

The Briarwood Vine

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



Fall is a wonderful time for a visit to Briarwood. The heat is breaking, the leaves will soon be changing, and many guests will be joining us for retreats, events, and learning. Come on out and join us.



Annual meeting and Fall Festival November 6, 2011

Briarwood is seeking your input. We are asking that each congregation from the NT-NL Mission Territory send a small group of representatives to our Annual Meeting on November 6, 2011 to form an advisory council. This council will be given the opportunity to share ideas, stories, and even concerns about Briarwood. The advisory council will help steer our ministry in the year to come and act as a liaison between your congregation and Briarwood.

The event will take place in the Briarwood Shalom center and will begin at 3:00pm with Hors d'oeuvres and some entertainment. The program and business meeting will begin at 4:00, and dinner will begin at 5:00. There is no charge for this event but reservations are needed. Please contact our office at (940) 241-2099 or email jean@briarwoodretreat.org for more information or to make your RSVP. See you there.

Advent Retreat for 4th-8th grades December 3-4th, 2011

Briarwood's Advent youth retreat is coming up soon. This event will begin on Saturday December 3rd and end the following day. The cost will be \$60 per participant and adult chaperones are free. Come explore the Advent season with us. Brochures and registration forms are available on our website: www.briarwoodretreat.org



DiscipleLife Alive Brunch and Program, December 4, 2011

A very special "free" Holiday Brunch will take place on December 4, 2011 to discuss the future of Briarwood and the DiscipleLife Alive initiative. In addition to our usual brunch fare there will be a program led by Bishop Kevin Kanouse starting at noon.

The program will include:

- Celebrating the current progress of DLA
- Discuss upcoming changes and opportunities
- Presentation of resources available to help help explain the DLA initiative
- Update on the Briarwood Master Site Plan

This is a free brunch but RSVP's are strongly encouraged, please contact us at (940) 241-2099 to reserve your place or for additional info.

Champagne and S'mores Gala/Auction

Briarwood would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the participants of our recent Gala fundraising event. We would once again like to acknowledge all of our sponsors and donors for helping make the event a success. This includes our Benefactors: the NT-NL Mission Territory and Rejoice Lutheran in Coppell, and our Patron Sponsors: Locke, Lord, Bissell & Liddell and Pastor Eric Schulze. We would also like to thank our Board Treasurer, Holly Trestler for her many hours of hard work organizing the event. This type of fundraising is a critical for the continued success of Briarwood and its summer ministries. Thanks again for all of your continued support.



Pastor Moore resigned as the Executive Director of Briarwood on August 29th. We thank him for his leadership over the past 3 years and wish him and his family God's blessings as he pursues a new call to ministry.

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.