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**DISCOVER AN UNFORGETTABLE HOLIDAY GETAWAY
THIS THANKSGIVING AT EAGLE RIDGE RESORT & SPA**

GALENA, ILL. - What happens when you combine a unique resort getaway with a unforgettable holiday experience? You end up with warm, lasting memories and the creation of a new, exciting family tradition that only Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa can provide. If you've never spent a Thanksgiving Weekend at Eagle Ridge, you'll need to go prepared for the magic of the holiday.

Amidst all the holiday decorations and the amazing 20 foot Christmas tree that adorns the main lobby of the Inn, guests will be greeted upon entering the front door with the resort's child-size gingerbread house in the lobby created by the resort's culinary elves. And as day turns slowly into night, the resort is beautifully transformed into thousand of twinkling lights, and an ambiance that is literally overwhelming.

Thanksgiving 2010 gets underway on Thursday, Nov. 25 on two levels: either at the resort's lavish Thanksgiving Day Feast in their beautiful Eagle Ballroom or by having dinner delivered by Eagle Ridge Pilgrims to guests staying at the resort's rental homes or villas.

- ❖ **The Thanksgiving Day Feast** features all the traditional fixings from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This buffet style spread will include items like *tri-color cracked peppercorn crusted sirloin with madeira and rosemary sauce, roast turkey breast with tomato jam and prosciutto wrapped pork loin with honey pear glaze* at the carving station and *caramelized pearl onions, sausage and sage stuffing, roasted garlic and white cheddar mashed potatoes a variety of appetizer selections, fresh salads, breads, desserts* and much more. The feast is \$29 for adults and \$15 for children. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 815-776-5050.

- ❖ **The Thanksgiving Day Turkey Delivery** is a unique alternative to attending the Ballroom Feast, with Eagle Ridge's culinary experts delivering whole turkey dinners to guests staying in the resort's rental homes or villas. Dressed as Pilgrims, the resort's staff personally delivers the homemade turkey dinners. The gourmet feast includes a *choice of whole tom turkey or turkey breast, smoked corn and sausage chowder, Waldorf, broccoli and grape salad, bourbon creamed corn, green bean and shitake mushrooms casserole with fried onions, roasted garlic and white cheddar mashed potatoes, baked praline brandied yams, homemade cranberry relish with orange zest, caramelized pearl onions, sausage and sage stuffing, sweet potato walnut bread, two pumpkin pies with fresh whipped cream and cinnamon apple crisp*. The delivery is perfect for guests who want to skip all the fuss and mess of planning and cooking, but want to enjoy a great meal with family. Deliveries are scheduled from noon to 5 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. Cost for the whole turkey dinner is \$225 and \$255 for the turkey breast dinner, both inclusive of tax, delivery and gratuity. For more information or reservations that are required by Nov. 21, call 815-776-5050.

SANTA'S ARRIVAL AND WEEKEND OF FUN

Friday, Nov. 26 turns into the official kick-off to Christmas at the resort starting with Santa's arrival at 3 p.m., with the assistance of his elves. Santa reads *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* to his audience before joining everyone in "Santa's Workshop" where Santa will listen to wishes and guests can take part in holiday themed games and activities that will include a Bear Factory, holiday crafts, reindeer games and more.

On Saturday, guests can start the day with "Breakfast with Santa" from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and resume another active day of hayrides, the Bear Factory, kid's crafts and still more recreational events throughout the day. Breakfast with Santa requires reservations by calling 815-776-5050 and cost for the event is \$18 for adults; \$10 for children; children under 3 are free.

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 complex located 150 miles west of Chicago. The property showcases superior golf with 63 holes on four acclaimed courses include The General, an 18-hole, par 72 course with over 250 feet of elevation changes throughout.

Eagle Ridge offers three distinctive restaurants that include award-winning Woodlands Restaurant, along with Spikes Bar & Grill and Paisanos. Other amenities include the tranquil Stonedrift Spa, providing ten treatment rooms for a complete sensory experience, and a state-of-the-art fitness center with a beautiful indoor/outdoor pool, sauna and steam room.

The property is the perfect backdrop to an incredible selection of outdoor activities including miles of biking, hiking and horseback trails, as well as tennis, hot air balloon rides, boating and fishing on the picturesque 220-acre Lake Galena. For reservations or additional information, call (800) 892-2269 or visit www.eagleridge.com.