

THE GOLDEN EAGLE

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From the Directors:

The weather is getting cooler, and that means it's the perfect time to share some warm summer news! Eagle's Landing is growing and changing and we want everyone to know the exciting plans for next summer.



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!

As a result of your suggestions, we're updating and expanding our **Sports Program** for next summer to keep up with the latest trends in kids athletics. In addition

to pickleball, floor hockey, basketball, t-ball/softball, lacrosse, soccer, frisbee golf, and flag football, we are adding more yoga, fitness, conditioning, obstacle course activities, and



Ninja Warrior course challenges.

Every year we improve our property and create new programs for our campers. For 2023 we're expanding our ropes course and adding 4 new elements! The feedback from our campers this year was that they love the **Adventure Course** and want to get on more elements! These elements are going to be added to the climbing tower to give more challenge and options to everyone. We'll share pictures of the construction once it starts later this fall, so be on the lookout! In addition to the Adventure Course, we have more projects we're working on. We have other projects under consideration and we'll share the deets when they're ready!

While we're busy making the camper experience special, we also want to make it easier for parents. We've enhanced our Campminder mobile interface to allow submission of your camper application and forms through your Companion app. Eagle's Landing

continues to stay on the forefront of camp programming. In fact, **our Leadership Team has already been asked to speak at this 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 2023, now's the perfect opportunity! **Tuition rates increase on November 1, so sign up now to save money.** Last summer we had to close groups and start waiting lists before camp started. We are already 76% full for next summer and groups will start closing soon. We don't want to see anyone get closed out. As always, you can change weeks or get a 100% refund for any reason until June 1!



Come and join us at our Pumpkin Palooza Open House on Sunday, October 23 from 11 am - 3 pm. Enrolled campers who attend will receive a limited edition Eagle's Landing shirt! For more information look inside this newsletter. We hope to see you here!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have questions about camp or the precautions we're taking to protect your health and safety, please reach out to us at 732-821-9155.

- Barry, Ruth Ann, Hanna, and Shira



2023 Camp Calendar

Week 1 . . June 26 - June 30
Week 2 . . July 3 - July 7
Week 3 . . July 10 - July 14
Week 4 . . July 17 - July 21

Week 5 . . July 24 - July 28
Week 6 . . July 31 - Aug 4
Week 7 . . Aug 7 - Aug 11
Week 8 . . Aug 14 - Aug 18

Camp will be closed Tuesday, July 4

Have your next outdoor event at Eagle's Landing!

Now that COVID-19 is subsiding, our weekend outdoor picnic business is BOOMING! A corporate picnic or family reunion 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 1,000 guests. Book now for 2023 because dates are going fast! Call Hanna at 732-821-9155 for more information.

Staff Spotlight

To kick off the 2023 season we're featuring some of our staff who have been with us for 10+ years. While writing this newsletter, we realized that the list is LONG! While we can't post everyone in one article, we thought that we would start and continue in future issues. We are lucky to have an amazing group of people who work to help your child grow, learn, and play all summer long.

Division Leader Dan will be returning for another summer to lead the 7th and 8th grade boys. Dan started with us in 2010 as a Specialist running Mad Science and has returned to our camp family every year since. This will be Dan's 13th summer and he is known around camp for always having a calm presence. Dan is a special education teacher in Summit, New Jersey and is an incredible artist and graphic designer. Dan lives locally with his wife and three children and we are so happy to welcome him back for the summer 2023!



Division Leader Todd is back for summer 2023 supervising the 5th and 6th grade boys. This will also be his 13th summer! He started working with Ruth Ann and Barry back in 2010 as the Nature Specialist. Todd currently teaches middle school in Metuchen and has taught elementary in the past. Todd is a fantastic supervisor and teaches his campers and staff to be independent thinkers and problem solvers. Todd also has a very soft tone and tries to impart patience and



tolerance with his group. Todd loves going to concerts and you can always see him with a new pair of Vans on his feet. Todd lives locally with his wife, 2 daughters and step son.

Division Leader Christina has been at camp the longest and we are excited for her to return in 2023! Christina is returning to supervise the 3rd and 4th grade girls and has been a camper or staff member on this property for 22 years! Over the years, she's been in the position of a camper and a Junior Counselor, Counselor, Science Specialist, LIT/CIT staff, and then a Division Leader. Christina is amazing at building teams in her division between campers and her staff. You see her outside with the girls thinking of new fun activities. Christina is a high school math teacher in Summit and she lives locally. In her spare time she loves to work out and lead fitness classes along with giving herself the challenge of marathon training.



NOW HIRING FOR NEXT SUMMER

We need your help! As camp continues to grow, we are always looking for great staff. Who better to ask than our camp families! Do you know a mom, dad, or grandparent who would like a job for only 39 days? A job where you have fun without working evenings or weekends? You'll get paid for the summer and get free or reduced tuition for your kids or grandkids. Working at camp may be for you or someone you know.

We are currently hiring for our office, Cooking and Baking, Aquatics, Nurses, Drama, Ceramics, Sports, Ropes, Inclusion, and our camp kitchen. If you know of anyone who may be interested please have them contact Ruth Ann at Ruthann@EaglesLandingDayCamp.com or call 732-821-9155.

Help us help those in need this Fall!

We are collecting new or gently used winter gear for children in Kindergarten through 8th grade for a low-income school district. This district has had a recent influx of refugees and we would like to do their part to help. **We are collecting coats, jackets, vests, sweaters, sweatshirts, scarves, hats, gloves, and boots. Let your friends and family know! If you cannot attend Pumpkin Palooza (we hope you can!) feel free to drop off any of the items above at the camp office Monday through Friday from 10 am - 4 pm until November 1.**

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PALOOZA

Sunday, October 23, 11-3pm



CAMP ~~X~~TOBER

We think the month of October should have a name change to **CAMPTOBER!** We're hoping to see you at our Pumpkin Palooza on October 23. Bring your kids to camp and have fun, free of charge. There will be a pick-your-own pumpkin patch, pumpkin chucking, camp tours, and projects to bring home! Come see your camp friends, make a s'more on the campfire, and have fun on some inflatables. This year we will have a new "limited edition" Eagle's Landing shirt for enrolled campers that weekend **ONLY** while they last. Remember, you get a \$100 credit for every new family you refer that enrolls for camp. You do not have to be registered for 2023 to attend. Rates increase November 1 so sign up today. We hope to see you there!

THE NEW AND IMPROVED CAMP STORE

We're excited to announce the opening of our new camp store! We've transitioned to Bunk Line, a new vendor who will provide a larger variety of ELDC swag for our campers and staff. Families can order direct and get shipments right to your door.

Look for an email coming soon with all of the details, pricing, and instructions on how to order. As always, we will provide a free camp t-shirt for every camper on picture day. However, we also get a lot of inquiries for additional items such as sweatshirts, pajama pants, hats, and long sleeve t-shirts. The store will be ready soon so you can get ELDC swag in time for the holidays.





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