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IN 259 DAYS!**



THE GOLDEN EAGLE

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"Watch your children soar"

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From the Directors:

The weather is getting cooler, which makes this the perfect time to share warm summer news! Camp is growing and changing and we want everyone to know all the exciting plans for next summer at Eagle's Landing!



We're adding lots of new stuff and this newsletter is our way of sharing info about new staff, new programming and new buildings! **The Bake Shop was so popular this past summer that we made the room bigger so more campers can participate in the elective.** We're also adding two more refrigerated water fountains and lighting for evening activities. The biggest renovation for the upcoming summer is our brand new mini golf course! They're installing the obstacles on the course and numbering the holes as you read this newsletter. The course is double the size of the old one and even has a practice putting green for our aspiring PGA campers! We're working on plans to add more activities and move programs around to better serve our campers.

At the end of each summer we review feedback from our parents, campers and staff. We use the information to evaluate and modify our program to best suit our campers. We thank those who responded to our survey and we love reading your ideas on how to improve Eagle's Landing. **For 2015, we're changing our lunch menu by adding new options and bringing back croutons (yay!). Our groups will see new activities in their schedules. We're expanding our performing arts department and adding new specialty tracks!** If you did not have the time to get back to us yet about changes you would like to see, feel free to contact Ruth Ann at RuthAnn@EaglesLandingDayCamp.com or call us at 732-821-9155.

While we're busy making the camper experience special, we also want to make it easier for parents as well. **We've decided to make a few additions and changes in the front office as well.** When you visit us during the summer there will be more smiling faces to greet you. Our additional administrative staff will help you with your visit, picking up your

camper or anything else you may need! One of our goals is to increase communication with our parents. Our open visitation policy and easy access to a Director set us apart from other camps. As always, ELDC will continue to stay on the forefront of camp programming. In fact, **our leadership team has already been asked to speak at next year's TriState Camp Conference in Atlantic City in March!**

We've had a busy fall season as families from camps near and far have been making the switch to Eagle's Landing. If you haven't enrolled for 2015, now's the perfect opportunity! **Tuition rates increase on November 1 so sign up now to save money.** We are so thankful to be over 68% filled at this point! **Come and join us at our Pumpkin Palooza on Sunday, October 26 from 12-3 pm. Enrolled campers will receive a limited edition Eagle's Landing shirt for stopping by!** For more information look inside this newsletter. See you all there!

- Ruth Ann and Barry



Have your next event at Eagle's Landing!

A corporate picnic or family event at Eagle's Landing is the perfect opportunity for you and your guests to relax, refresh and have fun! Our professional staff will take care of all the details and organize your day whether you invite 100 or 1000 guests. Book now for 2015, dates are going fast!

Eagle's Landing also has room for meetings and indoor events in the Nest! Whether it's a holiday party or a corporate lunch, call Brian at 732-821-9155 for more information.

ELDC STAFF CORNER

Eagle's Landing prides itself on our amazing staff. We hire the best to work with your children and guide them throughout the summer. While most of our staff returns year after year, we have some amazing new faces who will be joining us for 2015.

We are currently interviewing for the few remaining positions and Alyssa and Brian are working behind-the-scenes to ensure a smooth transition. Throughout the winter we'll introduce you to everyone and in this newsletter we'll start with our Division Leaders. These are the teachers working with your children on a daily basis and who will be reaching out to you, our parents, throughout the summer.

Our youngest division of 3, 4 and 5 year olds is affectionately called Kiddie Kingdom and we are very lucky to have both of their amazing Division Leaders returning for next summer. **Heather Mitchell** will be



joining us for her 8th summer and will continue to head our youngest Division. During the off-season, Heather is a special education teacher in the West Windsor-Plainsboro School District.

Rachelle Tilbor, who has been in camp for 9 years, will be working with Heather to supervise

Kiddie Kingdom. During the off-season, Rachelle works in a pre-school in North Brunswick. She lives in Monroe with her husband and 2 kids (ELDC campers of course!). Both women have permanent smiles on their faces



regardless of what comes their way. This youngest division of campers also has many returning senior counselors!

Campers who are entering grades 1 and 2 have two great people leading the way for 2015. Returning for his 21st year (yes, you read that correctly!) is **Jordan Baer**, Division Leader for the boys. He is one of the most patient and kind men we know. He loves being silly and having fun in the summer with our lower division. During the winter he teaches special education math at



JP Stevens High School. Jordan is a jack of all trades and is one of our resident balloon animal artists.

Supervising the girls side of 1st and 2nd grade is **Kelly Backus**. This is Kelly's 7th summer with us and her 4th as Division Leader. When she first started at camp she was the Coordinator of our Drama and Music Program. Kelly teaches in the Warren school district and also supervises the color guard at her former school. Kelly has a calm and cool personality and is excited to be back working with the lower camp girls. She is looking forward to meeting all the new campers and reuniting with her girls from last year. Here's a fun fact about Kelly; she has an amazing singing voice and sings at weddings!



Our 3rd and 4th grade division will have familiar faces leading the way. Returning to supervise the boys is **Justin Hirsch**. Justin was the Division Leader for



3/4 last summer and before that was the DL for grade 1/2 boys. He currently teaches in Middletown and is Jordan's partner in balloon art. Justin is excited to return for his 6th summer. Justin's partner in middle camp with **Julie Ernst**. Julie will be returning for her 2nd summer and

we could not be happier! Julie teaches elementary school in Highland Park during the off season. She lives in East Brunswick with her husband and 2 sons (also ELDC campers!). Stay tuned for our next newsletter for the division leaders of 5th through 10th!



HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PALOOZA

Sunday, October 26, 12-3pm

CAMP X TOBER

We think the month of October should have a name change to **CAMPTOBER!** We are excited to see you at our Pumpkin Palooza on Sunday, October 26. Bring your kids to camp and have fun free of charge. There will be an bounce house, pick your own pumpkin patch and projects to bring home! Come see your camp friends, have a *special* s'more and take a hayride! This year we will have a new "limited edition" Eagle's Landing T-shirt for enrolled campers. We're giving out the shirts that day only so be sure to stop by! Remember, you get a \$100 credit for every new family you refer and enrolls for camp. You do not have to be registered for 2015 to attend. Rates increase November 1st so sign up today. We hope to see you then!

2015 Camp Dates

Week 1.....(June 29 - July 3)	Week 5.....(July 27 - July 31)
Week 2.....(July 6 - July 10)	Week 6.....(Aug 3 - Aug 7)
Week 3.....(July 13 - July 17)	Week 7.....(Aug 10 - Aug 14)
Week 4.....(July 20 - July 24)	Week 8.....(Aug 17 - Aug 21)

Camp will be closed on July 3.