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## New Camp Director for Eagle Sky of the Ozarks



*Pam & Jim Garr*

One of the changes that took place at Eagle Sky Camp this Fall was the hiring of a Camp Director... who happens to be me! My name is Jim Garr and my family and I moved to Eagle Sky from Columbia, Missouri.

My career has included a 27 year stint with the Missouri Department of Conservation and the past few years were spent at Shelter Insurance Inc. My background and experiences are unique and I'm happy to share those details with whomever may be interested.

I am married to a wonderful woman, Pam, who joined me here at Camp in late December. We have two amazing daughters Casey and Hayley. Pam's work life has been filled with a variety of experiences also. She owned and operated a start-up business, worked in retail management with a National firm, and spent the past ten years at the University of Missouri. Her diverse experience in many areas of business will be of value here at Eagle Sky too! This has been an amazing journey for my family and I and we are so excited

to be at Eagle Sky! We firmly believe we are here because this is the place that God has prepared for us to be!

As Director, I want to be open and transparent. I want to provide the leadership, tools, and vision necessary to make Eagle Sky of the Ozarks the greatest Camp ever. I want everyone who visits our camp, sends their kids to camp, or has any other interest, to be comfortable in sharing their thoughts and ideas with me. No one person has all of the answers, but together we are more than any one of us alone. It is my prayer that you will join with me in this ministry.

Over the course of the next few newsletters, I plan to share more of my



background, experiences, and some of the plans for Eagle Sky of the Ozarks Camp. This is truly an exciting place to be and I can't wait to share more of it!

Among the many different responsibilities I have here at Camp, one of them includes creating a quarterly newsletter. My philosophy of newsletters is that they should do one of three things; 1) provide information,

2) educate, or 3) create interest. If you have thoughts or ideas that you'd like to see included in a future newsletter, please contact me and let me know your thoughts. I'd love to hear from you! Contact me at [Director@EagleSky.com](mailto:Director@EagleSky.com)

This issue of The Eagles' View serves as a turning point for the Camp. New leadership is joining a fantastic, hardworking, committed group of people as we move into a new phase. While construction around the Camp will be ongoing, we will be increasing effort and focus on the operational side. This means we are nearing an opening of Eagle Sky Camp to campers! Much work remains before the first camper arrives, but today more than ever, we are one step closer to allowing you to experience the love of God in this magnificent place we call Eagle Sky!

Family is very important to me. I can't wait until the Eagle Sky Family grows and we welcome new members to the family, one camper at a time!



## What's the Prognosis Doc?

**D**ictionary.com defines prognosis as: "a forecast or prognostication." I think what they are trying to tell us is simply...it's a prediction. So what is the prognosis or forecast currently for Eagle Sky of the Ozarks, you ask? Great question, and we will answer part of that shortly.

In this newsletter and future editions, we will share some of the happenings, what's changed, and perhaps even some of our hurdles. We share in hopes that our supporters and followers would take a moment out of their busy

day to offer a prayer that God's will and direction be done here at Camp.

Those of you who have received this newsletter over the past few years are aware of some of the set-backs and delays we've experienced. Some of those delays were anticipated and a part of the planning process. Any project of this magnitude experiences a few unforeseen issues. The need to rely on other people, companies, and in some cases Federal, State, and local organizations; often is outside of our direct control.

Our number one priority and issue today is exactly the same. Getting water to the camp for our campers is our biggest hurdle. Yes, there is water available through a few different options, including Eagle Sky wells and the Wayne County Public Water Supply District.

The water supply issue must be resolved before we can move forward with burying water lines and supplying much needed water to cabins, kitchens, showers, water fountains, etc. Your prayers for a quick resolution to this issue would be appreciated.

## Warehouse Manager Joins the Team

**A**s we grow and move towards hosting our first camper at Eagle Sky of the Ozarks, we will need additional staff. Our belief is that in order to run a first class camp, we must employ quality, competent staff who support our mission.

In line with that employment philosophy, Dave Morad joined our full-time staff late last summer as our new Warehouse Manager. Dave is joined at Camp by his wife Esther and their two children Sarah and Ryan.

that number in mind you can also envision we will need somewhere between 500 to 1,000 staff on site to take care of all the needs of those 4,000 campers. Thus the need for warehouses!



ers will need lots of storage space! Dave is responsible for the storage space in the three warehouses that are currently on site. Without a doubt, he will become a very busy man once we start moving supplies in and out of those buildings trying to keep up with the needs of a small city.

Our warehouse Manager will be called upon to keep our inventory up to date, monitor what is needed, and be able to predict when we need more. After all, nobody wants to be without the necessities. Wise allocation of those items will be an important part to ensuring good stewardship of those necessary supplies.



Imagine, if you will, a city of almost 5,000 people. OK, maybe you can't imagine 5,000 people at one time... so scale it back and think about your family. What does your family need on a daily basis? Some of the basics are easy to think of; water, food, a place to sleep, protection from the weather, etc. The family also needs supplies. They need toilet paper, trash bags, food, light bulbs, brooms, lawn mowers and the list goes on. Get the idea? A camp with 4,000 camp-

We hope you will join us in welcoming the Morad's to the Eagle Sky family. We are happy you are here!

"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."

1 Corinthians 4:2

The current final build out plan for Eagle Sky of the Ozarks includes over 4,000 bunks for campers! Yes, that number is correct - four thousand! With

## Updates Around Camp

### The Bridge...

**W**e are so proud and excited about the bridge that is located near the camp entrance. We believe it helps set the stage for campers and visitors of the awesomeness to expect here at Eagle Sky. We are blessed with an amazing God and the creations he has given us are unique and amazing in their own right. Creating a bridge that draws ooo's and ahh's from our guests will help us establish right up front a pathway to connecting them to our awe inspiring Creator.



The plans and construction of Eagle Sky throws open the door for our campers to ask the natural question or state the obvious fact: this place is amazing! To that we will have a natural reply - "if you think this bridge, or this cabin, or this counselor is amazing, wait until I tell you more about the God who made all of this possible." He is so much more than all of this! It will serve as a natural in ministry introduction and relationship building conversation.

By design, the buildings at this camp will help introduce our visitors to that perspective right away. Initiating conversations like these will help us to begin to explore, bridge, explore, and strengthen that connection between them and God.

### North Camp...

**W**ork continues on the four triplex cabins. Construction Manager Glenn Brown says that barring any unforeseen issues they should be ready for campers by this summer.



We have shown pictures of these cabins before, but every time we check on the progress of the construction, they scream, take new pictures! They truly are amazing! The beauty from the outside will be one of the first things you will notice...but once you step inside one of these buildings, you will fall in love with the whole place.

The craftsmanship and attention to detail put into these cabins will be obvious to everyone who sees them, let alone the campers who will get to spend some incredible days and nights in this place. We can't wait to see the excitement of our Campers when they first see these cabins.



### The Elk...

**H**aving spent many years with the MO Department of Conservation and several years as a Wildlife Management Biologist, you can imagine how proud I am of this guy! Currently Eagle Sky has about 25 elk on the property. They are located along the camp entrance road to allow visitors to take pictures of them and enjoy the majesty of creation. A small roadside pull-off will allow those interested an opportunity to pull over for



a short time to enjoy the animals and perhaps a chance to say a more private goodbye to their camper before they arrive at camp central. We believe the animals lend themselves perfectly to our "awesome" theme and they will help us introduce visitors to the Creator of all things.

### The Eagle Sky Experience

We believe God has plans for Eagle Sky of the Ozarks to be a mountain-top experience for all of our campers and visitors. Even our mountain-top express the beauty and majesty of His creation. We can't wait for you to come visit and see for yourself.



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## Who We Are

### OUR MISSION:

*Eagle Sky of the Ozarks' mission is to provide a unique camp environment where everyone is challenged to grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ.*

### OUR CORE VALUES:

*Eagle Sky of the Ozarks is committed to:*

- **The Lordship of Jesus Christ.**
- **Christ-like work ethic:** *with every thought, word, and deed contributing to the fulfillment of the Mission Statement of Eagle Sky of the Ozarks.*
- **Personal integrity:** *in both public and private life.*
- **Stewardship:** *of the Lord's resources in the environment, in the facilities, in the staff and in our finances.*
- **Vision:** *to remain relevant in meeting the ever changing needs of campers and staff.*

• **Safety and Security:** *providing a program and facilities that focus on safety and security for all participants.*

### OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH:

*Eagle Sky of the Ozarks' focus will be upon Jesus as our Lord and Savior; and out of that, on the education, recreation, and the spiritual growth and development of the whole person.*

*Eagle Sky of the Ozarks holds Five Fundamental Truths that are Pillars of the Faith:*

**ONE GOD:** *We believe in the Godhead, consisting of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

**JESUS CHRIST:** *We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born of a Virgin, conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

**SAVIOR and REDEEMER:** *We believe Jesus Christ died to save us from our sin,*

*that He was resurrected from the dead and as our Lord and Savior is the way to Heaven and Eternal Life.*

**SECOND COMING:** *We believe Jesus Christ will come again, in glory and honor, to judge the living and the dead.*

**BIBLE:** *We believe the Bible is the inspired, living Word of God and is the only reference for Christian Faith, Doctrine, and Conduct.*

### OUR VISION:

*Eagle Sky of the Ozarks has embraced a challenge to build and operate, in the Missouri Ozarks, the finest camping and retreat facilities available for utilization by church groups and other Christian organizations.*

## Prayer Closet

Eagle Sky of the Ozarks will need additional staff as we draw closer to the day we host our first campers. Staff with experience in all facets of camp are needed. We ask that you pray for qualified, committed individuals to be lead here.

Please pray for our Camp Leadership Team and that they will



have the vision and courage to boldly represent the Christian values of Eagle Sky while moving forward with plans for the future.

Finally, pray for all of the Eagle Sky future campers. Pray that they will grow in the faith daily and serve the Living God with every ounce of energy they have.