

THE GOLDEN EAGLE

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Smiles Guaranteed

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From the Directors:

Can you believe that there are **only 136 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** continues to be our official theme for the summer of 2026.



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 been working on replacing eight bunk roofs, 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!

Our Creative Arts Specialists have done a lot of research to find the best Drama Show productions for summer 2026. 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 **"TV Show Theme Song"** favorites. Our youngest campers in Kiddie Kingdom will have fun on stage



with **"Kiddie Kingdom Goes Country"**. Mark your calendars now for the Lower Camp shows, which will be the 7th week of camp on August 13.

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 Music Coordinator, Colleen, is in the process of writing out 3rd & 4th grade show, which is titled **The Great Cookie Caper!** The show for our 5th & 6th graders this summer will be **Annie Kids**, and out 7th, 8th, and 9th graders will be tackling **Disney's The Little Mermaid, Jr!** Our Drama Shows will have an evening performance for parents and friends during week 8 on August 19.



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. We suggest that you enroll now to reserve your spot! 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, & Katia

THE STAFF CORNER

We have a new Athletics Coordinator this summer, and he has already come up with some great new ideas! Mekhai has been with our camp family for 5 years and is one of the campers' favorite staff members! Currently Mekhai has been working in the Willingboro school system and is looking for a permanent teaching job after the summer. Mekhai started at ELDC as a Sport Instructor, jumped over to being a Senior Counselor, and has moved his way up to Assistant Division Leader. Now he is taking one of the biggest areas of camp to help grow and update our program. Mekhai is known for being a huge sports enthusiast and loves his Nike



sneaks. We are excited to see him in action helping train staff and running on the fields with our campers.

Special Events is changing this summer! Samantha, who was in the office last year, is venturing outside! Samantha has lots of camp spirit and she is looking forward to working directly with the campers and staff. Samantha has picked some tried and true special days as well as adding some cool new days. The rides for Carnival are ordered and



Samantha is working on her lists of supplies (there is a lot to order!). She is planning tribal activities and she has picked the tribal leaders...sorry not telling. Every day Samantha's 2 daughters join her at camp and they are always dressed for he special day is!

Behind the scenes, we also have Gil returning to our kitchen this summer as our Food Service Coordinator! Originally from Costa Rica, he moved to the US in 1994 and began working in the restaurant industry. He graduated from the French Culinary institute in NYC, all while working full-time in restaurants and learning English. He then began working at Princeton University, where he has been for 25 years. He was excited to try something new with his summers at camp, and we are excited to have him back for another summer!



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 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 2 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!



**EAGLE'S
LANDING
DAY CAMP**



2026 Camp Calendar

Week 1 .. June 29 - July 3

Week 2 .. July 6 - July 10

Week 3 .. July 13 - July 17

Week 4 .. July 20 - July 24

Week 5 .. July 27 - July 31

Week 6 .. Aug 3 - Aug 7

Week 7 .. Aug 10 - Aug 14

Week 8 .. Aug 17 - Aug 21

Camp will be closed Friday, July 3

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 Ropes Staff, Sports Staff, CDL Bus Drivers, and Lifeguards/ Swim Instructors.

We are also looking for help as part of our Kitchen Staff 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 2025 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 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 2026, 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 136 DAYS!
Which Special Days are you looking forward
to this year?!

