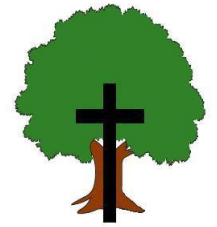


The Briarwood Vine

Providing a Natural Setting Where People Experience God's Love
August 2011



Champagne and S'mores Gala/Auction

Friday, September 9th

Briarwood Retreat Center requests the pleasure of your company for our annual *Champagne and S'mores Gala*, Friday, September 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Paradise Cove at Lake Grapevine, 3029 Midway Road, Southlake, Texas. This fun filled evening will include: dinner, drinks, live auction, silent auction, and music.



Proceeds from the Champagne and S'Mores Gala will go to support our ministry to the thousands of children, youth, young adults, and adults whose lives have been blessed through our summer camp and retreat ministries. Business or formal attire is suggested.

Cost to attend is: \$85 - Single Person, \$150 – Couple, \$750 - Table of 8. RSVP by email to bw@briarwoodretreat.org.

AND -- You can ALSO participate by donating items to our live or silent auctions. Do you have a business? Consider donating an item from your business or shop or place of employment. Individuals, youth groups, and congregations can donate gift cards from restaurants or stores or other items. Last year we received items for the silent auctions such as: *Quilts, Wine Basket, Mavericks Jersey*. And we auctioned off items for our live auctions such as: *A Time Share at a Condominium, Cowboys Tickets, and Rangers Tickets*.

What unique item can you donate for our auctions? Remember, the proceeds go to support our summer camp and retreat ministries that benefits thousands of individuals. If you have an item to donate, email us at bw@briarwoodretreat.org or call us at 940-241-2099.

Confirmation Retreat Here We Stand September 16-17

The new confirmation class in your congregation will be beginning very soon. Do you remember in previous years how long it took to move from a bunch of individuals to a cohesive group that works well together? The Briarwood Confirmation Retreat is a great way to move through that process. By bringing your confirmation class to Briarwood September 16 to 17, you can have a great start this year. The confirmation retreat will provide plenty of opportunity for your confirmation class to meet on its own as well as lots of fun time with the whole group. More information, including a brochure and registration form, will soon be available on our web site at www.briarwoodretreat.org.



Leadership Outside the Lines (LOL) Retreat

**September 20-22
October 14-16**

Do you know that definition of insanity? It's doing the same thing over and over again, and expect different results. Well, we've been doing the same thing in many of our congregations over and over again, yet we are surprised when we get the same results - declining morale and membership in our churches.



It's time to change how we are doing things. Our leaders need to be trained to be leaders of the 21st century. This new Leadership Retreat - "LOL - Leadership Outside the Lines" - will introduce you to a new way of being a leader. More information can be found at our web site – www.briarwoodretreat.org.

We believe that God's purpose for Briarwood is to provide a natural setting where people experience God's love.
Thank you for your partnership in the camping and retreat ministry of the synod.