

Don't miss
our next
OPEN HOUSE
May 12, 11-3 pm



THE GOLDEN EAGLE

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"Watch your children soar"

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From the Directors:



The weather is finally changing and **camp is in the air!** Every day that we walk into Camp, we see changes occurring everywhere. We look out the windows and see the grass being cut, the tents are up, flowers are being planted, the food deliveries are arriving, buildings are being painted, and 40 cartons of backpacks are being unloaded from the delivery truck as we write this article! On the inside we see programming updates, daily deliveries of equipment and supplies, and transportation changes as our office staff prepares for opening day. There's so much to do and camp will be here before you know it!

Last month we had the opportunity to gather part of our leadership team and start planning our Staff Orientation. Our Division Leaders, along with some very talented specialists, joined us for an evening of discussion to decide which issues are important to cover at our Staff Orientation in June. **Every year we try to create interesting presentations to convey important topics** such as, how to speak to children so they hear you, working with children with special needs or social anxieties, and lots more. We are truly fortunate to have such a wonderful group of teachers leading our staff training this year.

There's lots of work happening outside! The new basketball courts are being striped, 25 tons of new sand is being delivered for the volleyball court, and 40 tons of infield mix tops off our baseball diamond (that's a lot of raking)! New families are coming for tours and they all comment on how incredibly green our grass grows! We have our own private "Turf Consultant" who guides us on prepping, seeding and irrigation so we have state-of-the-art fields for our campers. Now that the weather is staying above 50 degrees, it's time to open our pools! The covers came off this week and they're being filled with clean water for the upcoming season.

Be sure to read your emails! As camp approaches we send out emails with information about forms, transportation, orientation dates and more! We're using a new messaging system to text you updates and important information. Although it may not be from the same phone number each time, all messages will let you know that they're coming from Eagle's Landing.

"Like" us on Facebook! If you are not "connected" with us then you're missing the latest, up-to-date news, photos and activity ideas. You can also find us on Twitter

and Instagram (@eagleslandingdc). Have your kids follow us if they have an account. If you or your kids have a ELDC photo they would like to post, send it to brian@eldc.camp.

Camp enrollment is closing as soon as our groups fill to capacity. If you have not yet enrolled for this summer, don't wait any longer! We're fortunate that 88% of our families have re-enrolled and new families are calling every day. We've had a busy spring season as families from nearby camps have been making the switch to Eagle's Landing. It's hard to keep the secret that Eagle's Landing is the best place on earth! We've have finalized the number of groups for this summer and once they're filled, we will start a waiting list.

As a reminder, if you refer a new family (or two) to Eagle's Landing and they enroll for 2018, we will credit your account with a **\$100 bonus per family!** In this economy, we are trying to help our loyal families. We had one family this year who referred five new families to enroll and they saved \$500. We are always here for you so don't hesitate to call us or send an email to RuthAnn@eldc.camp.

Enjoy the spring weather and we will see you soon!

- Ruth Ann and Barry



CAMP CALENDAR

We get lots of questions from parents and staff about our camp calendar days and which ones are dress-up days. Every Wednesday is a Special Event Day and always a great time to show your spirit by wearing a costume or outfit that matches the theme. As requested, this year we have added an additional page to help parents and campers understand each Special Day. There are a bunch of new themed days as well as Wednesday Special Days. These such as **Rainbow Day, Mathlete vs. Athlete Day** and **Grandparents Day** are a few of the new calendar days you'll see. Shira has



already bought her crazy socks, a brand new tutu and who knows what she'll do for Mustaches and Mohawks! Check out the calendar online in your CampMinder Account!

{WHO WANTS SOME
GRILLED CHEESE CROUTONS?}

camp starts
in 50 days!



Stage Left

Devon, our Drama Director, is changing things up for show auditions. If you are interested in being a part of the show for grades 5-9, Willy Wonka, Jr., Devon asks that you audition for a specific part. The **Drama Show Audition Form** in your **CampMinder** account details everything you need to know and includes character descriptions and links to music.

Campers interested in joining the show for grades 3-4 can sing a song of their choice and will read a scene from Daisy in Disguise during their audition.

Auditions for both shows are scheduled for:
Mon, June 11 & Tues, June 12 from 8 pm-9 pm

We ask everyone to audition on one of the two dates above so we can cast and start rehearsals during week 1. Please contact Ruth Ann or Brian with any questions at 732-821-9155.

SIGN UP FOR THE BUS WHILE THERE ARE STILL SEATS LEFT!!

Camp is filling up quickly and available seats on our buses and vans are almost gone! We expect to close three of our bus routes soon after our May 12 Open House (Please join us at camp from 11 to 3pm and bring your friends!)



Our office phones have been ringing off the hook, and we have been giving new families tours every weekend (we're here 7 days a week this time of year!) We are about to start waiting lists for two age groups, so don't wait if you're not already enrolled! The Eagle's Landing name has spread thanks to all of our existing families. This is the first summer we will have to turn campers away, so please log in to CampMinder and sign your campers up so we can guarantee your spot.



There's no app for this!

EAGLE'S LANDING GEAR

The **Eagle's Landing Camp Store** is back and better than ever. This year, we're placing weekly orders to keep the price low for our families and staff. We don't charge for shipping, so orders will be available at camp at the end of each week and you can pick it up for free, or we can send it home in your camper's bag during the summer.

The first order will be available for pick-up on June 24 at **SPRING INTO SUMMER**. Log on to the **Camp Store** from the **ELDC Families** section on our website, EaglesLandingDayCamp.com. You can browse all of the fabulous merchandise and shop online.

All staff members must have **STAFF** imprinted on the back of their items. We ask that the camper families do not allow their campers to put staff on their clothing.

SWIM LESSONS

Private swim lessons are available again this summer. For 2018, we are offering 4:15, 4:45, and 5:15 lesson times, Monday through Thursday. Last year, they filled quickly and we ran out of available slots, so don't wait if you're interested.

Private lessons are \$30 for each 30-minute session and will be scheduled by Lauren, our Aquatics Co-Coordinator. If you are interested please contact her at swimlessons@eagleslandingdaycamp.com or call the camp office and speak with Ruth Ann at 732-821-9155.

ARTS & CRAFTS!

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

- Newspapers
- Comic Books
- Large T-shirts or Button Down Shirts
- Denim Jeans
- Baby Food Jars
- Mason Jars with lids
- 8 oz. Water Bottles

Items can be dropped off at the office any time!

Tools 'n Tech



Campers in grades 3-10 have the option of picking our **Tools 'n Tech Elective** again this summer. Tools 'n Tech gives our gadget gurus the chance to discover what's inside all that electronic equipment. We are accepting donations of electronic equipment (working or not) for the campers to use. We will pick up any donations or you can drop it off at camp. Due to potential hazards, we can not accept TVs or CRT computer monitors. Please call us at 732-821-9155.



2018 Camp Orientation Dates:

June 11: 3rd/4th Grade Meet and Greet (7 - 8 pm)

June 12: 5th Grade Meet and Greet (7 - 8 pm)

June 12: 6th/7th/8th Grade Trip Orientation (7 - 8 pm)

June 13: Kiddie Kingdom Meet and Greet (6:30 - 7:30 pm)*

June 14: 1st/2nd Grade Meet and Greet (7 - 8 pm)

June 24: Spring into Summer - All Ages! (1:00 - 3:30 pm)

June 25: CAMP BEGINS!!!



Camp will be closed on July 4

***Kiddie Kingdom Meet and Greet Changed to June 13**



TRIBAL GAMES

Campers will participate in a summer-long competition called Tribes. Campers will be divided into 4 different teams at the beginning of the summer and will take part in weekly competitions. At the end of each week, a winner will be announced and an overall winner for the summer will be declared on Tribal Day during week 8. Once you become part of a tribe, it will be your tribe for every summer. The tribes at Eagle's Landing are the **Blue Eldings**, the **Yellow Ladings**, the **Green Delcans** and the **Red Camdels**.



we love visitors!

We would like to say hi to all of our new and returning campers and welcome to our family! Camp is looking beautiful and our facility is almost ready to welcome back our campers. By May 15, our camp is set up and ready to go. We believe that our beautiful property should be used and enjoyed by our camp families. So, if you would like to schedule a play date at camp with someone in your child's group, or if you would like to come to camp with your kids after school, give us a call or e-mail Ruth Ann at ruthann@eldc.camp and she will send you the contact information for moms and dads of campers in your child's group!



Campers who spend time on the property before camp begins feel more comfortable once the season starts. Less stress, more smiles and great memories are why Eagle's Landing is everyone's Happy Place!

