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THE GOLDEN EAGLE

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From the Directors:



The weather is finally getting warm and **camp is in the air!** Every day we walk into the office and see changes occurring both inside and out. When we look out of the camp office windows we see buildings being painted, grass being cut and the tents are going up. On the inside we see programming updates, daily deliveries of equipment and supplies, and transportation changes as our office staff prepares for opening day. There's so much to do and camp will be here before you know it!

Last month we attended the 33rd annual Tri-State Camp Conference in Atlantic City for 3 days. The **Tri-State Camp Conference** continues to be the most important "off-season" event for nearly 4,000 attendees. Camp professionals, seasonal staff, youth development professionals and educators

gather annually to participate in over 200 program sessions. They visit the 300 booth exhibit hall and network with people dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of children. This year, Ruth Ann was invited to be a guest speaker on "How to build an amazing staff!" Camps from around the world came and learned the "Eagle's Landing" way of having fun, and why ELDC is Number One!

This past week, contractors have been installing a new roof extension for the kitchen. We also put the finishing touches on our four brand new Ga-Ga pits and we're super-excited! With the addition of the fourth pit, more campers will have the opportunity to play. Camp families are coming for tours and they all comment on how incredibly green our grass grows! We have our own private "Turf Consultant" who guides us on prepping, seeding and irrigation so we have state-of-the-art fields for our campers. Now that the weather is staying above 50 degrees, it's time to open our pools! The covers are coming off this week so we can fill them with clean water for the upcoming season.

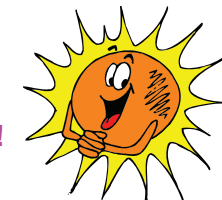
"Like" us on Facebook! If you are not "connected" with us then you're missing the latest, up-to-date news, photos and activity ideas. You can also find us on Twitter and Instagram (@eagleslandingdc). Have your kids follow us if they have an account. They can follow the journey of Soarin' Sammy as he gets ready for camp! If you or your kids have a ELDC photo they would like to post, send it to Brian@eldc.camp.

Be sure to read your emails! As camp approaches

we send out emails with information about forms, transportation, orientation dates and more! New for this year, we're using a program called **Remind** to text you updates and important information. Please opt in when you receive the request from Eagle's Landing.

Camp enrollment is coming to a close as our groups fill to capacity. If you have not yet enrolled for this summer, don't wait any longer! We're fortunate that 88% of our families have re-enrolled and new families are calling every day. We've had a busy spring season as families from nearby camps have been making the switch to Eagle's Landing. It's hard to keep the secret that Eagle's Landing is the best place on earth!

As a reminder, if you refer a new family (or two) to Eagle's Landing and they enroll for 2016, we will credit your account with a **\$100 bonus per family!** In this economy we are trying to help our loyal families. We had one family this year who referred five new families to enroll and they saved \$500. We are always here for you so don't hesitate to call us or send an email to RuthAnn@eldc.camp.



Enjoy the spring weather and we will see you soon!

- Ruth Ann and Barry



SPRING ACADEMY

Excited for warm weather? Can't wait for any longer to come back to camp? Sign up for our Spring Academy! Children ages 3-6 have the opportunity to play T-ball or learn how to bake with our fantastic staff! The **T-Ball Academy** will focus on batting basics along with catching and throwing skills before moving on to gameplay. T-ball is offered on Thursday afternoons from May 5 - June 9. Learn to read a recipe, refine your measuring skills and create delicious desserts in our **Baking Academy**. This Academy is offered on



Saturday mornings from April 30 - June 4. Choose one Academy for \$90 or both for \$150. If you are interested, call the office for more information at 732-821-9155.



CAMP STARTS IN 70 DAYS!

Stage Left

Drama show auditions will be here in a few short weeks! If your child is interested in being in either the 3rd-4th grade show or the 5th-9th grade show please read this carefully. The 3rd-4th grade show this year is written by our very own Drama Show Coordinator Devin! It's a wonderful musical called **Elementary Blues**. The 5th-9th grade show this year is **High School Musical Jr.** We have many roles for both girls and **BOYS** so this is a great opportunity for all the boys to come out and be part of a spectacular show!

Auditions for both shows are scheduled for:

Tues, June 14 from 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Tues, June 21 from 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

We would like everyone to audition before camp begins so we can cast and start rehearsals as soon as possible. Please contact Ruth Ann or Alyssa with any questions at 732-821-9155.

OVERNIGHT TRIP TO HERSHEY PENNSYLVANIA

For 2016, we've added an optional 3-day, 2 night trip to Hershey, PA, for campers in grades 6 - 10! Join us as we travel to **Hershey and Harrisburg** in style in an air-conditioned coach bus. We'll start at **Adventure Sports** where we'll play outdoor laser tag and race go-karts! Next stop is a tour of the **Turkey Hill Ice Cream Factory**. Then it's off to a minor league baseball game at **Metro Bank Park**. We'll visit **Roundtop Mountain** where we'll traverse an alpine ropes course and ride down a mountain in an OGO ball, and we'll enjoy a delicious dinner and fantastic show at the **Dutch Apple Dinner Theater**. While at **Hershey Park**, we can soar on the Great Bear or any of the 70 other rides and attractions.

The overnight trip is during week 5 of camp, and campers in grades 6-10 must be enrolled that week to attend. The fee for the trip is \$546 which includes all accommodations, food, tickets and transportation and supervision. There are only 6 spaces left and campers will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the camp office at 732-821-9155 for more information or log into your CampMinder account to sign up today!



EAGLE'S LANDING GEAR

The **Eagle's Landing Camp Store** is back and better than ever. This year, we're placing two orders in bulk to keep the price low for our families and staff. Both orders will be delivered to camp so shipping is **FREE!**

Log on to EaglesLandingDayCamp.com and go to the Camp Store under the **ELDC Families** section. You can browse all of the fabulous merchandise and shop on-line.

The first order deadline is June 10 and it will arrive at camp for pick-up on June 26 at our **SPRING INTO SUMMER** celebration! The second order deadline will be July 8 and pick-up at camp will be July 22.

All staff members must have **STAFF** imprinted on the back of their item. We ask that the camper families do not allow their campers to put staff on their clothing.

Tools 'n Tech

Campers in grades 3-10 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 chance 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.



ARTS & CRAFTS!

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

- Shoeboxes with Lids
- Cardboard Paper Towel Rolls
- Newspapers
- Large T-shirts or Button Down Shirts
- Plastic Bottles (Any Size)

Items can be dropped off at the office!

SWIM LESSONS

Private swim lessons are available again this summer. Last year they filled quickly and we ran out of available slots. For 2016, we are adding additional offerings at 4:00, 4:30, and 5:00 lesson times Monday through Thursday.

Private lessons are \$30 for each 30-minute session and will be scheduled by Lauren, our Assistant Swim Coordinator. If you are interested please contact her at swimlessons@eagleslandingdaycamp.com or call the camp office and speak with Ruth Ann at 732-821-9155.



2016 Camp Orientation Dates:

June 14: 5th Grade Meet and Greet (7 - 8 pm)
June 14: 6th/7th/8th Grade Trip Orientation (7 - 8 pm)
June 16: 1st/2nd Grade Meet and Greet (7 - 8 pm)
June 21: 3rd/4th Grade Meet and Greet (7 - 8 pm)
June 22: Kiddie Kingdom Meet and Greet (6 - 7:30 pm)
June 26: Spring into Summer - All Ages! (1:00 - 3:30 pm)
June 27: **CAMP BEGINS!!!**

Camp will be closed on July 4



TRIBAL DAY

This year, instead of Color War, campers will participate in a summer-long competition called **Tribes**. Campers will be divided into 4 different teams at the beginning of the summer and will take part in weekly competitions. At the end of each week, a winner will be announced and an overall winner will be declared on **Tribal Day**. Once you become part of a tribe, it will be you tribe for every summer. The tribes at Eagle's Landing are the **Blue Eldings**, the **Yellow Ladings**, the **Green Delcans** and the **Red Camdels**.



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CAMP CALENDAR

We get lots of questions from parents and staff about our calendar days and which one are dress-up days. Every Wednesday is a Special Day and always a great time to show your spirit by wearing a costume or outfit that matches the theme. There are also some other days that are fun to dress up for including: Red White and Blue Day, Team Tuesday, Crazy Hair Day and Silly Sock Day. Dress-up days are always fun at ELDC and we love when staff and camper participate. What's your favorite Dress-up day?



WE HAVE A PIG!

Every summer we host a few furry friends down at Nature. In the past, we've had rabbits, geckos, snakes and even ducks! This year we have a new animal joining us at camp, Simon the pig! Simon is a 1½ year old potbelly pig. When he isn't splashing around in his pool, Simon loves eating cheerios and having his belly rubbed. We are excited to have Simon at ELDC for the entire summer (and he's looking forward to all the belly rubs!)



TAX CREDIT

If you were gainfully employed in 2015 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.

Please check the instructions in your income tax booklet. If you need further advice, contact your accountant.

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