

The Briarwood Vine

The monthly newsletter of Briarwood Retreat Center
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Many exciting things continue to happen at Briarwood this fall. Retreat business has been bustling and in the spirit of the season we are very thankful for our wonderful customers and supporters. We would like to thank Via De Cristo, Denton area Walk to Emmaus, North Texas Tres Dias, The ACTS community, numerous NT-NL Mission Area groups, LISD, and plenty of others for their patronage and support this fall.



Briarwood held its annual meeting on November 6th. It was an afternoon full of fellowship, food, and a positive energy about Briarwood. Our advisory council adopted the minutes, voted in new board members, and heard the annual reports from staff and board members. The advisory council was given the chance to make suggestions, ask questions, and help shape the role of Briarwood into the future.

During the coming year we will be providing the advisory council members with minutes from the monthly board reports and updates on upcoming projects and programs. If you didn't make it to the meeting but would still be interested in representing your congregation in this group simply contact our office and speak with us. We welcome your ideas, partnership, and input.

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:

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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.



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 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 by phone or email to reserve your place or for additional info.

2011 ASK Letter

Be on the lookout for a new mailer coming your way from Briarwood. As you may know Briarwood relies on your generous donations for more than 30% of our operating budget. With this in mind our 2011 "ASK" Letter is headed your way in early November. Please consider returning the mailer with a small gift to help us complete our 2011 budget or possibly signing up as a Sustaining Member for 2012. All donations made to Briarwood can be used as a tax deductible charitable contribution.

