

THE GOLDEN EAGLE

Volume 6

"A One-of-a-KIND Summer"

April 2018

From the Directors:

The weather is finally warm and camp is only 11 weeks away! Now that the grass has thawed, we're busy raking, seeding and painting so camp is ready for when the campers arrive on June 25. In a couple of weeks, our brand new tents are going up and our supplies will start rolling in.



Our staff meetings are already underway, and everyone is planning for our 2018 theme of **A One-of-a-KIND summer!**

The phones in our office have been ringing off the hook! Groups are filling quickly and we are happy to announce **we are 91% full for this summer!** We are excited to have so many new and returning families signed up for 2018. We are already evaluating our enrollment and getting ready to close some groups and bus routes within the next few weeks. If you know anyone who hasn't signed up yet for this summer, be sure to tell them to enroll before we start our waiting lists!



We've been busy in the office writing new lesson plans for all of our program areas. Every camper will have new projects and more fun, from our 3-year-olds all the way up to our 15-year-old campers! This year we have added some **new sensory activities** as well as more **LEGOs** for our younger campers. We listened to our campers, who requested that we add chess, LARP (Live-Action Role Play), *Dungeons and Dragons* and *Magic the Gathering*. Cheerleading, Spartan Challenge and more new electives are still in the planning stages.

Please remember to log in to your CampMinder account and fill out all of your camper forms as soon as possible. **Each form is key to making sure we provide the safest and happiest summer for your child.** We read through every Camper Profile, Group Request and Health History Form to ensure that we have the most current information on your child. If you have a group request for your camper that you didn't include in your Camper Application, we ask that you complete the Group Request Form in to your CampMinder account by April 20. **Please remember that without the Health History Form completed we cannot allow your camper to start camp.**

There are less than 70 days until camp, and it will be here before you know it! Our Transportation Coordinator, Sharon, is **ready to close two of our bus routes.** If you have not yet signed up for transportation, please call the office today at 732-821-9155. Eagle's Landing is a place for everyone to feel safe both emotionally and physically.

Our staff and campers will be working on staying positive, being good role models and performing random acts of kindness.

-BARRY AND RUTH ANN



Who's Who at Eagle's Landing?

Ruth Ann, Barry, Brian, Penny and Sharon are in the office throughout the year to answer your questions and help you sign up for camp. However, during the summer, our staff increases to almost 200! We have an exceptional group of supervisors who oversee our staff and campers every day. In this issue, we are focusing on the Division Leaders, the teachers who supervise the counselors and your campers every day.

Rachelle and Shari supervise our 3, 4 and 5 year old campers (also known as Kiddie Kingdom). Rachelle works with the girl campers and Shari works with the boy campers. Rachelle and Shari are always ensuring that your children are eating well, making friends and learning how to swim.



Jordan and Hanna are the teachers who supervise our 1st and 2nd grade division. As teachers, they understand that this age group is trying to create their independence, while still needing a lot of TLC. Parents love Eagle's Landing because their campers come home happy, smelly and tired from all the fun.



Julie and Justin are the teachers who work with our 3rd and 4th graders. Grade 3 is exciting for campers because they begin our Electives Program. Your children get special periods each day where they get to pick which activity they want to participate in. Both Justin and Julie love when campers are being social, developing teamwork skills and learning how to problem solve. The child-centered focus of ELDC encourages healthy risk-taking that often leads to achievement and more confidence.



Todd and Robyn supervise grades 5 and 6. By this age, the campers know their likes and dislikes, so we increase the number of electives they have in their schedule. Most of their schedule consists of elective periods, and grade 6 is the start of our Trip Program. Eagle's Landing challenges kids to push out of their comfort zones and discover talents and reach potential.



The 7th and 8th grade program is 90% elective based. **Sue and Dan** will be back again this summer to lead our traveling troops. One of the best things about the camp is NO

ELECTRONICS! Your children will get to unplug and experience a whole new world outside; interacting and doing activities they love without an electronic device. At the end of each summer, we listen to camper, staff and parent feedback. One of the biggest concerns for older campers and their parents was the length of bus rides to and from our trip destinations. This year, we scheduled



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trips much closer to camp, making most trips less than a 30-minute drive.

Last, but certainly not least, **Christina** heads our Leader in Training (LIT) and Counselor in Training (CIT) Programs. She is a fantastic coach and mentor to our eldest campers. LITs and CITs will learn things like how to help others, how to give back to the community and what they can do to become an ELDC Counselor. We teach our oldest campers how to communicate and work together as part of a team and to become leaders.



You can find out more about our Division Leaders on the **Our Leadership** page on the Eagle's Landing Website. Division Leaders are outside most of the day forming and building relationships with their campers, so they aren't usually by the phones. Unless it's an emergency, they may not be able to answer your phone call until later in the day.

In the weeks before camp starts, you and your camper are invited to our Meet n' Greet Orientations at camp. Be sure to download the Parent Handbook from your CampMinder account and read page 11 to find the date of the Meet n' Greet for your camper!



tools 'n tech

Campers in grades 3-9 have the option of picking our Tools 'n Tech elective again this summer. For those not familiar with it, Tools 'n Tech gives our gadget gurus the chance to discover what's inside all that electronic equipment. We are accepting donations of electronic equipment (working or not) for the campers to use. Due to potential hazards, we can not accept TVs or CRT computer monitors.



We Need Your Help!

We're collecting supplies for camp and we need your help! If you have any of the items listed below and would like to donate them we'd really appreciate it!

- 8 oz. water bottles
- Mason jars with lids
- Comic books
- Chess sets
- *Dungeons and Dragons* equipment
- *Magic the Gathering* cards
- Old electronics for tools 'n tech



CAMP IS ONLY 70 DAYS AWAY!

(Are you ready to play Ga Ga??)



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