# Exciting Camp SAY News!

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A Summer Camp For Young People Who Stutter

Camp SAY 2022 will be hosted at ...

Beginning in the summer of 2022, Camp SAY will be hosted at **Camp Eagle Hill**, one of the premiere camp facilities on the east coast located in the picturesque Hudson Valley region of New York, 90 miles north of New York City.

Take a virtual tour at: **bit.ly/CampSAY2022** 







Beautiful camp settings ...

Eagle Hill has been family-owned and operated since it was founded in 1963. The 200-acre, state-of-the-art camp with updated and impeccably maintained facilities surrounds a spring-fed lake. This welcoming setting immediately inspires a sense of community, which resonates deeply for us as a core value.







Spectacular facilities...

The cheerful dining room is a perfect space to share delicious and nutritious meals with friends. We are excited about the potential to add the culinary arts as an activity at Camp SAY! Eagle Hill will be able to accommodate all the same dietary restrictions as Pocono Springs, so we've still got you covered!









Campers will enjoy comfortable, newly-renovated cabins, complete with modern bathrooms and breezy porches. Eagle Hill's facilities include a spacious Activities Center, a large gymnasium & theater space, a unique Creative Arts Center, a beautiful Recreation Hall, and a brand-new tented picnic area.









Tremendous Activities...

Just like Pocono Springs Camp, Eagle Hill offers an extensive variety of activities and challenges that will allow campers to safely expand their comfort zones, including:

- 2 Heated Pools
- 8 Tennis Courts
- 2 Baseball Fields
- 5 Basketball Courts
- 2 Soccer Fields
- 3 Volleyball Courts
- Dance Studio
- Theater Tech Studio
- Indoor Gymnasium
  & Theater Space

- Archery Range
- Ropes Course
- Climbing Wall
- Zip Line
- Hiking & Nature Trails
- Campout Site
- Ampitheater
- Creative Arts Studios
- Tented Picnic Area
- A spring-fed lake with an expansive new dock, water slide, and an inflatable iceberg offers lakefront fun like swimming, canoeing, kayaking, and paddle boarding.
- Abundant outdoor field space for added team-building activities & athletics.











Campers will also participate in a broad range of innovative and dynamic programming to build confidence and communication skills, including performing arts, improv, debate, group performances, and more - all within Eagle Hill's spectacular indoor and outdoor facilities.





Bnilding self-confidence & friendships ...

Campers will continue to explore their own unique talents by experiencing a wide variety of activities and discovering what they are most excited and passionate about.



























Our Camp SAY Team

What really makes Camp SAY so special is its energetic, caring, enthusiastic and committed team. Camp SAY Director Travis Robertson and SAY's Executive Director Noah Cornman will be there to oversee all camp activities, and SAY Founder Taro Alexander will be an integral part of the Camp SAY experience, as always.

Travis, Noah, and Taro continue to be supported by an unparalleled team that understands the unique challenges faced by children who stutter. Our entire staff is dedicated to creating a safe, accepting, and inclusive environment, where every child can discover their own beautiful voice.





















## Creating life-changing experiences together ...

Camp SAY looks forward to creating incredible experiences and memories in 2022, and beyond, at Camp Eagle Hill.

Together we will continue Camp SAY's tradition of helping campers achieve tremendous personal success, build confidence and independence, and creating friendships and memories to last a lifetime.

We are such a strong family at Camp SAY.



# CAMPSAY: Moves to Eagle Hill in 2022! FAQs

## Why is Camp SAY moving?

Pocono Springs Camp in Pennsylvania has been Camp SAY's home for four years and we have made many incredible memories over those years. However, Pocono Springs informed us that they want to change their business operations starting in 2022. Their new model sadly will not work for Camp SAY to host our 2-week camp there in 2022, and beyond. In anticipation of this change, we conducted an extensive search in the fall of 2020 and have found the ideal new home for Camp SAY: Camp Eagle Hill!

## Why did we choose Eagle Hill over other camps?

As soon as we walked onto Camp Eagle Hill, it felt like home for us. We could envision Camp SAY campers and staff filling the beautiful spaces there with joy and love. It felt like Camp SAY!

Camp Eagle Hill (campeaglehill.com) is one of the premiere camp facilities on the east coast, located 90 miles north of New York City. The camp is family-owned and operated, founded in 1963 and now run by the son and daughter of the original owners. Their incredible, state-of-the-art camp facility, specially designed with spacious bunks and exceptional camp activities and facilities, surrounds a beautiful lake. The majority of their facilities have been built over the last 25 years, and many areas of camp have recently been updated or renovated, keeping Eagle Hill a beautiful and modern camp facility. The inspiring setting immediately creates a sense of community, which resonates deeply for us as a core value.

Camp Eagle Hill is a great long-term partner for us, as they have a shorter-term summer camp model which allows us to run our Camp SAY program during our ideal weeks in the summer! We've longed to be able to start our program earlier in the summer to accommodate campers who start their school year in early August – and at Camp Eagle Hill, we are able to begin a full week earlier than in years past, allowing for more of our Camp SAY community to attend! Also, we are able to begin and end Camp SAY on a weekend, making transportation more convenient for families.

#### Will the dates be the same for Camp SAY as prior years?

The dates will be a little different than in years past – we will be able to begin camp a week earlier than before, and camp will likewise end a week earlier than before. Camp will still be 2 full weeks of incredible fun! Camp SAY 2022 will run from Sunday, July 24th, through Sunday, August 7th.

## How will my child get to camp?

You still have many options! This new location is VERY similar to where we've been in terms of distance from New York City, and Newark Airport. So travel options are the same as before. Here are the different ways campers will be able to get to Camp SAY at Camp Eagle Hill:

• **Driving:** Campers can be dropped off and picked up directly at Camp Eagle Hill in Elizaville, New York (90 miles from New York City and 200 miles from Philadelphia).

• <u>Camp Bus</u>: On Arrival Day and Departure Day, we will rent a charter bus to bring campers from New York City to Camp Eagle Hill. The meeting point for the will likely be at a convenient location in midtown Manhattan.

• **Flying**: Campers can fly into Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) or one of the other New York City airports. As always, one or more Camp SAY Staff members will meet campers at the gate, help them retrieve their luggage, and drive them on to camp. We are also planning on offering at least one group flight from Charlotte, NC, and one additional group flight from Houston, TX, each chaperoned by dedicated and trained Camp SAY Staff.

We are dedicated to working with each family to make this transition as smooth and seamless as possible. With that in mind, we are as always, prepared to offer financial support for travel to ensure that camp continues to be accessible to every family.

#### How can I visit the new location for Camp SAY?

We would love to have you come visit the new camp location, prior to the summer of 2022! We are planning a date in the fall of 2021 to welcome family members, friends and other guests to come to an Open House at the new location. We will share that date as soon as it's set! If you can't join us in person, we welcome you to join us online and we can give you a virtual tour. If you are interested in visiting the new Camp SAY location at another time, please get in touch with us to schedule a time to make that happen (212-414-9696 or travis@say.org).

### What new activities will be offered at camp?

Camp Eagle Hill's incredible facility offers so much in terms of activities! The facility includes 2 kickball fields, 5 basketball courts, 8 tennis courts, 2 soccer fields, and 3 volleyball courts! Their spring-fed lake is in the middle of camp, with 2 pools, one at either side of the lake. There's a large new dock with fun activities like a water slide and an inflatable "iceberg." There are a large number of small watercraft available for use in the lake. There's also a new archery area, a ropes course, nature area, campout site, hiking trails, ropes course, zip line, and an impressive and majestic Climbing Tower!

Additionally, few camps possess the number of large indoor areas that exist at Eagle Hill. We are excited to be able to offer more activities using the incredible indoor spaces, including their gym, known as Big Red, which houses a performing space as well, their mixed arts building known as Little Red, which houses a brand new state-of-the-art dance studio, their beautiful rec hall, The Lodge, which offers ample space for all types of activities (including ping pong tables, pool tables and air hockey!), and their large Creative Arts Center, The Barn, will provide an awesome new home for our Arts & Crafts programs!

## What about the activities my child already loves?

All of us here at Camp SAY are excited to bring our dynamic programming and activities to Eagle Hill. We will still have all of our performing and creative arts activities (arts & crafts, pottery, drawing, dance, singing, creative writing, music, improv, theater, and more!) and all of our athletic activities (basketball, soccer, kickball, tennis, volleyball, and more!).

### Will the Directors and Leadership Staff from past years be at Camp SAY at Eagle Hill?

Yes! Travis, Noah, Taro, Julia, LaDarius, and the rest of the Camp SAY Leadership Team plan to celebrate our 15th season with you at Eagle Hill in 2022, and beyond!

## What else will change about Camp SAY?

Not much! Camp SAY will still be the same positive, supportive, encouraging environment where young people who stutter and their young family members and friends can come together as a community and build self-confidence. And we will continue to have lots and lots of fun! We look forward to keeping you in the Camp SAY Family and working with you to make this transition as easy, smooth, and positive as possible.

## What are the cabins like at Eagle Hill?

The cabins are BEAUTIFUL and SPACIOUS! They are wood frame constructed cabins, all newly renovated, safe, and quite comfortable, each complete with large porches and full bathrooms. All of the cabins contain only single wooden beds, have attic fans, large spaces for clothing storage and plenty of open floor space for group fun.

## What will the food be like at Eagle Hill?

We are confident that the food at Eagle Hill will be delicious and nutritious! Also, we are excited about the potential to add cooking/culinary arts as an activity at Camp SAY. Eagle Hill will also be able to accommodate all the same dietary restrictions as Pocono Springs, so we've still got you covered!

### Wait, this is for Camp SAY 2022? Is anything changing for Camp SAY 2021?

Camp SAY is moving to Eagle Hill in 2022, next summer. Camp SAY 2021, this coming summer, will still take place at Pocono Springs Camp in East Stroudsburg, PA! It will be a very special summer, as we celebrate a return to in-person camp, as well as making it a special last summer at Pocono Springs.

## Will the trition go up for Camp SAY 2022?

We are dedicated to making Camp SAY affordable for all of our families. Tuition does increase from time to time, and may next year, however our commitment to our Sliding Scale Tuition model remains the same, and we will always, always work with each family to ensure that finances are not standing in the way of your child attending Camp SAY.

## What about our favorite Camp SAY traditions?

Yes! The Camp SAY traditions will come with us to Eagle Hill in 2022 and beyond. We will still rock out the Dance Party, Campfires, S'mores, Buddy Day, Family Day, Teams Day and Championship Games, Visiting Day and the big Confident Voices Show, and, of course, we can't wait to hear Morning Song every morning! Speaking of Visiting Day and the Confident Voices Show, we will welcome all visitors to come and celebrate a day of camper performances next year. Visitors will also have the opportunity to enjoy a scrumptious lunch with campers, take a tour of the camp, and maybe even join one of the camp activities!

#### What if my family lives closer to Pocono Springs Camp than to Camp Eagle Hill?

We feel confident that we can support each family in this transition to Eagle Hill. We have done this before: From 2008–2010, Camp SAY took place in the Catskill Mountains in New York State. Then, in 2011, we moved Camp SAY to Blue Star in North Carolina. At that time, the vast majority of our campers came from the New York area. We worked closely with each family to ensure they could still come. We started providing a chaperoned group flight from New York City to North Carolina. In 2018 we moved to Pocono Springs in East Stroudburg, PA, and have offered a chaperoned flight from Charlotte, and Houston. We will continue to offer those chaperoned flights next summer. We remain dedicated to working with each family to make Camp SAY as accessible as possible for everyone.



