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**What: 2024 Eagle Camp Invite Letter**

**Date:** Thursday, August 15, 2024

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (Students)

11:00-12:00 Parents/Guardians for Middle School 101 – Auditorium

**Where:** Discovery Middle School

**Who:** All 2024-25 Discovery 6th Grade Students (Eagle Camp)

All 2024-25 Discovery Parents/Guardians (Middle School 101)

Dear Discovery Students and Parents/Guardians,

We would like to invite all incoming 6th grade students to Discovery's 2024-25 Eagle Camp on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Students will enter through the Main Entrance, Door 30 which will open at 9:30 and we will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. Eagle Camp plays an important role in easing students' transition from elementary to middle school.

## What is Eagle Camp?

Students will meet their Teachers, Administrators, Counselors, School Nurse, and tour the school. They will also learn procedures and expectations so they will know what to expect as a middle schooler. 6th graders will not start out the school year with lockers but will learn how to use them during the school year, so they don't have to worry about their locker combinations and lockers on their first days of school. 6th graders will receive their 2024-25 student schedule in the mail prior to camp. You will receive a BrightArrow message in early August letting you know when these have been mailed out. The students' team name is on their schedule. They will be on the Astros, Challengers, or Cosmos team. Designated seating for each team will be clearly marked in Gym 1, and your student will sit with their team at the start of camp. It is a good idea for them to have a copy of their schedule also. Please do not have them take a picture of it on their phones as phones will not be allowed out during Eagle Camp. Parents/guardians, please do your best to drop your child off at the front doors and our awesome Eagle Camp Student Leaders will assist your child through the process of getting settled into the gym.

## What is Middle School 101?

This is to help parents/guardians get better acquainted with their child's transition to middle school. It will be held from 11:00 am-12:00 pm in the Discovery Auditorium and will address the following:

- PowerSchool Features for Parents/Guardians
- Personal Learning Device Usage
- School Communication
- The Guidelines for Success
- Student Handbook Particulars
  - Attendance
  - Dress Code
  - Cell Phones and electronic devices

- Lunchroom and Breakfast/Lunch Payments
- Activities and Co-Curricular Code
- Any Questions You May Have

Please enter through Auditorium Door 28, which will open at 10:45.

## **When is Eagle Camp?**

Eagle Camp will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 12:15 pm. Parents/guardians, please drop your student(s) off in one of the two drop-off parking lots (South parking lot on south side of Discovery by 40th Avenue or the West parking lot by the tennis courts). Prior to coming, please review these [Student Drop Off Procedures](#). This will be much like how drop-off will occur during the school year. Students will be met by staff and student helpers and escorted to the check-in area on this day. All students should be picked up promptly at 12:15 at a location that both you and your child discussed. Please plan with your child so they know where you will be picking them up.

## **What do students bring to Eagle Camp?**

- Students should wear comfortable shoes for walking around the building.
- They should not bring any supplies or backpacks.
- They should bring a copy of their 6th grade 2024-25 schedule (please do not have them take a picture of it on their cell phones, they should bring a paper copy)
- They may have their cell phones to ease with pickup after Eagle Camp, but cell phones will not be allowed during Eagle Camp. They must be either turned off or silent.

## **What if a student can't attend?**

Students, along with their parents/guardians, will have another chance to visit Discovery on Back to School Night, Thursday, August 22nd from 5:00-5:30 p.m. Back to School Night will give the students another chance to meet their teachers, see their classrooms, and walk their schedules. At Back to School Night, they can bring their school supplies. More information will be in the August newsletter regarding where they will keep their supplies. Rest assured that there will be plenty of staff those first few days of school to help your student navigate the building.

This letter is also linked on our DMS Website at <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/discovery>

Please also check out our Discovery Middle School Virtual Tour on the [DMS Website](#) under About Us-Discovery Tour. Here is the direct [link](#).

## **What if my student requires accommodations?**

If your student requires accommodations to access Eagle Camp, please contact Brandon Larson, (Activities/Assistant Principal and 6th Grade Level Principal) at 701-446-3306 by August 12th.

Get ready to “Build a Foundation for Success” during your middle school years! We look forward to meeting you and “Go Eagles!”

## **Discovery Administration 2024-25**

Mrs. Amy Herrick, Principal (7th Grade Level Principal, Building Principal)

Mr. Brandon Larson, Assistant Principal/Activities Director (6th Grade Level Principal)

Mr. Hunter Reinke, Assistant Principal (8th Grade Level Principal)

Mr. Jacob Kienzle, Dean of Students (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

Mrs. Bridgett McMinn, 6th Grade Counselor

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