

# THE GOLDEN EAGLE

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#ItsACampThing

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## From the Directors:

**Can you believe that camp starts in 65 days?** If you visit us during the off season when we're prepping for camp, you'll hear us say that we work "10 for 2". Ruth Ann, Barry, Hanna, Shira, and the whole Eagle's Landing team works 10 months every year getting ready for the 2 months of camp. Now that the weather is getting warmer, we're outside getting ready for another amazing summer at Eagle's Landing! Before we go any farther, we want to thank all of our new and returning camp families for joining us this summer. We know that there are lots of camps and the fact that you choose Eagle's Landing means so much to us.



This is your last reminder to add or change any weeks for the summer. The sooner you let us know, the better the chance you have getting the weeks that you want. We only have about 40 spots left in the entire camp and certain grades are completely closed due to full camper enrollment. You recently received an

email regarding your camper forms that are due May 1. Please take a moment to fill out your paperwork. The Camper Profile Form is helpful to us when it comes to knowing your child, whether they are returning or new to camp. Ruth Ann reads every single form, along with your child's Division Leader (the teacher who oversees their Division). Children grow and change during the year, so it's important they start off with a clean slate every summer.

While Covid cases have subsided, the residual effects are still with us. We see it most with children and their ability to socially interact with others. A parent taking the time to fill out the Camper Profile form helps us understand your child and how they are doing both emotionally and physically. The Health History Form is also due May 1 so that our Nurses have time to review the information. NJ State Law prohibits any child from coming to camp without the completed form.

Now that the sun is out, camp has become a busy place. We love watching the tents go up, we're cutting the



grass, painting buildings, fixing doors and roofs, and so much more! Every day we get truckloads of packages with all of the camp equipment from paint for Arts and Crafts to new soccer balls for Sports. We also love getting visitors at camp. We are here 7 days a week so feel free to stop by and say hello, play outside, meet a friend that's coming to camp with you, or just to hang out. All we ask is that you pop your head into the office and let us know that you're here and then go have some fun! To our new families, if you would like to set up a playdate at camp, we are more than happy to share some cell phone numbers with you so that you can connect with others in your child's grade.

We are so excited to see everyone for summer 2022!  
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- Barry, Ruth Ann, Hanna, and Shira

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

We are excited to bring back our in-person evenings for this summer. In June, we scheduled Meet & Greets for every division. For each Meet & Greet, parents/guardians come with their campers and have the chance to meet the Directors, Division Leaders, Counselors, and the other campers in their groups. Parents have the chance to go to an information session and have any questions answered while your campers are outdoors playing with our staff and other campers in their groups.



## 2022 Camp Calendar

Week 1 . . June 27 - July 1	Week 5 . . July 25 - July 29
Week 2 . . July 4 - July 8	Week 6 . . Aug 1 - Aug 5
Week 3 . . July 11 - July 15	Week 7 . . Aug 8 - Aug 12
Week 4 . . July 18 - July 22	Week 8 . . Aug 15 - Aug 19

### Meet & Greet Orientation Dates:

- June 16: 5th/6th/7th/8th/9th Grade Meet & Greet (7pm)
- June 16: Drama Show Auditions (7 pm)
- June 21: 3rd/4th Grade Meet & Greet (7 pm)
- June 21: Drama Show Auditions (7 pm)
- June 22: 1st/2nd Grade Meet & Greet (7 pm)
- June 23: Kiddie Kingdom Meet & Greet (6:30 pm)
- June 26: Spring into Summer - All Ages! (1 - 3:30 pm)
- June 26: CIT Meet & Greet (3 pm)
- June 27: CAMP BEGINS!!! WooHoo!!! Yay!!!

Camp will be closed Monday, July 4



## What's New?

The two most common questions we get are "What's new?" and "What do you guys do all year when there is no camp?"

There are lots of new things to get excited for this summer! We have some new programming areas that are being built as we write this newsletter. We added a second blue and white



tent so that we could add more seating at our lunch tent. We also added two new entrees to our lunch menu. We are excited for Sloppy Joes and Spaghetti and Meatballs. We also have a new surprise treat for all of our campers who have summer birthdays... sorry, we can't tell you or it wouldn't be a surprise. We added more morning snacks with some new gluten free and dairy free options.

We're ready for some miners to find some really cool gems, shells, and fossils in our new Gem Mining area. The big water tower is up and the truck loads of goodies

have been unloaded, so now all we need are some expert miners to come in and sift through all of our treasures. Want to try out the new fire engine on the



wooden truck playground? Or maybe your camper would like to drive the new school bus? We can't wait to see where your imagination takes you. We also purchased all new go karts to zip around the track, built a new Wellness Center, installed 2 new giant freezers in the kitchen, a new drink station for campers and staff, and the list just keeps growing!

## TAX CREDIT

If you were gainfully employed in 2021 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.

## RETURNING FACES NEW PLACES

Eagle's Landing is lucky to have so many staff returning year after year. This year we've redesigned the lesson plans for our Sports Program, and we have **Alex** returning to camp as our Sports Coordinator heading up the sports staff. Alex is graduating from the University of Alabama with his teaching degree in May and is planning to go back for his Master's Degree in the fall. Alex worked with us as a Counselor and is very excited to take on this leadership role. We also promoted



**Xavier** to be our new Ropes Coordinator. Xavier spent the last 12 summers at Eagle's Landing! He is graduating this year from Roanoke University with his teaching degree. Both Alex and Xavier will be working with **Vicki**, who is overseeing both areas this summer. Vicki was with us last year as our Ropes Coordinator and she teaches in Sayreville Middle school during the school year.

Over in the Creative Arts area of camp we have **Caryn** returning on the Arts and Crafts staff.

We've developed a bunch of new projects as well in both Art and Ceramics.

**Claire** is new to ELDC as our Ceramics Coordinator. She is running the Ceramics Program, and during the school year she works in the South Brunswick School District as a Behavior Specialist.

**Jamie** is also returning this summer. Last summer, she supervised our Ceramics Program and now she will oversee both Ceramics and Arts and Crafts. Jamie teaches in the Hopewell Valley School District when camp is not in session.





## Spirit Packs are Still Available!

As requested by our camp families, we've assembled a Spirit Pack that has some super cool stuff for our Special Days this summer. The bags are stuffed with items to celebrate at least 1 or 2 camp calendar days each week, and you get a reusable bag as a bonus! The cost of the bag is \$15 and parents won't have to run out and buy anything last minute. If you would like to purchase a Spirit Bag, please contact Leigh at 732-821-9155 or email her at Leigh@EaglesLandingDayCamp.com. Once we have sold out the bags we will not be ordering more. The Spirit Bags will also be available the nights of your Meet and Greets in June while they last.



## Tutoring & Music Lessons

New this summer, we will be offering **Music Lessons** with our new Boys 1st & 2nd Grade Division Leader, Spencer! During the school year, he is a Band Director at Colonia Middle School with 8 years of teaching experience. He can't wait to work with campers in 5th-8th Grade, working with the following instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone Horn. If your camper is learning another instrument, he is happy to chat about it with you.

Tutoring will also be offered between 4:15- 5:15 pm in **Math and English** by some of our teachers on staff. If you are interested in tutoring services it is very limited, and will be on a first come first serve basis. Tutoring will be discussed between the teacher and parent as well as the charge for the services. If you are interested in Music lessons or tutoring please email RuthAnn@EaglesLandingDayCamp.com and she will connect you with the correct teacher.

## We need YOUR HELP!

It's spring cleaning time and we need your help! Give your unused items a new life by donating the following supplies to be used in our Program Areas:

- Newspapers
- Coffee Cans
- Shoe Boxes
- Yarn
- Bottle Caps
- Milk Cartons
- Oatmeal Tubs (round)

**Items can be dropped off at the office any time!**  
**We're here 7 days a week from 9 am - 6 pm.**

## Stage Left

We are very excited to announce our Drama Shows for this summer!

**An Enchanted Evening**  
3rd & 4th Grade

**The Jungle Book Kids**  
5th & 6th Grade

**School House Rock Live!, Jr.**  
7th, 8th, & 9th Grade

You can audition for any of the shows on  
Thu, June 16 from 7-8 pm  
Tue, June 21 from 7-8 pm

We ask everyone to audition on one of the two above dates so we can cast and start rehearsals during Week 1. The Drama Shows are performed on August 16 during the last week of camp. (Don't worry, we invite parents to an evening performance!). We spend all summer rehearsing for the show, so we ask that campers are enrolled in camp for at least 6 weeks (including Week 8) if they would like to participate in the Drama Show! Please contact Hanna with any questions at 732-821-9155.



## WHY SHOULD CAMPERS HAVE ALL THE FUN?

You've asked for a "parents only" event and here it is! We'll have swimming, pickleball, ga-ga, ping pong, basketball, mini golf, corn hole, and tennis baseball to name a few activities. Our zip line and archery will be open too! Enjoy a camp BBQ and cook s'mores over a campfire. BYOB (we will even supply the ice and cups)! Mark your calendars:

**Friday, July 15, 7 - 10 pm**

The cost is \$40 per person to reserve your spot; first come, first serve! To reserve your spot, call 732-821-9155 or sign up at: [bit.ly/elcdpno](http://bit.ly/elcdpno)



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Who is ready to try out the new Wooden Trucks??

