



THE BRIARWOOD BUGLE

June 19—23, 2023

Week 1

Fun in the sun!

From Matt and Mike

Hellooooo everybody! Briarwood is back and better than ever! And we couldn't be happier.

Camp is already in full swing. It is wonderful to walk around camp and see so many kids playing and smiling and laughing and enjoying their friends and counselors.

The Busy Bees are swarming all over camp and, if you listen closely, you can hear many of the older bunks beginning to practice their bunk shows. Fun stuff!

Upper Camp leagues started, Senior Camp enjoyed Field Day and West Chester Volleyball, Lower Camp learned how to play Castleball and we even snuck in a campfire (whaaaa!?!?!)

Next week we've got lots more fun stuff planned. The Third Annual Briarwood Fishing Derby, Wednesday Themeday—School Spirit Day, the beginning of Clubs and more! We'll send home bunk schedules, too. Have a great weekend. Let's do it all again next week!



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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◆ Camp Office Hours

◆ 7:45 am—4:00 pm



S'more Fun! 

SOME FRIENDLY BRIARWOOD REMINDERS:

- If you want to reach your camper's counselor during the camp day, call the office at 215-598-7143 and we will gladly relay your message. Please do not TEXT or CALL your child's counselor directly during the camp day. Our counselors are busy watching children and we have asked them not to check their phones during the day.
- Early and Late Care is available from 7:30 am—6:00 pm sharp. Please call the office if you will need this service.
- While it never rains at Briarwood, in the event of a passing shower, please send your camper with the appropriate rain gear should the forecast call for rain.
- Apply sunscreen daily prior to coming to camp.
- Please label all clothing and personal items. That said — and because we know kids — our Lost and Found is located by the Sports Center on Upper Field.
- If you are picking up your camper early, PLEASE let the office know. PLEASE DO NOT text your camper directly and ask him/her to meet you at the security gate.



Check out our daily pictures by clicking on the "camper photos" link on the Briarwood website. Call if you need the password.

Did you know that it NEVER rains at Briarwood Day Camp?

READ WHAT OUR SUPERVISORS HAVE TO SAY continued!

The Hill- Spencer Glass: Here we are! We're back at Briarwood. It's great! The Upper Boys, more commonly known as The Hill, are the 4th through 7th grade boys. The counselors on The Hill this summer are quite unique in that all but one are former Briarwood campers. **4th grade Falcons:** Jack (SC) with Matt (JC). **4th grade Dolphins:** Aiden (SC) with Eli (JC). **5th grade Cobras:** Evan (SC) with Jake & Jared (JCs). **6th grade Bobcats:** CJ (SC) with Benjamin & Stephen (JCs). **7th grade Jaguars:** Nate (SC) with Nick (JC). This ALL spells out a magical summer for your sons at Briarwood. The Hill has many new things to offer them including League sports play (a little more competitive, but still friendly) Bafflegra (yes, that's a thing), Drama (to prepare them for their hilarious bunk shows) and more. As supervisor of The Hill for 6 years, and a former Briarwood bunk counselor for 16 years and an overnight camper as a kid, I will bring my collective experience to this team. The amazing Hill staff will bring all of their experience to the bunks and we are going to have a whale of a summer!

Upper Camp Girls Rock! By Melissa Berkowitz.
Upper Camp Girls Supervisor: Briarwood Day Camp has been the happy place for my children and me for the past 10 summers. It has been wonderful meeting all of the girls who may be experiencing the Briarwood magic for the first time in addition to seeing all of the returning campers. Upper Camp has so much to offer our amazing 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th graders! All upper camp girls will share such an unforgettable experience. From bunk shows and senior leagues, to buddy bunks and Kindness of the Week awards, upper campers are always ready to try something new, like Clubs! Our Club Period is when each camper can try a different activity of their choice each week. They can attempt something new and exciting or continue with a choice that they are passionate about each week! Overall, memories and friendships will be made at Briarwood to last a lifetime! I am ready to make Summer 2023 the best one yet!

Specialists are Special- Rachael Feldgus: It's so great to be back at Briarwood! I am thrilled to be starting my 17th summer here and returning to my role as Supervisor of the Specialists. I love walking around camp each day and seeing the kids playing, laughing and having fun with their friends. Briarwood's specialists love to help our campers explore new activities and expand their skills in areas where they may already excel. Whether you are climbing the rock wall, creating masterpieces in art or ceramics, fishing at nature, practicing your swim strokes, learning new tricks in gymnastics, shining on the drama stage or playing sports in the fields, you are sure to be having the time of your life. Our specialists help to guide and teach our kids at their activities each and every day. It's wonderful to see the connections made between the kids and their specialists. Here's to a great summer!

THE SCENE FROM SENIOR CAMP!! By Dan Feldgus:
 It is a beautiful view of camp when you're in Senior Camp. There is really no way to describe the activities that only Senior Camp campers get to enjoy every day without making other people jealous. This summer, like all summers, our campers will work with younger bunks and enjoy the full complement of activities that Briarwood provides all campers. However, what makes our summer more special, you ask? We are the only campers that get to venture out of camp almost every week! As you read this, we have already had our first trip with the entire Senior Camp to the park for Field Day Fun and Games. But we are far from finished. We will be sending groups to the beach, Hershey Park, Bowling/Laser Tag, tubing, mini-golfing and we cannot forget our movie nights and dance! I'm exhausted just thinking about it. Our incredible Senior Camp staff this year consists of Paul, Shayna, Ashley, Max and me, Dan Feldgus. This all adds up to the greatest part of being in Senior Camp, the smiles and laughs that we share. Briarwood's Senior Camp is simply the place to be!

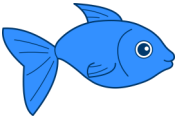
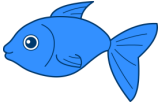








Sports and Games with Jeff Stepansky: This is my 26th year at Briarwood Day Camp. After 25 years at the rope course, I have moved on to be the Athletic Director of our sports program here at Briarwood this year. Our staff is a group of enthusiastic self-motivated individuals that give their all each day to make sure your child has fun learning and improving their physical, social, emotional and cognitive wellbeing while playing sports and games.

Briarwood campers not only participate in traditional sports, but also participate in innovative games, fun fitness activities and unique team sports games. The sports staff works with all our campers from our youngest to our oldest. Our goal is to provide a fun and enjoyable experience for everyone.

It's not about the winning or losing, but most importantly about having fun and gaining a greater appreciation for physical activity. We are looking forward to a great summer with all our campers!



Camp will be CLOSED on Tuesday, July 4th! Enjoy your holiday!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JUNE 26	JUNE 27	JUNE 28 Wednesday Themeday: School Spirit Day!	JUNE 29	JUNE 30
	Briarwood Fishing Derby!!			
JULY 3	JULY 4  HAPPY JULY 4TH CAMP CLOSED	JULY 5 Wednesday Themeday: Hawaiian/Tropical Day Hershey Park—2nd Year CITs	JULY 6 Bowling and Laser Tag: 1st Year CITs  Tubing: SUPER CITs	JULY 7
JULY 10	JULY 11 <u>LOWER CAMP BUNK SHOWS</u>	JULY 12 Wednesday Themeday: Disney/Marvel Day! <u>UPPER CAMP BUNK SHOWS</u>	JULY 13	JULY 14 HALLOWEEN IN JULY 
JULY 17 Beach Trip – Super CITs IT'S THE SUPER DAYS!! SUPER CIT	JULY 18 Super CIT Extravaganza Day!!	JULY 19 Wednesday Themeday: Crazy Hat Day! Hershey Park: Super CITs	JULY 20 2nd Half / Makeup Picture Day	JULY 21 GOOFY DAY
	Briarwood Tie Dye Week			
JULY 24 Point Pleasant Beach Trip: 1st and 2nd year CITs	JULY 25 <u>BUSY BEE BUNK SHOWS</u> 	JULY 26 Wednesday Themeday: Sports Jersey Day! Mini Golf and Ice-Cream: SUPER CITs	JULY 27 CARNIVAL DAY!!! 	JULY 28
JULY 31 Staff Night	AUGUST 1 Mystery Day (or is it??? Actually, it is!) 	AUGUST 2 Wednesday Themeday: TBA	AUGUST 3	AUGUST 4
AUGUST 7 Briarwood's Birthday Celebration	AUGUST 8	AUGUST 9 Wednesday Themeday: Briarwood Spirit Day	AUGUST 10	AUGUST 11 LAST DAY OF CAMP! Early dismissal @ 2:30pm

** More fun stuff still being added! **

*** Calendar is subject to change ***