

# THE GOLDEN EAGLE

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## From the Directors:

**Can you believe that camp starts in 65 days?** If you visit us during the off season you'll hear us say that we work "10 for 2". Ruth Ann, Barry, Hanna, Shira, and the whole Eagle's Landing team work 10 months every year getting ready for the 2 months of camp. Now that the weather is getting warmer, we're outside getting ready for another amazing summer at Eagle's Landing! All of this is made possible by our camp families, and we want to thank all of our new and returning campers for joining us this summer. We know that there are lots of camps and the fact that you choose Eagle's Landing means so much to us.



If you're already enrolled, this is your reminder if you want to add or change any weeks for this summer. The sooner you let us know, the better your chance of getting the weeks that you want. We only have about 40 spots left in the entire camp and certain grades are completely closed due to full camper enrollment.



You received an email regarding your camper forms that were due on April 15. If you have not finished, please take a moment to fill out your paperwork. The Camper Profile Form is helpful to us when it comes to knowing your child,

whether they are returning or new to camp. Ruth Ann reads every single form along with your child's Division Leader (the teacher who oversees their division). Children grow and change during the year, so it's important they start off with a clean slate every summer. The Health History Form was also due April 15 so that our Nurses have time to review the information. NJ State Law prohibits any child from coming to camp without the completed form. The Camper Security Form tells us who you are approving to pick your child up from camp. It also gives us the password you will use when picking them up!

Now that the sun is out, camp has become a busy place. We love



watching the tents go up! We're also busy cutting the grass, painting buildings, fixing doors and roofs, and so much more! Every day we get truckloads of packages full of our camp supplies from paint for Arts and Crafts to new soccer balls for Sports. We also love getting visitors at camp! We're here 7 days a week so feel free to stop by and say hello, play outside, meet a friend that's coming to camp with you, or just to hang out. All we ask is that you pop your head into the office and let us know that you're on the property and then go have some fun! To our new families, if you would like to set up a playdate at camp, we are more than happy to share some cell phone numbers with you so that you can connect with others in your child's grade.

We are so excited to see everyone in a couple of months!

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- Barry, Ruth Ann, Hanna, and Shira

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

In June, we scheduled Meet & Greets for every division. For each Meet & Greet, parents/guardians come with their campers and have the chance to meet the Directors, Division Leaders, Counselors, and the other campers in their groups. Parents have the chance to attend an information session and have any questions answered while your campers are outdoors playing with our staff and other campers.



## 2023 Camp Calendar

Week 1 . . June 26 - June 30	Week 5 . . July 24 - July 28
Week 2 . . July 3 - July 7	Week 6 . . July 31 - Aug 4
Week 3 . . July 10 - July 14	Week 7 . . Aug 7 - Aug 11
Week 4 . . July 17 - July 21	Week 8 . . Aug 14 - Aug 18

Camp will be closed Tuesday, July 4

## Meet & Greet Orientation Dates:

June 13:	3rd/4th Grade Meet & Greet (7 pm)
June 13:	Drama Show Auditions (7 pm)
June 15:	5th/6th/7th/8th Grade Meet & Greet (7 pm)
June 15:	Drama Show Auditions (7 pm)
June 20:	1st/2nd Grade Meet & Greet (7 pm)
June 22:	Kiddie Kingdom Meet & Greet (6:30 pm)
June 25:	Spring into Summer - All Ages! (1 - 3 pm)
June 26:	CAMP BEGINS!!! WooHoo!!! Yay!!!



## What's New?

Every year at camp we both build a major project and update our programming to change things up. As most of our families know, we have a super cool Ninja Warrior Course. We upgrade 1 segment of the course each year, and this year we're adding a big finish. Last month we ordered both an 8' and 10' warped wall for the campers to climb as they end the course! Ninja Matt is working on awesome lesson plans and we're excited to get more campers over to the Ninja area.



With summer weather seeming hotter each year, we're always looking for more ways to cool off during camp. We are adding a cool new Extreme Water Tag game that's similar to laser tag but with water! This will be a part of our sports rotation and we know the campers will love getting soaked while playing. Adding to our theme of cooling off our campers and staff, we've also



added giant water misting fans on the property. The misting fans are designed for campers and staff to walk through during the day to cool off. You can walk through the mist from our cooling station in your clothes and not get wet, but still cool down. The giant fans produce a mist that lowers that air

temperature by up to 20°! The fans are being installed next to Ceramics so it is close to everyone who wants a quick chill.

And last but not least, our Ropes Course builders are coming in 2 weeks to add 4 new low circuit elements. This "extra" level will allow some of our younger climbers (starting in 3rd grade) the opportunity to be harnessed and belayed on the course at a lower height.

## TAX CREDIT

If you were gainfully employed in 2022 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. Check the instructions in your income tax booklet and contact your accountant for additional information.

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

Programs and scheduling are also changing this year. We want every camper to have the opportunity to try everything at camp. Unfortunately, we have a limited number of hours in each day. For 2023, we turned scheduling upside down to add more activity periods to the group schedules. This summer, we're moving to an odd week / even week schedule. While some activities will happen every week, some will alternate every other week so that as many campers as possible get as many activities as possible. For example, if your camper has Cooking week 1 (odd week), then they will get Baking week 2 (even week), and that alternating period will continue for all 8 weeks. Sports activities will also alternate between odd and even weeks so campers play different sports on a rotating schedule. We've completed our groupings and we'll start working on the schedules over the next week so we can get everything ready for when the campers arrive!

## Spirit Packs are Still Available!

As requested by our camp families, we've assembled a Spirit Pack that has some super cool stuff for our Special Days this summer. The bags are stuffed with items to celebrate at least 1 or 2 camp calendar days each week, and you get a reusable bag as a bonus! The cost of the bag is \$20 and parents won't have to run out and buy anything last minute. If you would like to purchase a Spirit Bag, please **fill out the order form at [bit.ly/2023SpiritPacks](https://bit.ly/2023SpiritPacks) or by scanning the QR code.** Once we have sold out, we will not be ordering any more. The Spirit Bags will also be available the nights of your Meet and Greets in June while supplies last.



## WHY SHOULD CAMPERS HAVE ALL THE FUN?

You've asked for a "parents only" event and here it is! We'll have swimming, pickleball, ga-ga, ping pong, basketball, mini golf, corn hole, hatchet throwing, and tennis baseball to name a few activities. Our zip line and archery will be open too! Enjoy a camp BBQ and cook s'mores over a campfire. BYOB (we will even supply the ice and cups)! Mark your calendars:

**Friday, July 14, 7 - 10 pm**

The cost is \$40 per person to reserve your spot; first come, first serve! To reserve your spot, call 732-821-9155 or sign up at: [bit.ly/eldcpno](https://bit.ly/eldcpno)



# NEW POSITIONS AT CAMP

This summer we're adding additional support staff to our camper divisions. Each division will now have a **Head Counselor** position to help the Division Leader with campers throughout the day. The Head Counselors are someone who is either close to finishing their degree in Education or have taught for 1 year in the classroom. We are thrilled to have each of them working with



campers, filling in if someone is absent, coaching and modeling for staff, helping campers who need extra assistance, monitoring changing and sunscreen in the bunks, as well as being at lunch and the pools during swim to ensure safety and support.

**Krissy** is joining us for the first time this summer and is excited to be a part of the ELDC crew. She is working to complete her student teaching and has been the nanny to a local family for many years. She is looking forward to working with both male and female campers and to learn from our experienced teachers. Krissy is outgoing and flexible and we know that she will be incredibly helpful to the Division Leaders in 1st and 2nd grade.

**Alex** is helping out in the 3rd and 4th grade division. Alex has been with us for over 10 years and is finishing her degree in Education next year at Monmouth University. Alex has a calm demeanor and her campers love her. We're happy that she will be able to show some of our new staff how to create a group that bonds and works together.



**Xavier** has also been with us for over 10 years and is working with our 5th and 6th graders this summer. Xavier graduated last year with a degree in Education from Roanoke College. Xavier has held a few different positions over the years. He's been a counselor, sports instructor, and helped run our ropes course last summer. Xavier is very excited to work with Todd and Nicole to learn, grow, and become more connected with the campers and staff.



Upper camp has two Head Counselors this summer with the 7th and 8th graders and the LIT/CIT program.

**Courtney** is working with the 7th and 8th grade division and this will be her 6th summer with us. Courtney is currently finishing her Master's degree in Special Education at Rutgers University. Courtney has also had many different jobs here at camp and she is looking forward to working with both Jeanine and Dan and our older campers. She is a great problem solver and works well with this



age group. **Alex** is working with the LIT/CIT program.



Along with Dan and Justin, he will be training and helping our eldest group of campers. Alex graduated from the University of Alabama and is currently teaching in an urban school district in the south. Alex is a very chill guy who enjoys sports and works with younger kids during the school year. He is looking

forward to making an impact with our LITs and CITs. Alex is currently working with Justin to set up our community service project and lesson plans.

We are fortunate to have this talented crew working with your children this summer and we can't wait for you to meet them!

## Stage Left

We are excited to announce our Drama Shows for this summer!

**Spread Your Wings**  
3rd & 4th Grade

**All Shook Up, Young at Heart**  
5th & 6th Grade

**You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown**  
7th, 8th, & 9th Grade

You can audition for any of the shows on  
Tue, June 13 from 7 - 8 pm  
Thu, June 15 from 7 - 8 pm

We ask everyone to audition on one of the two above dates so we can cast and start rehearsals during Week 1. The Drama Shows are performed on August 16 during the last week of camp. (Don't worry, we invite parents to an evening performance!). We spend all summer rehearsing for the show, so we ask that campers are enrolled for at least 6 weeks (including Week 8) if they would like to participate in the Drama Show. Please contact Hanna with any questions at 732-821-9155.

## We need YOUR HELP!

It's spring cleaning time and we need your help! Give your unused items a new life by donating supplies to be used in our Program Areas:

- Newspapers
- Paper Towel Tubes
- Electronics for Tools 'n Tech
- Yarn
- Cereal Boxes

**Items can be dropped off at the office any time!**  
**We're here 7 days a week from 9 am - 6 pm.**



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Who is ready to try out the new warped wall??

