

THE GOLDEN EAGLE

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#CampIsMyHappyPlace

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From the Directors:

Can you believe that **there are only 125 days until Camp?** While you're at home, school, or work, we're in the office preparing for another awesome summer. A big part of our off-season is speaking with many of our camp families. We continually hear that ELDC makes their kids happy, so we decided to turn it into our camp theme! **#CampIsMyHappyPlace** is our official theme for the summer of 2021.



Last summer we opened during the Covid pandemic and created a Safety Operating Guide for the summer (a copy is available on our website home page). We wore masks, sanitized every 30 minutes, washed our hands, and socially distanced. We were successful in keeping Covid out of Eagle's Landing for the entire summer! While this summer will see many of the same precautions, we are awaiting the Department of Health's guidelines for 2021. As always, we will keep you updated through email, so keep an eye on your inbox. Be assured that you're sending your kids to a proven winner. Eagle's Landing not only showed you that we can operate safely, **we also won the New Jersey Reader's Choice Award for Best of the Best Summer Camp** (Again)! Yay! Go ELDC! Woohoo!



The weather may be cold outside, but we're in the middle of constructing our new Pool Complex for this summer! As you read this newsletter, contractors are pouring concrete for our three new pools and Spray Park. This summer we will open a new Olympic-length Competition Pool, another Olympic-length Activity Pool with our water slide, and a new Youth Pool for our younger campers. Our new Spray Park has giant buckets 24' in the air as well as smaller features for our younger campers. We're always upgrading our facility to provide the newest equipment for our campers.



Last month set new enrollment records for ELDC! Enrollment is strong for this summer because parents are ready to get their kids out of the house. When our campers and staff come to Eagle's Landing, they leave their technology at home. No laptops, no tablets, and no cell phones. They spend time outside with their friends having fun.

It's hard to believe that we're already approaching capacity for this year! Many age groups are closing soon so tell your friends to sign up today if they're not yet enrolled. If you're already signed up but didn't give us your grouping requests, please complete the **Group Request Form** before April 1. You can find it in the "Forms" section of your Campminder online account.

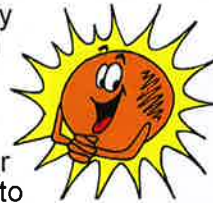
Last summer, Governor Murphy limited the number of campers allowed on our property. We already anticipate that some limits will be in place for this summer. We've



heard from many parents that they're enrolling now because they're concerned that we'll fill up before May and they want to ensure a spot for their child. So, if you know that your child will be attending for the summer of

2021 or you think you may be headed in that direction, we suggest that you register now to save your spot. Remember that you have until June 1 to get a full refund.

Our Drama shows are back for this summer and it's the latest buzz around town. We've already received emails and Instagram messages from campers telling us that they're VERY excited! Marcus, our Drama Coordinator, is evaluating shows for this year and will schedule auditions for all campers during the weeks before camp.



Watch out world because the **Eagle's Landing Players** are coming to town! This year, we'll continue the shows for our younger campers in Kiddie Kingdom and in grades 1 and 2. The Lower Camp shows will be on Tuesday, August 10 and more details will follow.

We want to extend a warm welcome to our new campers. We're thrilled that you're now a part of our extended camp family! **Over 88% of our families return each year**, which is a huge compliment to our staff who care for your children during the summer. As Directors, we realize that we're only as good as the people who work with us and that's why we have the best staff in the world of camping!

As always, please reach out to us with any questions you may have at 732-821-9155. We're at camp every day and we'd love to hear from you! **Stay warm and think summer!**

- Ruth Ann and Barry

THE STAFF CORNER

At Eagle's Landing, we like to promote from within, and for 2021 we have some staff that is moving on up and around ELDC.

Tommy isn't new to Eagle's Landing, but he is new to working here. Tommy has been a camp parent for the past 6 summers. He was known for always entertaining our PT staff in the back parking lot when picking up or dropping off his girls. Tommy has joined us as our new Maintenance Coordinator after working in the construction industry. His skill set and personality are a perfect fit. He lives locally with his wife, two daughters, and two dogs (that also love coming to ELDC). Tommy started in January and he's getting the lay of the land and reviewing our upcoming projects for the spring. Tommy enjoys the variety of work, which ranges from construction to landscaping to engine repair to plumbing and electrical. This place needs a special person to keep it going and Tommy is the guy for the job. He is counting the days until he gets to see camp in action!



Robyn is back for another summer as Division Leader for the 5th and 6th grade girls. She is returning to Eagle's Landing for her 7th summer and we're super excited! Robyn lives down in Eatontown with her son. She has been teaching in the Long Branch school district but due to everything going on she decided to take the year off from the classroom and work as a one on one teacher to a family nearby. Robyn LOVES camp and she shows it every day during the summer. She is very kind and understanding with her staff and campers. She provides the tools to staff and campers to problem solve on their own and to watch them grow. Robyn is also a professional when it comes to working with and coaching girls entering middle school. We often hear her say when some "drama" may arise, "you don't all have to be best friends but you need to be kind to one another." Some families decide to start camp at a later age, and Robyn ensures that all new campers are welcomed as if they have been here forever.



Bruna is returning for her third summer with her two campers. She has been a Sports Instructor for the past two summers and she needed a new challenge, so this summer she will be the Coordinator of our Sports Program! Bruna is currently reading through years of sports lesson plans and taking into account all of the

requests from campers and staff to make our sports program even better. She is excited to be in a leadership position and she loves being outdoors. Bruna teaches in the Long Branch elementary schools and her passion for working with children is evident when speaking with her. Originally from Portugal, she is used to the heat, and soccer is in her blood. Bruna doesn't like to sit still is always willing to help whenever asked!

TRIBES

This is the fifth summer of tribes at camp! Each year we find ways to make tribes more and more significant for our campers. For continuity, campers (and siblings!) and staff stay on the same tribe for all of their years at Eagle's Landing. **We schedule a special 2-day Tribal Competition during the last week of camp!** Our four tribes, the **Camdels**, **Eldings**, **Ladings** and **Delcans**, compete in fun activities throughout the 2-day event. Put your game faces on and get ready to see who the summer's Tribal winner will be!



Operation Full Bellies & Full Hearts

Operation Full Bellies and Full Hearts was founded in October 2020 by one of our camper's moms, Cori Nunziata. The mission is to provide meals and other necessities to families in need in the East Brunswick area. Operation Full Bellies and Full Hearts recently expanded to include partnering with local food pantries and other community organizations to help with food drives and other supplies.

The first drive, in honor of Superbowl Sunday, is a **SOUPer and SOAPer bowl** drive! OFB is collecting canned and boxed soups and broths, bar soaps, and regular sized shampoo bottles to benefit Aldersgate Outreach Community Center as well as Alice's Cup Food Pantry. The drive will continue through the last day in February. Please consider donating at our convenient drop-off location right here in the front office at camp! Operation Full Bellies and Full Hearts thanks you!



HELP US BUILD THE BEST STAFF YET!

Eagle's Landing continues to grow and we are always looking for new staff to make camp a safe and fun environment for everyone.

We have several positions open for this summer and we thought that we would ask YOU, our families and friends, for referrals. We have many families where one parent is in education or knows someone who may be interested in a summer job.

We are looking for a Computer/Tech Teacher, a Dance Instructor, Junior Counselors (students who are currently in 10th grade), and an Office Staff/Graphic Designer (the office position is full-time May 3 through August 20).

We are also looking for help on our Aquatics staff, Maintenance staff, and in our Kitchen making sandwiches and serving food. Anyone you send our way MUST be able work Monday through Friday from 8:15 am - 4:30 pm for all 39 days of camp. In addition to a paycheck, anyone who works at camp can enroll their kids at a reduced rate. We are open to grandparents who used to teach and are looking for something to do for the summer. Please email Ruth Ann for more information at Ruthann@EaglesLandingDayCamp.com.

CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT

If you were gainfully employed in 2020 and incurred expenses for the care of your child or dependent so that you could continue to be employed or look for employment, you may be entitled to a tax credit for a portion of your camp tuition. Check the instructions in your income tax booklet and contact your accountant for additional information.

The Federal Tax ID number for Eagle's Landing Day Camp is: 45-3645311.



2021 Camp Calendar

Week 1 .. June 28 - July 2

Week 2 .. July 5 - July 9

Week 3 .. July 12 - July 16

Week 4 .. July 19 - July 23

Week 5 .. July 26 - July 30

Week 6 .. Aug 2 - Aug 6

Week 7 .. Aug 9 - Aug 13

Week 8 .. Aug 16 - Aug 20

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Camp will be closed Monday, July 5

Are you following us?

Eagle's Landing is all over social media and if you're not following us, then you're missing out! One of the benefits of ELDC on social media is that kids and parents can follow us without worry. During the off-season, Tik Tok, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter are great ways for you and your kids to stay connected.

We post unreleased photos from last summer as part of our weekly update. We have cool contests with nice swag prizes and post some great articles about children and parenting. Everything is monitored for safety and we ensure that only ELDC staff post to our pages.

We send out e-mails and mail our newsletters, so if you're not on social media, you won't miss out. If you are interested in checking us out, follow us on Tik Tok, Pinterest, Instagram and Twitter at (@EaglesLandingDC), and Facebook at (@EaglesLandingDayCamp). The latest camp news is always posted online so "like us" on Facebook and watch for the latest contests and updated.



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 opportunity to discover what's inside all that electronic equipment. We are accepting donations of electronic equipment (working or not) for the campers to use. We will pick up any donations. Due to potential hazards, we can not accept TVs or CRT computer monitors. Please call us at 732-821-9155 with any questions.



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