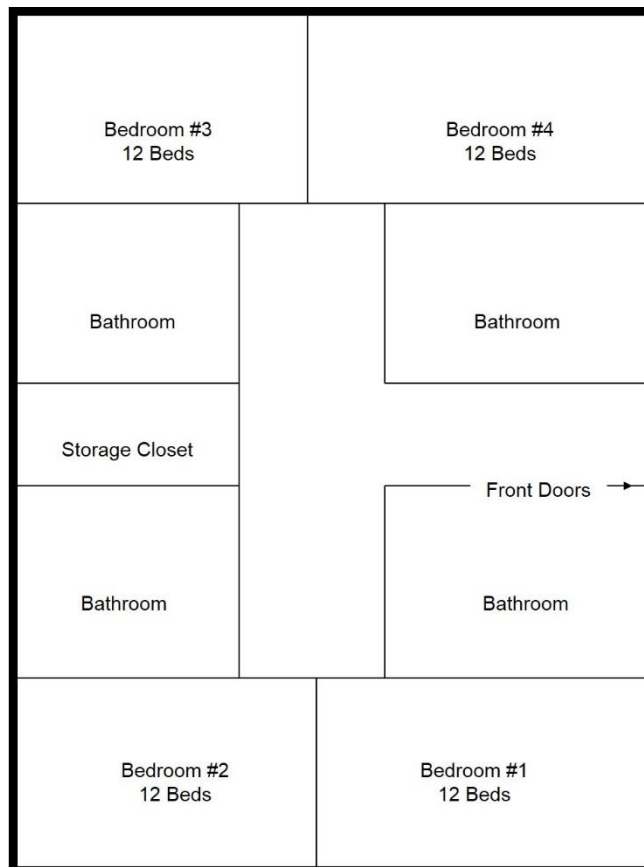
**International Village (52 Beds)** – Five beautiful log cabin-style buildings are situated close to the Main Lodge and named after different continents. With only 10 or 12 beds and a bathroom in each, the cabins offer a cozy retreat at the end of a day. Each cabin also has a small porch and are wheel chair accessible.

**Lakeside Lodge (16 Beds)** – This is our newest lodge on camp. Enjoy the most beautiful views of camp from the ample wraparound porch. There is a large, comfortable multi-purpose room and bunk rooms optimized for privacy.

# Main Lodge Layout

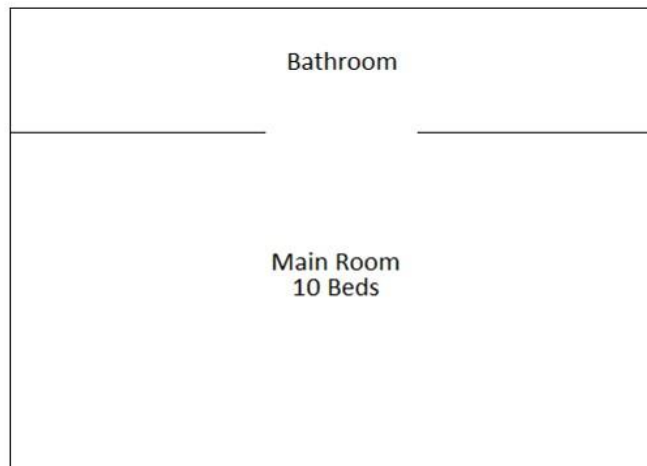


# Gramercy Lodge Layout

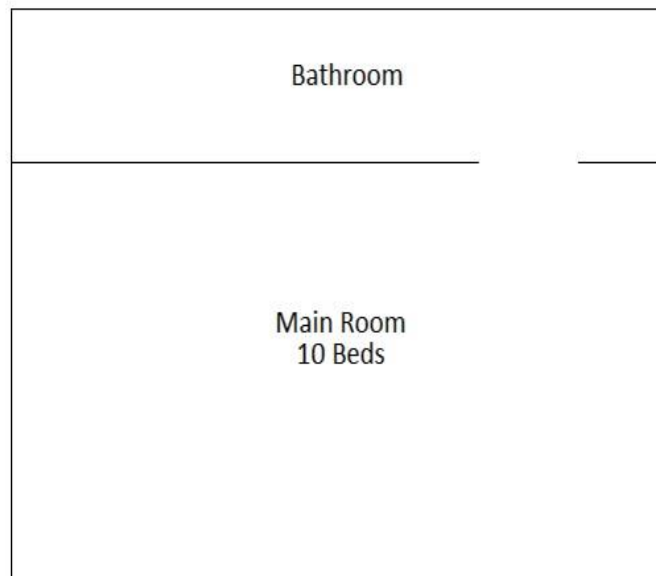


# International Village Layout

## Africa

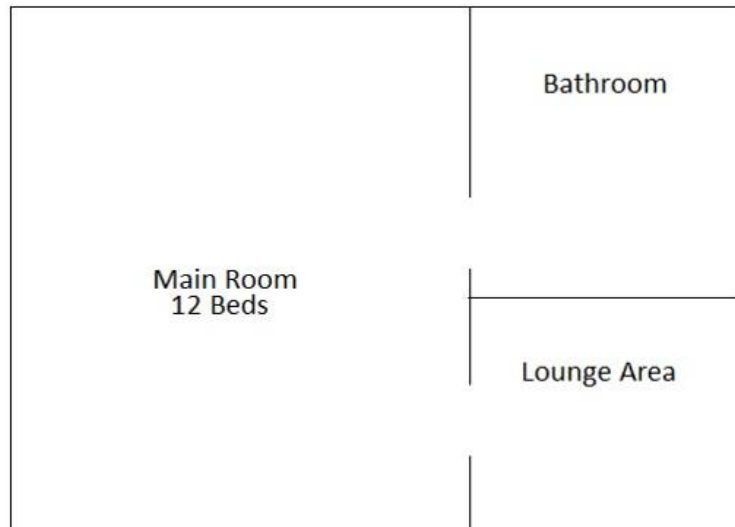


## Asia/Australia

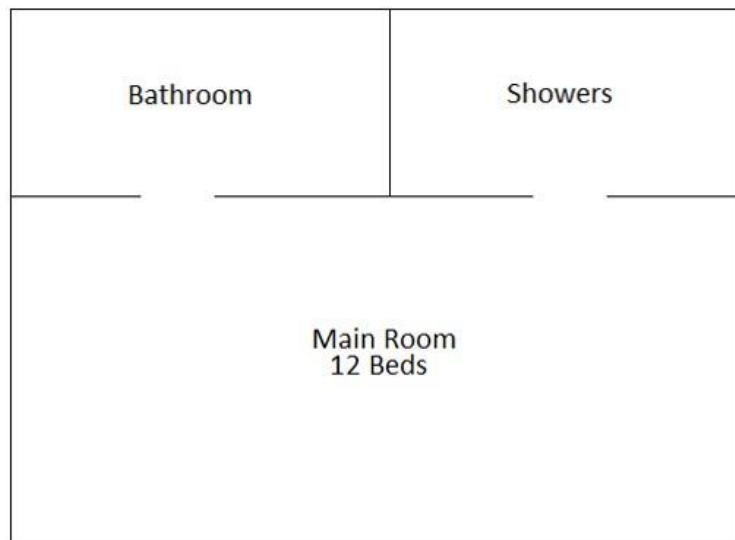


# International Village Layout

## Europe



## North America





## Meeting Areas

The Outdoor Center at Happiness Is Camping also provides your group with numerous meeting space options. All of our meeting areas are heated, air conditioned and equipped with folding chairs and tables. We also have TV/DVD units. Easels, screens and podiums are available on request.

The facilities we offer are:

**The Rec Hall** – Our general purpose building is perfect for most groups. The ground floor of our Rec Hall accommodates up to 150 people with huge windows for picturesque views of camp.

**The Loft** – The loft's meeting space is located in the top floor of the Rec Hall. With hardwood floors and a utility sink, this area is perfect for arts and crafts activities. Accommodates up to 50 people.

**The Library** – A small carpeted area with cozy furniture, accommodates up to 20 people.

**The Dining Hall Extension** – Located just off the dining hall, the extension holds approximately 50 people. It is a perfect spot for a quick meeting and is centrally located to the dining hall and main lodge.

**The Gym** – Our largest building on camp, with the capability to hold up to 150 people. The gym is perfect for larger groups and is equipped with new wheelchair accessible bathrooms.

In addition to the above indoor meeting rooms, we have an open air pavilion, a screened gazebo, a campfire area, an amphitheater with bench seating and a picnic area here for your enjoyment.

Our facilities also include a charming pond for boating and fishing, a full size outdoor swimming pool, beach volleyball court, gaga pit, soccer field, basketball courts and numerous other program areas.



Rec Hall



Gym



# The Outdoor Center Activities

As you book your visit to camp, choose from the many activities we offer. Our diverse, experienced staff is always more than happy to tailor the Outdoor Center's programs to fit the needs of your group.

Our activities are specially designed to challenge and inspire your group to go above and beyond what they think is possible, both individually and as part of a group. Our trained and certified staff introduce, lead and then help the group evaluate their accomplishments.

## Adventure Activities

Staffed by the Outdoor Center

**Action Socialization Exercises (ASE)** – ASE utilizes our low ropes course of platforms, cables, logs and ropes spread throughout the forest. The purpose is to create unique problems that your group must solve as a team. ASE is one of our most popular activities and is enjoyed by all ages!

**Climbing Tower** – This activity encourages groups to work as a team as they assist participants on their 30+ foot climb. Get a chance to climb the wall, ring the bell at the summit and then repel down.

**Zip Line** – Take a ride through the air on our zip line. Challenge yourself to take that first leap from our 30 foot platform and the rest is easy! The adrenaline runs fast and furious as you fly above the woods. **2 instructors required.**

**Giant Swing** – Your team mates use a pulley system to raise you to the top of our giant swing platform. At the top, pull a quick release and experience a truly "Giant Swing".

**Flying Squirrel** – You are attached to a climbing rope and hoisted into the air by a group of people pulling on the other end of the rope. You will be lifted quickly into the air as if you are flying. A great team challenge.

**Horizontal Cargo Net** – A unique take on a classic element. Instead of climbing vertically, pull yourself along the cargo net while suspended 30 feet in the air. Appearing as if you're traversing a ship's mast, it's no wonder this is becoming a camper favorite.

**Burma Bridge** – Climb high and cross a bridge from tree to tree! A challenge for even the most courageous, you are always hooked into with one of our experienced instructors.

**Air Rings** – Swing from ring to ring like monkey bars on a playground high above the ground. Can you reach the end?

**Horizontal Ladder** – Shake and wobble your way across to the end. Not holding the rope adds a greater challenge, much tougher than it looks from below.

**Vine Walk** – A high element activity designed to test your balance and confidence, reaching from vine to vine while walking along a foot cable suspended in the air.



Climbing Wall



Zip Line



Giant Swing



Flying Squirrel



Horizontal Cargo Net



Burma Bridge



Air Rings



Vine Walk

## **Recreational Activities**

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**Boating** – Take a row boat out for a ride on our beautiful pond.

**Archery** – A camping tradition with bows and arrows!

**Swimming** – What's better than cool water on a warm day? Enjoy a relaxing swim in our pool, relax on one of our fantastic deck chairs.

## **Self-Directed Activities**

Lead your group through these activities using our excellent facilities and equipment!

GaGa  
Volleyball  
Soccer  
Campfires\*  
Orienteering\*

Basketball  
Nature Walks\*  
Wilderness Survival\*  
Pond Ecology\*  
Games\*

Communication Station\*  
Arts and Crafts  
Ping Pong  
Hiking\*

\* These activities are also available to be staffed by The Outdoor Center.

## **Evening Programs**

The Outdoor Center staff is happy to make arrangements for the following programs.

Campfire (s'mores, skits & songs optional)  
Reptile Program  
Movie Night  
Raptor Program  
Pizza or Ice Cream party  
DJ/Dance



## Recreational Activities



## Menu Choices

The following basics are standard at each meal.

**Breakfast Basics:** Hot and cold cereals, milk, juice, coffee, and tea.

**Lunch Basics:** Salad bar, Soup of the Day, juice, milk, coffee, tea, and dessert.

**Dinner Basics:** Salad bar, juice, milk, coffee, tea, and dessert.

**Please write in which day you would like which selection for each meal.**

### Breakfast Options 8:30am

Pick one per meal

### Cheese Frittata/Home Fries

Scrambled Eggs/Hash browns

Breakfast burrito/O'Brien Potatoes, Guac/Salsa

## Texas French Toast with Berry Compote

## French Toast Sticks

## Pancakes with Toppings

Baked Oatmeal, Bagel, Muffin and Danish, Cream Cheese/Butter

Breakfast Sandwich (Canadian Bacon, Egg & Cheese) on English Muffin, Option: Bacon or Pork Roll

Pick one per meal

Bacon

Sausage	
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Turkey Sausage Patty

Pork Roll	
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### Lunch Options 12:30pm

## Chicken Fingers and Tater Tots

Swiss/Turkey Bacon Ranch Wrap, Baked Pretzels & Cheese Sauce or Knish w/Mustard

Pizza and Tossed Salad & Crudite

Soft and Hard Shell Tacos, Spanish Rice and Salsa/ Cheese /Lettuce / Tomato/ Onion

Hamburger, Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Potato Salad and Lettuce/ Tomato/ Onion/ Cheese

Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup and Corn Chips

Macaroni & Cheese, Chili

### Stromboli and Caesar Salad

### Dinner Options 5:30pm

BBQ Chicken Breasts, Au gratin Potatoes, Green Beans and Corn Bread

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and Corn

## Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and Baby Carrots

Roast Beef, Roasted Potatoes, Gravy and Mixed Vegetable Medley

Hamburger, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad

Italian Lasagna, Italian Blend Vegetables and Garlic Toast

Grilled Chicken / Penne with Roasted Red Pepper Sauce and Roasted Broccoli

Spaghetti and Meatballs, Broccoli with Garlic and Oil with Garlic Sticks

**\*\* When needed, vegetarian alternatives will be provided\*\***