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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 camp office and see changes occurring everywhere. We look out the windows and see buildings being painted, grass being cut and the tents 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 had the opportunity to gather part of our leadership team and start planning our staff orientation. Our Division Leaders, along with some very talented specialists, joined us for an evening of discussion to decide which issues they feel are important to cover at our Staff Orientation in June. **Every year we try to create interesting ways to convey important topics** such as, how to speak to children so they hear you, working with children with special needs or social anxieties and lots more. We are truly fortunate to have such a wonderful group of teachers leading our staff training this year.

There's lots of work happening outside! Last month contractors installed new roofs on a number of our buildings that needed a little update. We're also watching the builder add the finishing touches to our brand new ropes course! We're excited for the two-day training coming up this weekend so we can show the campers and staff all the cool new elements! 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 came off this week and they're being filled with clean water for the upcoming season.

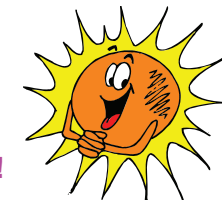
Be sure to read your emails! As camp approaches we send out emails with information about forms, transportation, orientation dates and more! We're using a program called **Remind** to text you updates and important information. Please opt in when you receive the request from Eagle's Landing.

"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.

Camp enrollment is closing as soon 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! We've have finalized the number of groups for this summer and once they're filled, we will start a waiting list.

As a reminder, if you refer a new family (or two) to Eagle's Landing and they enroll for 2017, 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



CAMP CALENDAR

We get lots of questions from parents and staff about our camp calendar days and which ones are dress-up days. Every Wednesday is a Special Event Day and always a great time to show your spirit by wearing a costume or outfit that matches the theme. In addition, there are other days throughout the summer that are fun to dress up for including: Tattoo Tuesday, Tin Foil Day (be creative!), Red White and Blue Day, Team Tuesday,



Crazy Hair Day, Emoji Day, Hilarious Hat Day, School Spirit Day, Yellow Yowza Day, Vacation T-Shirt Day and Silly Sock Day. Dress-up days are always fun at ELDC and we love when staff and campers participate. What's your favorite Dress-up day?



camp starts in 59 Days!

{WHO wants some GRILLED CHEESE CROUTONS?}

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 Jackie! It's a wonderful musical called **The Disney Review**. The 5th-9th grade show this year is **Shrek Jr**. We have many roles for both girls and **BOYS**, so this is a great opportunity for everyone to come out and be part of a spectacular show!

Auditions for both shows are scheduled for:
Tues, June 13 from 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Tues, June 20 from 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

We ask everyone to audition before camp begins so we can cast and start rehearsals as soon as possible. Audition Forms will be available in your CampMinder account soon. Please contact Ruth Ann or Alyssa with any questions at 732-821-9155.

OVERNIGHT TRIP TO BOSTON

Only 5 spots are left on the bus!!! The ELDC 6th-10th grade campers are on the road again for another fantastic 3 day, 2 night trip exploring the sights and sounds of Boston. We'll travel by coach bus to exciting locations such as Fenway Park, Quincy Market and Old Salem. We'll start with lunch in Manchester, then head to **Historic Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall**. Night one starts with dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe and ends with a **sunset cruise through the Boston Harbor**. Day two includes a tour of **Fenway Park**, a **Trolley Tour of Old Salem** and a hands-on live-action show called **5 Wits**. Before heading home we'll take in the awesome exhibits at the **Boston Museum of Science**.

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, transportation and supervision. There are only 5 spots left and campers will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve 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 three bulk orders to keep the price low for our families and staff. Both orders will be delivered to camp for pickup 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 online.

The first order deadline is June 11 and it will arrive at camp for pick-up on June 25 at our **SPRING INTO SUMMER** celebration! The second order deadline will be June 30 for pick-up at camp on July 14, and the third order deadline is July 17 for pickup on July 31.

All staff members must have **STAFF** imprinted on the back of their items. 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. 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 or you can drop it off at camp. 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
- Denim Jeans
- Baby Food Jars
- Old CDs or DVDs

Items can be dropped off at the office any time!

SWIM LESSONS

Private swim lessons are available again this summer. Last year they filled quickly and we ran out of available slots. For 2017, we are offering 4:15, 4:45, and 5:15 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.



2017 Camp Orientation Dates:

- June 13: 5th Grade Meet and Greet (7 - 8 pm)
- June 13: 6th/7th/8th Grade Trip Orientation (7 - 8 pm)
- June 15: 1st/2nd Grade Meet and Greet (7 - 8 pm)
- June 20: 3rd/4th Grade Meet and Greet (7 - 8 pm)
- June 21: Kiddie Kingdom Meet and Greet (6:30 - 7:30 pm)
- June 25: Spring into Summer - All Ages! (1:00 - 3:30 pm)
- June 26: CAMP BEGINS!!!

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Camp will be closed on July 4



TRIBAL GAMES

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** during week 8. Once you become part of a tribe, it will be your tribe for every summer. The tribes at Eagle's Landing are the **Blue Eldings**, the **Yellow Ladings**, the **Green Delcans** and the **Red Camdels**.



NEW PROGRAMS FOR 2017

Every summer we add more choices for our campers. This year, we're excited to have a camp parent join our **artist-in-residence** program. She will instruct sewing and quilting for grades 3 through 10 in the Arts and Crafts department. Lindy is excited to share her talents with our campers.

In our newly renovated Computers and Technology program, we added more coding electives for all ages as well as a new elective that will be working with **drones**. Last summer's Intro to Coding was one of our most popular electives so we are happy to be offering more options to you this summer!



The new Ropes and Challenge Course has new high elements that campers can try. While we were sad to see the rock wall go, we're super excited about our **12 new high elements and 400 ft dueling ziplines**. We think the new course will be even more popular this year! As always, we added new recipes to our Baking and Cooking areas along with new activities in Woodshop, Ceramics, Nature, STEM and everywhere else!

Last year we built a Ninja Warrior course for our younger campers. It was so popular that the older campers asked for a turn at the course. We are happy to answer their requests by building a **larger Ninja Warrior course** so more campers can give it a try.

we love visitors!

We would like to say hi to all of our new and returning campers and welcome to our family! As of May 15, our camp is set up and ready to go. We believe that our beautiful property should be used and enjoyed by our camp families. So, if you would like to schedule a play date at camp with someone in your child's group or if you would like to come to camp with your kids after school, give us a call!

Campers who spend time on the property before camp feel more comfortable once the season begins. Less stress, more smiles and great memories are why Eagle's Landing is everyone's Happy Place!

