

# THE GOLDEN EAGLE

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Building Lifelong Friends

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## From the Directors:

Can you believe that there are **only 128 days until camp?**

While you're at home, school, or work, we're in the office preparing for another awesome summer! A big part of our off-season is speaking with our camp families. We're always excited to share the news of what's happening at camp along with the cool things we're adding for this summer. We like to believe that we create a magical place for our campers and staff, so **Building Lifelong Friends** is our official theme for the summer of 2024.



This month we're in the office working on both property upgrades and program upgrades. Contractors are coming and going this time of year, getting ready to do work as the weather warms up. Currently, our electrician is working on **adding lights to our front sign**, lighting it up for all to see in the evening. He will also be working behind the scenes to increase our service levels to be able to support other projects that are in the works. Our roofing contractor has already identified eight roofs for replacement on the property, along with replacing some of the wooden steps and railings that lead into our buildings. Our pool contractor is also here this week upgrading the salt chlorination systems in our pools with the latest technology to keep our campers and staff safe. We've upgraded our phone lines to VOIP data instead of FIOS, which helps ensure better service and fewer dropped calls, and that's important for when parents need to reach us. More upgrades coming in the next newsletter so keep an eye out!

**This summer we're continuing with our new scheduling system so that campers can try a wider variety of the activities at camp.** Groups will have different schedules for odd and even weeks. For example, if your camper's group has Soccer week 1, they will get a different sport, such as Basketball, at the same time during week 2. Another example is with the Sciences. If your camper's schedule shows Mad Science one week, then they may have Nature the next week. This new scheduling system allows for campers

to experience more activities and for more choices for electives.

Our Creative Arts Specialists are doing lots of research to find the best Drama Show productions for summer 2024. They want to choose shows where everyone has a chance to shine on stage! Our Lower Camp 1st and 2nd graders will put on a production of **"Getting the Band Back Together"** with the hottest songs from Boy Bands and Girl Groups. Our youngest campers in Kiddie Kingdom will have fun on stage with **"Music of the Seasons"**. Mark your calendars now for the Lower Camp shows, which will be the 7th week of camp on August 8. The shows for 3rd grade and up are an optional elective and everyone has



the opportunity to audition and be a part of the Theater Program. Our Drama Shows will have an evening performance for parents and friends during week 8 on August 14. We can't tell you all of our secrets, so stay tuned for the next newsletter where we will share even more new stuff coming for summer 2024!

**Last month set a new enrollment record for ELDC!** Enrollment is strong for this summer because parents are ready to get their kids out of the house and playing outside! When our campers and staff come to Eagle's Landing, they leave their technology at home. No laptops, no tablets, and no cell phones. They spend time with their friends having fun and socializing. We've heard from many parents who are concerned that we'll fill up before May and they want to ensure a spot for their child. Remember that you have until June 1 to get a full refund.

**We have officially started wait lists for some grades and weeks for this summer.** Tell your friends to sign up today if they're not yet enrolled! If you're already signed up but didn't give us your grouping requests, please complete the **Group Request Form** before April 1. You can find it in the "Forms" section of your CampSite Parent Dashboard.

We want to extend a warm welcome to our new campers. We're thrilled that you're now a part of our extended camp family! **Over 88% of our families return each year**, which is a huge compliment to our staff who care for your children during the summer. As Directors, we realize that we're only as good as the people who work with us and that's why we have the best staff in the world of camping!

As always, please reach out to us at 732-821-9155 with any questions you may have. We're at camp every day and we'd love to hear from you! **Stay warm and think summer!**

- Ruth Ann, Barry, & Hanna



## THE STAFF CORNER

In this newsletter we're sharing some new faces that you'll see around camp this summer. Starting with our front office, we have two new faces to greet you and help you throughout the summer. The first person you'll see when you walk into our office is Rachel.

She's looking forward to working with our parents and campers.

Rachel is a paraprofessional during the school year and she'll be bringing her daughter with her to camp this summer for some Eagle's Landing fun!

Melissa is another new face in the office this summer.

Melissa is the person who creates our newsletters, name tags, daily communications with the staff, and running reports (lots and lots of reports!) Melissa is returning

for her second year and is new to the office. She was amazing working in our kitchen last year as a server and always had a smile on her face. Her daughter loved camp so much that Melissa knew she'd be coming back for many more summers. We will miss Chrissy, who has been with us for years in the

front office, but we know that Melissa and Rachel are ready!

On the other side of camp we have hired Shannon, who will be leading our oldest 9th and 10th grade campers, the LITs and CITs.

Shannon was referred to us through another Division Leader, so we know that's she's going to make the leadership program even better! Shannon is currently an elementary school special education teacher and is looking forward to working with older kids. She will be coming to camp every day with her daughter and son, who we met at our Winterfest Open House, and they didn't want to leave! I guess that's a good sign that they'll have an incredible summer.

Many of our staff are referred to us by camp families and camp staff, and we can use your help filling a few more positions for this summer. We're still looking for some staff and we ask for your help. Check out the open positions on the next page. If you

know college-aged students, or parents who don't work, or have off in the summer, please send them our way. People who work at ELDC tend to enjoy the "family-like" atmosphere and stay here for a long time.



## Are you following us?

Eagle's Landing is all over social media and if you're not following us, then you're missing out! One of the benefits of ELDC on social media is that kids and parents can follow us without worry. During the off-season, Tik Tok, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter are great ways for you and your kids to stay connected with camp.

We post unreleased photos from last summer as part of our weekly update. We have cool contests with nice swag prizes and post some great articles about children and parenting. Everything is monitored for safety and we ensure that only ELDC staff post to our pages.

We send out e-mails and mail our newsletters, so if you're not on social media, you won't miss out. If you are interested in checking us out, follow us on Tik Tok, Pinterest, Instagram, and Twitter at (@EaglesLandingDC), and Facebook at (@EaglesLandingDayCamp). The latest camp news is always posted online so Like us on Facebook and watch for the latest contests and updates.

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## TRIBES

This is the seventh summer of Tribes at Eagle's Landing! Each year we find ways to make Tribes a significant part of the summer for our campers. For continuity, campers, siblings, and staff stay on the same tribe for all of their years at Eagle's Landing. **There will be one Tribal Day during Week 4 and a second Tribal Day during Week 8.** Our four Tribes, the **Eldings**, **Ladings**, **Delcans**, and **Camdels** compete in fun activities throughout the 2 day events. Put your game faces on and get ready to see who this summer's Tribal winner will be!

**NEW**  
**Camp Store**

On our website under  
**"Enrolled Families"**



**EAGLE'S  
LANDING  
DAY CAMP**



## 2024 Camp Calendar

Week 1 . . June 24 - June 28

Week 2 . . July 1 - July 5

Week 3 . . July 8 - July 12

Week 4 . . July 15 - July 19

Week 5 . . July 22 - July 26

Week 6 . . July 29 - Aug 2

Week 7 . . Aug 5 - Aug 9

Week 8 . . Aug 12 - Aug 16

Camp will be closed Thursday, July 4

## HELP US BUILD THE BEST STAFF YET!

Eagle's Landing continues to grow and we're always looking for new staff to make camp a safe and fun environment for everyone.

We have several positions still open for this summer and we thought that we would ask **YOU**, our families and friends, for referrals. We are looking for a Nurse, Baking Specialist, Kitchen Supervisor, Videographer, Sports Staff and Lifeguards/Swim Instructors.

We are also looking for help on our Maintenance Staff and in our Kitchen making sandwiches and serving food. Anyone you send our way **MUST** be able work Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm for all 8 weeks of camp. In addition to a paycheck, anyone who works at camp can enroll their kids at a reduced rate. We are open to grandparents who are looking for something to do during the summer.

You will receive a \$125 tuition credit for next summer for anyone you recommend that gets hired. Please email Ruth Ann for more information at [RuthAnn@EaglesLandingDayCamp.com](mailto:RuthAnn@EaglesLandingDayCamp.com).

## CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT

If you were gainfully employed in 2023 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.

## TOOLS 'N TECH

Campers in grades 3-9 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 opportunity to discover what's inside all of 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 with any questions.



## Have you checked out the Calendar?

Special Days are back and better than ever! Our Special Events Coordinator, has outdone herself by adding some new days and bringing back some all-time camp favorites. We suggest that you hang your

Special Days Calendar on your fridge or on the kid's bathroom mirror so you don't forget which theme days to dress up for! We are bringing back **Spirit Packs** for another year because they have been such a hit the past two years. We created the Spirit Pack for our



busy families who don't always have the time to run out and buy something or create something at home. For 2024, the **Spirit Pack** includes some super cool "spirit" items. The bag includes 1-2 items that relate to a themed day every week (such as silly sunglasses). The Spirit Pack will cost \$25 and comes in a re-usable ELDC bag! Look out for an email in the coming weeks with details about how to order your Spirit Packs.







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**CAMP STARTS IN 128 DAYS!**  
Which Special Days are you looking forward  
to this year?!

