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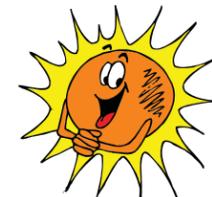
## From the Directors:

Can you believe that **there are only 128 days until camp!** While you're at school or work, we're busy preparing for another **One-of-a-KIND summer.** What's going on? Let's keep reading and find out...



**We evaluate and modify our program** every year so that we can offer the newest and coolest activities for our campers. We listen to feedback from our campers, parents and staff and design lesson plans to make their requests a reality. We recently updated our curriculum and next month we begin ordering supplies. Last week we met with representatives from two different Arts and Crafts vendors and they showed us their newest project ideas. **We always provide the latest and greatest activities** and this summer we're adding over 100 different projects for our campers!

This past January set new enrollment records for ELDC. Many new and returning campers signed up to experience an Eagle's Landing summer. **It's hard to**



**believe that we're already approaching capacity for this year!**

Many age groups are closing soon so tell your friends to sign up today if they're not enrolled yet! If you have any grouping requests that you haven't yet shared with us, please complete the **Group Requests Form.**

You can find it in the Forms section of your online CampMinder account.

Our Drama Shows for this summer are the latest buzz around town. We've already received emails and snapchats from campers telling us that they're VERY excited! Devin, our Drama Coordinator, is Directing an original play for grades 3-4 and will schedule auditions for all campers during the week before camp.

**Grades 5-9: "Willy Wonka, Jr."**  
**Grades 3-4: "Daisy in Disguise"**

Watch out world because the **Eagle's Landing Players** are coming to town! This year we'll continue the tradition of shows for our younger campers in Kiddie Kingdom and in grades 1 and 2. The lower camp shows will be on Thursday, August 9 and more details will follow.

We will also continue to develop our Tribes programming to ensure an exciting experience for everyone. With each passing summer, tribes will continue to grow and promises to be one of the biggest events during camp!

The 2018 ELDC Summer Calendar is ready and you're the first to see it! Every summer we create a theme for our incredible 39 days of fun and this year is no different. **2018 is A One-of-a-KIND Summer!** We

believe that every day at camp is amazing and that ELDC helps create special memories to remember all year long. Take a look inside and see for yourself!

Many of our families already follow us on Pinterest, Instagram and Twitter (@EaglesLandingDC), and Facebook. The latest camp news is always posted online so "like us" on Facebook and watch for the latest contests and updates.

We want to extend a warm welcome to our new camp families. We're thrilled that you're now a part of our family! **Over 88% of our families return each year** and that's a huge compliment to our staff who care for your children in 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 with any questions you may have at 732-821-9155. We're at camp every day and we'd love for you to visit. **Stay warm and think summer!**

- Ruth Ann and Barry



## D.C. Trip is almost SOLD OUT!!

ELDC is offering an optional **3-day trip to Washington, D.C.** (July 24-26). Join us this summer as we travel in style aboard an air-conditioned coach bus and go to the coolest destinations in the Washington D.C. area. We'll visit the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum, the Capitol Building, the National Zoo and Busch Gardens! Everything is included from travel and supervision to meals and activities.

This trip also includes a moonlight monument tour on a private double-decker bus. We will see everything from the Lincoln Memorial to the White House and more!

The overnight trip is scheduled for week 5 and campers in grades 6-10 must be enrolled that week to attend. The additional fee for this trip is \$574. All transportation, tickets, accommodations, supervision, gratuities and food is included! Space is limited and campers will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. Please log in to your CampMinder account for more information and to sign up. Please call the camp office at 732-821-9155 with any questions. Only 10 spaces are left!!

**Who is ready to play on the new basketball courts?  
Camp starts in 128 days!**

We're collecting supplies for camp and we need your help! If you have any of the items listed below and would like to donate them, we'd really appreciate it!

- Adult size T-Shirts
- Paper towel rolls
- Legos pieces
- 16 oz. water bottles w/ caps (please rinse them first)

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

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 chance to discover what's inside all a portion of your camp tuition. Check the instructions in your income tax booklet and contact your accountant for additional information.

**Tools 'n Tech**

If you were gainfully employed in 2017 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.

**TAX CREDIT**

# THE STAFF CORNER

Year after year, we look for teachers who are the best of the best to join our Eagle's Landing staff. In this newsletter, we're going to tell you about three special people you'll see this summer at camp.

The first person is our new Sports Coordinator. Melissa is currently a Physical Education teacher in East Brunswick High School as well as a Max Fitness instructor. Melissa was a camper her entire life and she is very excited to join us this year with her two children. Melissa lives locally with her husband, who is also a Physical Education teacher, and their son and daughter. We are very excited to welcome Melissa and she comes to us with a bunch of new program ideas. Don't worry about Abby, who has been supervising the Sports Program at Eagle's Landing for the past 5 years; she is returning in a different area of camp.

Our new Ropes Course was a big hit last year! The specialists were a big part of the success and we welcome back Jamie for her second summer as the Ropes Coordinator! Jamie is in the perfect area of camp because she's always looking for ways to make our campers feel good about themselves. She is warm, kind and looks for the best in everyone. Last summer she worked with over 300 campers so they could develop confidence and climb the high elements course. Jamie, along with



two additional instructors, operate the Ropes Course. Jamie also lives locally and grew up in the area. She is currently teaching and is a softball coach as well. Every time we see Jamie around camp it makes us smile.

The third person in our Staff Corner is another superstar returning in a much different capacity. Carlen, who currently teaches Anatomy and other AP Science courses in East Brunswick High School, will be back for another summer. Last summer, she supervised our STEM program and everyone loved her classes. This year, Carlen moved into a supervisory position as our Program Coordinator. Carlen will work with all of the specialists around camp as a support system helping them with lesson plans and supplies. Carlen is a HUGE Eagle's fan and she is SUPER happy (just like Ruth Ann) that the Eagle's won the Super Bowl. Carlen comes to camp with her son, Elliott, who has a never ending smile on his face. We are very excited to introduce and re-introduce these 3 staff members to you and we look forward to a **One-of-a-KIND Summer!**



## STAY LATES OR OVERNIGHTS?

Last summer marked a change in our decades-old program of camper Overnights. After reviewing feedback from our camp families, last summer we switched all camper grades to Stay Lates. Everyone was picked up by 9pm so we could sleep in our own beds and be rested for the next day. At the end of camp last year we re-evaluated and decided to make a change once again for 2018.

With much consideration, this summer we think we have settled on the perfect compromise for the Stay Late/Overnight discussion. After listening and reading all of the feedback from this past summer, we decided to bring back Overnights! Each Division, grades 3-8, will have one Overnight and one Stay Late this summer. All of the Overnights are scheduled during the first four weeks and all of the Stay Lates will be the second four weeks and stay until 9pm. The LIT/CIT campers will stay the same with two Stay Lates that will end at 10pm. The 2nd grade campers have their Stay Late until 7:45pm.

If you have any questions about how we run the Stay Lates or Overnights, please reach out to us and we can explain in greater detail.



## TRIBES

This is the third summer we will be having tribes at camp! Each year we find ways to make tribes more and more significant for our campers. This summer, we are dedicating a Special Day during week 2 to Tribes and we are taking it to a whole new level! The first Tribal Day will be Gladiator-style and Shira, our Special Events Coordinator, has some super special activities planned. Put your game faces on and get ready to see who the Tribal Gladiator winner will be!



# 2018 SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR DAILY DETAILS

### Week 1

**Monday:** Welcome to camp! We're happy to see you!  
**Tuesday:** Show us your silliest and craziest sunglasses.  
**Wednesday:** Comic Con comes to camp! Come dressed as your favorite super heroes, Star Wars, cartoon characters and more!  
**Thursday:** Bring your smile and get your ELDC shirt for picture day.  
**Friday:** Wear your clothes backwards today!

### Week 2

**Monday:** Come to camp with your moustache and mohawk!  
**Tuesday:** Wear red, white and blue today. Show your spirit!  
**Wednesday:** Camp is closed. Happy 4th of July. We'll miss you!  
**Thursday:** Our four tribes will compete in challenges for the most points. Dress in your tribe color and come ready to play!  
**Friday:** Dance the day away with music by the pool.

### Week 3

**Monday:** We want to see your silliest socks!  
**Tuesday:** Wear your favorite ELDC t-shirt and show camp spirit!  
**Wednesday:** Get ready for Wet and Wild Day with water slides, fire hoses and tons of water filled fun!  
**Thursday:** Wear green for our day of Earth friendly activities.  
**Friday:** Prepare for physical and mental challenges all over camp!

### Week 4

**Monday:** Dress up in clothes from your favorite decade.  
**Tuesday:** What's your favorite emoji?  
**Wednesday:** Feel like you're inside the computer game with our Virtual Reality activities.  
**Thursday:** Wear your favorite tutu and tie!  
**Friday:** Wear Division colors! Look for a note sent home this week.

### Week 5

**Monday:** What could the mystery be?  
**Tuesday:** A different fitness routine at every activity.  
**Wednesday:** Get ready for slime, physical challenges and all the madness of Double Dare! Come dressed for mess!  
**Thursday:** Wear your favorite sports shirt or jersey.  
**Friday:** Who will win the Ga-Ga Madness Tournament?

### Week 6

**Monday:** We will be collecting donations for those in need.  
**Tuesday:** Show off your tattoos!  
**Wednesday:** Soar through games from your favorite books, and don't forget to dress as your favorite character!  
**Thursday:** Hop in the pool for our swim meet with Country Roads.  
**Friday:** Show your ELDC pride by wearing blue and gold.

### Week 7

**Monday:** 1st graders wear your PJs for breakfast, and 2nd graders get ready for a night of ELDC fun! Camper pickup is at 7:45pm.  
**Tuesday:** Wear your favorite band t-shirt. Do you like The Beatles?  
**Wednesday:** Fun for everyone at the Carnival!  
**Thursday:** Lower campers show off your dance moves!  
**Friday:** How crazy can your hair be?

### Week 8

**Monday:** Dress like your grandparents!  
**Tuesday:** Wear your favorite tie-dye clothes!  
**Wednesday:** Our 3-10th graders rehearse all summer for these performances. Parents are invited to the evening shows.  
**Thursday:** Which tribe will win? Dress in your tribe colors!  
**Friday:** We're sad camp is over, but let's make your last day the Best Day Ever!