

THE GOLDEN EAGLE

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Smiles Guaranteed

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From the Directors:

Can you believe that there are **only 135 days until camp starts?** 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 **Smiles Guaranteed** is our official theme for the summer of 2025.



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 once the weather warms up. Our electrician is working behind the scenes increasing our service levels to support other projects currently in the works. Our architect is drawing plans to upgrade the Performing Arts Center. Our roofing contractor has already identified eight roofs for replacement, 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 to another pool with the latest technology to keep our campers and staff safe. 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. We've also extended the time of each period. This longer period allows campers to spend more time doing the activities, plus they have more time to travel from place to place at camp. Some of our campers

change at a slower pace and now they will have more time to change and get ready for the next activity!

Our Creative Arts Specialists are doing lots of research to find the best Drama Show productions for summer 2025. 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 **"Disney"** favorites. Our youngest campers in Kiddie Kingdom will have fun on stage with music from the



"Trolls" movies. Mark your calendars now for the Lower Camp shows, which will be the 7th week of camp on August 14. 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 20.

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

We like to share our amazing staff with our families: This past year we added a new year-round staff member to our leadership team. Katia came to ELDC ready to help in any way possible. Last summer, Katia worked mostly behind the scenes ordering all of the food and supplies ranging from chicken nuggets to googly eyes. Katia has a huge job during the summer overseeing Camper Transportation, Camper Trips, and all of the snacks and meals every day. Katia has recently been creating new programming such as our Movie Night, New Camper Orientation, and of course the amazing new coffee bars popping up for our events. Katia is a welcome addition to our team as she continues to grow in her position.



We are also thrilled to have Colleen and Matt back to run our Music and Drama Program! Colleen teaches Music during the school year and loves working with her kiddos at school as well as camp, empowering them to have their voice heard and praise their talents. At camp,

she works with all the younger campers who take Music. She also writes and directs the 3rd/4th grade show and she is busy writing it as we speak!

Matt is our Drama Show Coordinator and has directed our Drama Program for the past 3 summers. We are super excited and that he's back again. Matt oversees the 5/6 & 7/8/9 shows as well as working with our 1st

and 2nd grade boys. He also teaches the camp electives Drama Games, Dungeons & Dragons, and anything related to theatre. Outside of camp, Matt also works in a school district and recently got married! When Matt is not directing a show, you can see him in shows around town. He enjoys doing community theater as time permits.



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, and Instagram 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 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 lots of e-mails and mail our newsletters, but if you're not on social media, you'll miss out on the fun! If you are interested in checking us out, follow us on Tik Tok, Instagram, 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.



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**



2025 Camp Calendar

Week 1 . . June 30 - July 4

Week 2 . . July 7 - July 11

Week 3 . . July 14 - July 18

Week 4 . . July 21 - July 25

Week 5 . . July 28 - Aug 1

Week 6 . . Aug 4 - Aug 8

Week 7 . . Aug 11 - Aug 15

Week 8 . . Aug 18 - Aug 22

Camp will be closed Friday, 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, Sports Staff, Dance Specialist, and Lifeguards/Swim Instructors. We are also looking for help on our Kitchen Staff making sandwiches and bussing tables.



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 and works this summer. Please email Ruth Ann for more information at RuthAnn@EaglesLandingDayCamp.com.

CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT

If you were gainfully employed in 2024 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 or create something at home. For 2025, 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 135 DAYS!
Which Special Days are you looking forward
to this year?

