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# THE GOLDEN EAGLE

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"Watch your children soar"

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## From the Directors:

The holiday season is in full swing and everyone at camp is excited! The weather is cold, so now is the perfect time to share warm summer news from your family at Eagle's Landing Day Camp!



**We're already planning lots of upgrades for next summer.** As you read this newsletter you'll find out about new staff and lots of **new** programming. Every summer we take feedback from camper, parents and staff. You have said you want a larger theater arts program, advanced sports electives and more arts and sciences. All of that is coming to you this summer!

**Every summer we focus our efforts on making Eagle's Landing a better place for kids.** Over the last 2 years **we spent close to \$3,000,000 improving and upgrading the property.** As you all know by now the golf course is complete and double the size from the past! We are also adding more air conditioned water fountains throughout the camp. We are growing our art program so we are creating an art too building just for beading, jewelry making, leather working and so much more! We will have a theater arts area next to the PAC and dance is being moved over to the PAC area as well.

This summer we're focusing on new programming, staffing and equipment for the campers. Some of the new additions for 2015 include a glass fusing, air brush

art, and a brand new advanced elective program. Every one of our program areas is being overhauled with fresh new project ideas! For example, our Arts and Crafts Department will be offering electives ranging from candle making to soap making to fashion design with lots of cool new ways to express yourself in between.

**We're very fortunate that over 83% of our families from last year have already enrolled for next summer and new families are calling every day.** We've had a busy fall season as families from camps near and far have been making the switch to Eagle's Landing. We're continuing our 'green' effort by reducing our paper output to be more caring for our environment. We now use an online camp enrollment system. You can log on to our secure website and sign up for camp without touching a piece of paper! The account is easy to set up and you can manage it right from home or work. If you have any questions or need help with the registration process please call our office at 732-821-9155 and we'll be happy to help.

If you haven't enrolled yet for 2015, now's the perfect opportunity! We are in partnership with Amazon.com for our winter promotion. If you know any families who are considering ELDC for next summer, please let them know about our next **Winter Open House on January 25 from 12-3 pm.** Until we see you next, think warm thoughts and remember that camp makes a wonderful gift for the grandkids!!!

We wish all of our families a happy and prosperous New Year and all good things for you for the year of 2015.

- Ruth Ann and Barry

## ELDC STAFF CORNER

At Eagle's Landing, we pride ourselves on our superior staff. We hire the best of the best to work with your children and guide them throughout the summer. This summer's staff is a result of a multi-year effort and the result is a team that has the caring, warmth, maturity and experience to put your child first. While most of our staff returns year after



# Camp starts in 184 days!

(Did you get your crazy hat yet?)



year, we have some amazing new faces who will be joining us for 2014.

We are currently interviewing for the few remaining positions and our office staff is working behind-the-scenes to ensure a smooth transition. There has been a lot of movement within our leadership team and some of our key staff are moving to new positions for next summer. We want to introduce you to everyone and you'll read more with each newsletter. This issue focuses on the teachers working with your children on a daily basis.

The first staff member we would like to share with you is **Alyssa Weiskopf**, who is returning for her 3rd summer. Alyssa graduated from University of Delaware



as a secondary school math teacher. During her first summer she worked with our older campers in Upper Camp. Alyssa was so amazing that when she returned the next year we promoted her to Ropes Coordinator. This past fall we promoted Alyssa once again to a full-time position that oversees all of the programming at camp. As

Program Coordinator, Alyssa will organize all the special days, camper trips and staff orientations. She'll work both to recruit new staff and with our coordinators to infuse new programming ideas. She has been incredibly busy the first couple of weeks and her **calendar for 2014 looks AH-MAY-ZING!!** Once we finalize all of the trips and overnights, we'll be sure to send you a copy. We're so excited for her help and love having another full time staff person here at ELDC to help make the summer of 2014 the best ever!

The next person we want to introduce to you is returning for his 10th summer! **Brian Mallen** is our full-time Assistant Director and has transitioned to working



inside and behind-the-scenes. Last summer he was the Division Leader for 1st and 2nd grade boys. Brian now supervises picnics and parties as well as camp grounds, budget, technology and special projects. He is very excited to take on the new challenges that lie ahead of him. Brian is also a recent graduate from Rutgers University with a degree in

Psychology with a minor in an Education.



Division Leader **Elyse Segally** is back for her 7th summer and we are so lucky to have her. Elyse is graduating with her teaching degree from Kutztown University and she will be teaching math to high school students. This will be Elyse's second summer as the Division Leader for our oldest campers, the LIT/CIT Program. Elyse is creative and already working on some great ideas for this summer. The LIT & CIT campers participate in community service programs during the summer and she's looking forward to hearing all of their ideas as well. She's known for her smile and willingness to compromise and listen to her campers. Elyse will be working with 4 of our best counselors who are also returning and have requested to work with this age group. This year's counselors include Jason, a Sophomore at the University of Massachusetts and Glen, who is a Freshman at Rutgers University. On the girls side we have Amanda, a Junior at University of Delaware and Monica, who is a Junior at Georgian Court. The LIT/CIT Program has a limited number of spots and we're filling quickly. If you haven't yet enrolled for 2014, don't wait!



Stay tuned for more staff updates in the next newsletter! We have a wonderful group of talented individuals who come together and create an atmosphere that sets Eagle's Landing above all other camps. They all have camp experience and they can't wait to meet you!



## Pick a Track...

**Tracks** are an exciting new program starting this summer! Eagle's Landing is already the best all-around camp in Central Jersey so for 2014 we're adding specialty camps as well! Sports, arts and science specialists will all be at camp to enhance your summer experience. You now have the best of both worlds: Our amazing electives program and now a specialty camp as well! Here's how it will work...

Eagle's Landing will offer three different specialty camps or **Tracks**. Each will last for one week and have a focus in either sports (soccer), arts or science. The specialty camp tracks will each be offered twice during the summer; once during the first 4 weeks and once during the second 4 weeks.

We're rolling out the **Tracks** program for our older campers in grades 5-8 for our first year. For one week, 3 hours every day, the campers will participate in a concentration that interests them and enhances their skills. They will be pulled from their regular schedule to participate in the program. The campers get to participate in their regular camp schedule for the rest of the day. They get the best of both! A specialty track program that also allows provides a hot lunch, time with their friends, electives, swimming and more!

The **Sports Track** for this summer will specialize in soccer. Coaches are already in place to work with the campers. Both the arts and sciences tracks will be supervised by certified teachers who work these subjects during the school year. The **Art Academy Track** is designed for campers who take their art seriously and want to learn new skills working with 3 different media. The **Science Lab Track** is designed for campers interested in exploring topics in the science realm. There will be 3 activities ranging from robotics to technology to structural physics to the weird and wacky!



Each track is designed for a maximum of 24 campers and enrollment is on a first-come first-served basis. The best part is that we're offering the Tracks at no additional fee to you. There will be a form available in your CampMinder account to enroll this spring. Keep

an eye out for an email announcing the program!

## Upcoming Events at ELDC

**CAMP REUNION** - Campers constantly ask us if they can get together over the winter with their friends and talk about the great summer they had. We think it's a great idea and we've scheduled our first reunion for campers currently in grades 5-9.

The event will take place on Sunday, January 5 from 1-4 pm here at ELDC! We will have fun foods (we may even build you a fire for s'mores) and we'll show a slide show from last summer so you can sit back with your friends, relax and enjoy.

The event will meet in The Nest at camp and we ask parents not to stay.



You don't have to be enrolled for next summer and you're welcome to bring a guest so they can meet your camp friends and see how awesome ELDC really is. Parents will receive an email next week with details and R.S.V.P. is required.

We hope you'll join us and be a part of the first ever **Camp Reunion at ELDC!** If you have any questions please email [ruthann@EaglesLandingDayCamp.com](mailto:ruthann@EaglesLandingDayCamp.com) or call us at 732-821-9155. Can't wait to see all of you at camp!

## Have your Birthday Party at Eagle's Landing!

Eagle's Landing is celebrating birthdays all winter long in our new party room with room for up to 80 guests! Choose from a long list of available themes and options to customize your child's day! Girl Scout and Boy Scout events are also welcome!

Enjoy all of this at your party:

- Two hours of fun-filled excitement!
- Professional staff to greet your guests
- Full color invitations and thank you cards
- Choice of activity themes
- Pizza and unlimited drinks
- Celebration cake and candles
- Paper goods and tablecloth
- We do all the work while you sit back, relax and enjoy!

Dates are booking quickly so download our Birthday Party Booking Form today from our website [EaglesLandingDayCamp.com](http://EaglesLandingDayCamp.com) or call the camp office at 732-821-9155.

## 2014 Camp Dates

- Week 1 ... (June 30 - July 4)
- Week 2 ... (July 7 - July 11)
- Week 3 ... (July 14 - July 18)
- Week 4 ... (July 21 - July 25)
- Week 5 ... (July 28 - Aug 1)
- Week 6 ... (Aug 4 - Aug 8)
- Week 7 ... (Aug 11 - Aug 15)
- Week 8 ... (Aug 18 - Aug 22)

Camp will be closed on July 4.