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# CAMP STARTS IN 185 DAYS!

(I can't wait to try the new chicken tenders for lunch!)

# THE GOLDEN EAGLE

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Happy Holidays!

December 2015

## From the Directors:



The holiday season is in full swing and the weather at camp is finally starting to get cold. There are no campers here and we take this time to develop plan for next summer. 2016 is shaping to be another awesome summer and we can't wait to tell you about it. We thought you'd appreciate some summer news from your family at Eagle's Landing Day Camp while taking a break from school!

### We're planning lots of upgrades for next summer.

As you read this newsletter you'll find out about new staff, new programming and facility upgrades. At the end of every summer we ask for feedback from campers, parents and staff. We use the survey responses to modify our program and make it better. We throw all the schedules on a table (and there are a lot of them!) and see what we can change. We add great new ideas and sometimes take away some less popular choices. We're finishing our first major construction project for next summer. Our campers now have 4 new Ga-Ga courts! More projects are in the pipeline waiting for approvals. Every summer we focus our efforts on making Eagle's Landing a better place for kids. Over the last 5 years **we've spent over \$2 million dollars improving and upgrading the property** (that's a lot of fudgesicles!).

New construction is always exciting, but what's new in camper programming? Our Arts and Crafts Department is popular with all of our campers. To accommodate our ever growing demand we've added more space, more instructors and new elective and group projects. Our TAG program in Art is expanding as well! Our Ceramics Department is also receiving an upgrade with pottery wheels so our campers can learn how to throw a bowl!

Some of the other additions for 2016 include a Ninja Warrior fitness program and new Nature programs including gardening, outdoor cooking, geocaching and pioneering! Every one of our program



areas is being evaluated and overhauled with more space and new project ideas!

**Our lunch menu is also getting an upgrade** based on responses from our end-of-summer survey. New additions for 2016 include chicken tenders, cheese quesadillas, chicken tacos, fried chicken, fresh-baked cookies, fresh cantaloupe and more barbecue days (woohoo!). Our overnight campers will enjoy an upgraded breakfast that includes fresh chocolate chip pancakes along with cereal and bagels (yum!).

In addition to our program and facility upgrades, we're **continuing our "green" effort** by reducing our paper output to be more caring of our environment. Our online camp enrollment system allows you to log in to our secure website and sign up for camp without ever touching a piece of paper! The account is easy to set up and you can manage it right from home or work. You can also print out your own account statements as needed. Remember that you have flexibility when it comes to changing, adding or dropping weeks up until June 1. Go to our website [EaglesLandingDayCamp.com](http://EaglesLandingDayCamp.com) to get started.



We're fortunate that over 83% of our families have already re-enrolled for 2016 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. While increased enrollment is good, it means that groups will fill quicker and some people may be closed out. Don't wait too long! Our buses are already filling so please don't wait if you're interested in transportation! 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 2016, now's the perfect opportunity! **Groups are filling and we are starting a waiting list next month** for some age groups!!!

Have a Happy New Year and think summer!  
- Ruth Ann and Barry





Have your next event at Eagle's Landing!

A company picnic or family event at Eagle's Landing is the perfect opportunity for you and your guests to relax, refresh and have fun! Our staff of professionals will take care of all the details and organize your day whether you invite 100 or 1000 guests. Swimming, sports and a catered BBQ will create an event to remember. Book now for 2016, dates are going fast!

Eagle's Landing also has space 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.

## Upper Camp Overnight Trip

For 2016, Eagle's Landing added an optional 3-day, 2-night trip to Pennsylvania for campers in grades 6-10! Join us as we travel in style in an air-conditioned coach bus and go to exciting destinations. We'll visit Adventure Sports, where you can race in a go-kart or win a game of outdoor laser tag. We'll spend a day at Hershey Park where you can soar on the Great Bear roller coaster and 70 other rides and attractions. We'll also tour the Turkey Hill Factory (did someone say ice cream samples?) and enjoy a minor league baseball game at Metro Bank Park. You can fly down a mountain in an OGO ball and traverse through an Alpine ropes course at Roundtop Mountain. Take in a delicious dinner and a show at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater.

The overnight trip is scheduled for week 5 and campers in grades 6-10 must be enrolled that week to attend. The additional fee for this trip is \$496 before February 1 or \$546 after. All accommodations, food, tickets and transportation are included! Space is limited and campers will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. Call the camp office at 732-821-9155 for more information.



## TALENTED AND GIFTED ELECTIVES

Many of our families have asked for more advanced activities for their children. This past summer we began the **Talented and Gifted (TAG) Electives**, and this summer we are taking it up another notch! We'll continue to offer advanced options in sports and arts for campers as well as all of the fun and exciting regular electives!

Our **Sports Department** will offer both regular and advanced electives this summer. Campers will be able to choose which sport they're interested in, and if they want to play a regular game or take their skills to the next level! TAG Electives will be available for grades 3-9 (grades 2 and below don't have electives).

Our **Theater Arts Department** is exploding with new ideas! In addition to our awesome drama show, creative dramatics, dance and music programs, this summer we're also offering stage combat, improv, movement and juggling! How cool is that? You may be wondering which show we picked for our 5th-9th graders? Drum roll please... aaaand the show is **High School Musical, Jr.!**

Just like last year, our talented Drama Coordinator, Devin, will be writing an original show for the 3rd-4th grade production. Stay tuned for more details.

We are also offering advanced TAG Electives in our **Art Department**, which include ceramic pottery wheels, leather working and jewelry design. Wood Shop TAG Electives will include scenery design and creation along with wood burning.



## STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

Our **Science STEM Program** is offering TAG Electives that include forensic science, geocaching, agricultural science and pioneering!

We have more Talented and Gifted Electives for 2016 as well as a few surprises up our sleeves, so keep an eye out for future newsletters!

## Get connected with ELDC!

'LIKE' our **Facebook** page (Eagle's Landing) for the latest updates and new unreleased photos all winter long!! Not a Facebook fan? Follow us on **Instagram** and **Twitter @EaglesLandingDC**. If none of those suit you, then check out our **Pinterest** page. We post lots of SUPER cool ideas to do with your campers at home! You can now be connected with ELDC all year long. We have exciting news and projects online only, so **start following us TODAY!**



## 2016 Camp Calendar

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| Week 1 .. June 27 - July 1  | Week 5 .. July 25 - July 29 |
| Week 2 .. July 5 - 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   |

Camp will be closed on Monday, July 4

## Camp + School = Awesome Partnership

Code.org is a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding access to computer science and increasing participation by women and underrepresented students of color. Their vision is that every student in every school has the opportunity to learn computer science. Code.org increases diversity in computer science by reaching students of all backgrounds, at their skill-level, in their schools and in ways that inspire them to keep learning. Eagle's Landing agrees and will offer Code.org's curriculum next summer as part of our Computers Program. Initially offered to campers in grades 3-8, they may choose the KidCoders elective and learn the elements of coding at their level through game play on iPads. This same program will be offered in the East Brunswick Public Schools before and after care programs district-wide starting in March 2016!

KidCoders, presented by Creative Digital Education, has been providing accelerated enrichment programs to Early Learning Centers in Middlesex County since 2010. Creative Digital Education and KidCoders are the brainchildren of Fern Giglio, one of our camp parents! Fern holds an MBA in Finance & Taxation has worked with some of the most prestigious real estate developers in the country.

Fern developed his own methods and techniques for teaching advanced concepts like geometry and algebra to children beginning at age 4. He did this by testing out various technologies on his son of 8 months. Using iPads to engage, noise-cancelling headphones to focus and a structured, routine game-based lesson plan; fusing fun and short, but intensive learning.

The KidCoders Program is a one-of-a-kind learning experience utilizing a iPad, Robot, or Netbook platform. KidCoders has designed a specific proprietary curriculum that introduces learners to programming and advanced concepts using iPad game-based learning.

We are thrilled to have Fern with us this summer!!



## CONTESTS! CONTESTS!

If you aren't following us on social media then you're missing out on some super cool prizes! The contest for December is... "Where in the world is ELDC?" We want to see YOU this winter break wearing your favorite Eagle's Landing swag! Whether you're traveling across the world or enjoying a stay-cation in your living room, we want to see who has the most ELDC spirit! Post your pictures on our Facebook or Instagram pages or email them to camp at info@EaglesLandingDayCamp.com. As always the winner will receive limited-edition ELDC swag. Good luck and have a great holiday break!

We'd like to congratulate our first 2 winners from our October and November contests. The Whip Nae Nae contest was won by 6 families smiling and dancing in a great video! The Murdocks, Kamels, Levines, Cohens, Goldenfarbs and Rykus families all won some cool ELDC swag! In November we had a lip sync contest, and the winners that month were Gavin and Abby Salgado (yay!). You can see all the entries on our Facebook page, so log on and get involved!

