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**EAGLE RIDGE RESORT & SPA OFFERS AWARD-WINNING GOLF  
AT VALUE DRIVEN RATES FOR 2009 SEASON**

GALENA, Ill. (January 5, 2009) – For those seeking the ultimate Midwest golf destination, look no further than **Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa**. Located 150 miles west of Chicago, the resort stands on 6,800 acres of rolling hills, featuring a wide range of year-round outdoor activities, including its unparalleled golf program. Offering 63 holes of play on four award-winning courses, the resort has been nationally recognized by publications including *Golf Magazine* (ranked in the Top 100 Courses You Can Play for 2008) and *Travel + Leisure Golf* (ranked in the World's Best Golf Resorts for 2008). A perfect marriage of natural landscape and exceptional design by architect Roger Packard, the quality of golf speaks for itself. All four courses are overseen by **Director of Golf Erin Strieck**.

Open year-round, weather permitting, the **North Course** provides an exciting terrain set higher with large undulated greens and fairways. This course was the first course put into play at the resort and is designed for the true golf enthusiast.

A technically challenging course, the **South Course** will open on **April 1, 2009**. The South Course winds through a beautiful wooded valley where streams and creeks come into play on 11 of the 18 holes. It is slightly shorter and the fairways are tighter than the North Course.

The **East Course** is the only nine-hole course, and is a perfect destination for beginners, novices or families who want to simply experience a fun and quick 9-hole play. The East Course will open on **April 10, 2009** and is a par 34, 9-hole course. Complete with scenic views, the East course completes any 18 hole-play.

For golfers seeking the ultimate challenge, **The General**, appropriately named after former President and Galena resident Ulysses S. Grant, offers just that. Opening **April 10, 2009**, The General has 250 feet of elevation changes throughout with spectacular vistas of three states and rock outcroppings. The signature hole, #14, is a par 4 with 180 feet of elevation change from tee to green. Two-time U.S. Open champion Andy North assisted Packard in its award-winning design, which features large elevation changes and an exciting terrain.

**World Class Golf Package**

Stay and golf like a professional without traveling course to course with Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa's World Class Golf Package. Offering two night, three day accommodations, three 18-hole rounds of golf complete with cart, \$25 towards 9-hole play on the East Course, breakfast at the Woodlands Restaurant and complimentary range balls, this value driven package provides

guests the best the resort has to offer. Rates start at \$279 on weekdays, call 800-892-2269 to reserve your stay.

**2009 Resort Guest Golf Rates – Value Season (March 1 – May 22 & October 19-31)**

- The General:
  - Monday – Thursday: \$85
  - Friday & Saturday: \$95
- North & South:
  - Monday – Thursday: \$60
  - Friday & Saturday: \$75
- East:
  - Monday – Thursday: \$30
  - Friday & Saturday: \$40

**2009 Resort Guest Golf Rates – Peak Season (May 23 – October 18)**

- The General:
  - Monday – Thursday: \$110
  - Friday & Saturday: \$125
- North & South:
  - Monday – Thursday: \$90
  - Friday & Saturday: \$105
- East:
  - Monday – Thursday: \$35
  - Friday & Saturday: \$45

**About Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa**

Located on 6,800 acres amid the rolling hills of northwestern Illinois, **Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa** is a full-spectrum resort recognized nationally by outlets including *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Midwest Living*, *Travel + Leisure Golf* and *Wine Enthusiast*. The property provides a superior golf experience with 63 holes on four acclaimed courses, as well as three distinctive restaurants, Woodlands Restaurant, Spike's Bar & Grill and Paisanos. Other amenities include the tranquil Stonedrift Spa, which provides a complete sensory experience, and a state-of-the-art fitness center with an indoor/outdoor pool. The property also provides the perfect backdrop to an incredible selection of outdoor activities including miles of biking, hiking and horseback trails, tennis, hot air balloon rides and boating and fishing on the picturesque 220-acre Lake Galena. For reservations or more information call (800) 892-2269 or visit online at [www.eagleridge.com](http://www.eagleridge.com).

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