



The Briarwood Bugle - *Spring 2024*

CAMP STARTS ON MONDAY, JUNE 24 — PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR AMAZINGLY STUPENDOUS OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY, MAY 11 FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM

"Printed whenever we get around to it."

Important Camp Information

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OUR MAY 11 OPEN HOUSE IS RAIN OR SHINE— BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT IT NEVER RAINS AT BRIARWOOD DAY CAMP!



🎵 **Learn the** 🎵

Briarwood Song!

<https://bit.ly/BDCSong>

We'll sing it at camp!

Did you know . . . our 2024 Briarwood Parent Handbook is online? True!

<https://bit.ly/bdcph2024>

Dear Briarwood Family,

Who can't wait until camp? Who is excited for the fresh air, the fun, the friends and the sunshine? For laughing? For splashing in the pool?

We are unbelievably excited for camp and we're sure you are too. Camp is what EVERYBODY needs. We've been busy getting ready. The grass is green and the sun is bright. We're pumped!

Please come see us at our Open House on Saturday, May 11 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. It'll be a great time to see the camp, take a tour, make new friends and maybe catch up with old ones. Drop in for a hot dog and good times!

SOME BRIARWOOD DATES TO REMEMBER

May 11 Open House	July 16 Lower Camp Bunk Shows	July 30 Busy Bee Show
May 29 Busy Bee Play Date	July 17 Upper Camp Bunk Shows	August 1 Carnival
June 24 😊 FIRST DAY OF CAMP!	July 19 Halloween in July	August 6 Mystery Day
June 27 Picture Day	July 26 Goofy Day	August 12 Briarwood's Birthday Celebration
July 4 🇺🇸 Camp is closed		August 16 😊 LAST DAY OF CAMP

WHAT WE BELIEVE AT BRIARWOOD DAY CAMP:

We believe that camp is great for kids. We believe in our fresh air, our 30 acres and our three swimming pools. We believe in our superlative staff. We believe that camp is a form of outdoor learning and kids can learn as much about themselves in two months of camp as they do during the school year. We believe that camp friends are friends for life.

WHAT WE KNOW: Briarwood is the place to be!

PLEASE FILL OUT CAMPER HEALTH FORMS BY MAY 15

As you know, our registration and health forms are online. So that we can best prepare for the summer, please complete the health forms by **May 15, 2024 (or sooner!)**. Please don't forget to identify any physical, mental or emotional issue that will ease your child's transition to camp. We use these forms to stay informed and to work to provide each child with the best camp experience we can.

Here's how to fill out the Camper Health Form: go to our home page at www.briarwooddaycamp.com. Click on Current Families, then click on Forms. Log in to the health form with your user id and password (if you can't remember or it doesn't work, give us a call). If your camper takes prescription medications, please also complete the Permission to Medicate form (also on the Current Families page) with your doctor. Need help? Call us! We're happy to help!



FOR OUR BRIARWOOD PARENTS—FAQs

1. What to Bring to Camp? Campers and parents are always concerned about what they will need at camp. In general, the philosophy of “less is more” applies when packing your bag for the day.

The following is a list of items that will help your child have a safe and enjoyable summer: **TWO BATHING SUITS, a TOWEL, a HAT, SUNSCREEN and a SMALL BACKPACK or DUFFLE BAG (Briarwood bags are always great!)**

The following items should be left at camp for the summer: **Change of clothes** in case of rain during the day, **rain gear, old sneakers** and a **sweatshirt** for those cool days.

We discourage the wearing of Crocs, flip flops and sandals because they have limited support and may cause injuries. We ask that our campers wear socks and sneakers to camp every day and that they wear them for all activities.

Briarwood will supply all the sports equipment needed for camp activities but some campers prefer to bring their own softball glove or tennis racket. Remember, the more your child brings to camp, the more your child is capable of losing. We cannot be responsible for items lost, stolen or damaged at camp. Accordingly, **please clearly label everything with your child’s name. Use a waterproof marker.**

The following items are **NOT** permitted to be used in camp — they dilute the Briarwood experience: Cell Phones • Electronic Games • iPods • iPads • MP3 Players. Also—please—do not send your camper to Briarwood with gum or sunflower seeds. They create trash and they gum up our pool filters (pun intended). **THANK YOU.**

2. How Do You Coordinate Transportation? We try our best. As you can imagine, it is quite a logistical undertaking to plan transportation for so many children.

First and foremost, when it comes to transportation, we want to get our campers to Briarwood safely and in a timely manner. Depending on where they live, our campers are assigned to either a van or a staff driver.

We always try to accommodate the transportation needs of all of our families. While we will consider all transportation requests, we cannot guarantee specific pickup or drop off times or accommodate transportation placement based on friendships or other social groupings. We also cannot guarantee which camp driver will pick up your child.

If you find that you have a need for extended care, Briarwood continues to offer excellent before and after care programs at camp.

We will contact each family regarding their child’s travel arrangements. We want everyone to have the best Briarwood experience possible. Please feel free to contact us at the office if you have any questions.

3. When Will I Hear From Camp Regarding My Child’s Bunk and Transportation? We don’t make our campers’ bunk assignments and transportation arrangements until June. You will receive a call from your child’s counselor as well as your child’s driver no later than June 17. Of course, you can always feel free to call us at the office if you have questions or if you need anything further.

Want to know the latest and the greatest?

We try to stay in touch with our camp families in many ways. We send home Bugles with our campers every week. You can also check out our website or follow us on social media. Or call! Whatever!

 Referrals from camp families are the best compliments we can get!

 Join us on Facebook! Follow us on Instagram! Or just dig us the old fashioned way!

 Our goal: every day, we want each camper to go home **happy, healthy, SWEATY, tired and RARIN’ FOR MORE!**

 **BRIARWOOD’S BUSY BEE PLAY DATE WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 FROM 3:30 PM TO 5:00 PM. JOIN US!**

