



THE BRIARWOOD BUGLE

Fun in the sun!

June 30— July 3 2025

Week 2

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

From Matt and Mike

We hold these truths to be self evident: that Briarwood is awesome . . . and that among this awesomeness are friends, laughter and the pursuit of gaga.

We had another great week! July 4th week barreled along and the kids had a great time swimming, playing, painting, Zoom Flooming, Nine Squaring, participating in the Gaga Tournament, Fishing Derby, and everything else!

Can you believe that two weeks have already passed? Of course, we prefer to look at things as we've got 75% of Briar-awesomess left. Next week: Tie Dye Week, Wednesday Themeday is Crazy Hat Day, CIT trips and so very much more!

And if we can editorialize for a moment, we are very lucky to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Have a great weekend!



Notes from the Lifeguard Chair by Rob Resnick, Briarwood Pool Director

Greetings from the pool staff! Camp is off to a great start and our campers are improving rapidly. Water safety is a major part of what we do at Briarwood and our lifeguards here have more than 80 years experience lifeguarding here (yes, seriously). We get a lot of questions about deep water testing for kids as well as some other items so we thought we'd write a quick note here.

* Lower pool deep water testing requires treading water for one minute, front crawl 15 yards, back crawl 15 yards, jump in and swim under water 15 yards.

* At the upper pool, due to the depth of the water, you must be Level 3 or higher to swim in the deep water.

* No snorkel goggles at free swim.

* We know some campers complain about instructional swim. Parents, please encourage your camper to keep trying. It's an important life skill and we've been teaching it well for years!



A PEEK AT THE WEEK



EARLY DISMISSAL



IF YOUR CAMPER IS LEAVING EARLY, PLEASE SEND IN A NOTE IN THE MORNING WITH THE TIME YOU WILL BE PICKING UP YOUR CAMPER AND PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR DRIVER KNOWS.



Patriotic Charli!



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.
- Camp is for sneakers! Crocs, sandals and flip flops should only be worn to the pool.
- Apply sunscreen daily prior to coming to camp.
- Did you miss a Bugle? You can find all of this summer's Bugles in the news section of our website.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO CAMP IF HE/SHE IS NOT FEELING WELL

BRIARWOOD COUNSELORS OF THE WEEK:

Senior Staff:
Wil DiMeđio

Junior Staff:
Nicky Tyran

Congratulations!

MEET OUR BRIARWOOD STAFF!



Eli

ELI SEGAL has been a part of Briarwood for the past 16 years! He started at the age of 3 in the Crickets. His favorite thing about camp is going to Nature with another member of our Briarwood family, his mom! He is currently going to school for automotive studies. Root root for the home team-his favorite place to go is Citizens Bank Park and he loves to eat cheesesteaks.

SARA TOMLINSON is a wonderful new addition to the Briarwood family! She is a counselor of the Cubs. She loves mac & cheese and the Real Housewives. Fun fact: she loves to bake and make crafts. We love her creativity! In the off-season, Sara is a teacher at Small Wonders. If Sara could be any animal, she'd be a sloth and if she could travel anywhere she would go to Australia!

MADDIE GARBER returns to Briarwood this summer for her 12th year! Maddie started at 8 years old in the Cheetahs and just graduated from Penn with her Masters in Social Work. Way to go! Her favorite thing about Briarwood is the energy-everyone always has a smile on their face. She loves to watch Law and Order. If she could travel anywhere it would be to Amsterdam and Australia.



Sara



Maddie

GAGA TOURNAMENT WEEK



Lower Camp Boys
Rafael L.



Lower Camp Girls
TBD



Upper Camp Boys
Cam D.



Upper Camp Girls
Giuliana W.

Briarwood celebrated its 5th Annual (we think) Gaga Tournament Week. We saw big smiles, heard even bigger cheers and enjoyed simultaneously fierce yet friendly competition.

A great time was had by all! Unfortunately, not all tournaments were complete at press time. But check out some of our winners with their championship belts!

Red, White, and Blue Day!



The Kindness Award: Celebrating Character in Upper Girls By Melissa Berkowitz

At Briarwood Day Camp, fun, friendship, and adventure are around every corner, but for the Upper Girls division, there's something even more meaningful that happens each week: the Kindness Award.

Each week, Upper Girls counselors take time to reflect on the moments that often go unnoticed like small gestures, thoughtful words, and helping hands that make the camp community stronger. From lending a hand during cleanup to including someone new at lunch or cheering on a friend during an activity, kindness is at the heart of everything we do.

To recognize these meaningful actions, each bunk's counselor nominates one camper who consistently displayed kindness throughout the week. These nominations aren't about being the loudest or most visible; they're about campers who show genuine care and compassion to others in quiet, consistent ways.

From there, one overall division winner is honored with a special Kindness Award certificate. This camper stands out as a role model, not just for her bunk, but for the entire division. She reminds us all that character counts, and that the way we treat others matters deeply.

Week 1 Winner - Kaitlin S (Doves)






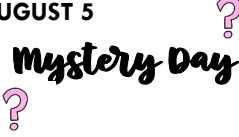

Week 2 Winner – Lucy J (Sparrows)



Tie Dye Week at Nature starts on MONDAY!! It will be during Week 3 & Week 4. Please send in something white to dye. Something like a shirt, shorts, a pillowcase or socks. Wait 'til you see how everything turns out!

Early dismissal note: Early dismissals after 2:45 pm can be very difficult because the “regular” car line begins filling. If you’d like to be sure you can “get out” before 3:00 pm, please try to arrive before 2:45 pm. Thanks!

🎵 Learn the Briarwood Song! 🎵 <http://bit.ly/BDCSong> We'll sing it at camp!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JULY 7 	JULY 8 <i>Supers Belmar Trip</i>	JULY 9 Wednesday Themeday: Crazy Hat Day!	JULY 10 <i>1st Year CIT Bowling & Laser Tag</i>	JULY 11
Tie Dye Week				
JULY 14	JULY 15 Lower Camp Bunk Shows @10:30	JULY 16 Wednesday Themeday: Disney/Marvel Day! <u>Upper Camp Bunk Shows @ 10:30</u>	JULY 17 <i>*Bunk Show Rain Date*</i> <i>Staff Night</i>	JULY 18 Halloween in July 
Tie Dye Week-part 2				
CIT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT				
JULY 21 <i>Supers Hershey Park</i>	JULY 22 SUPERS IN CAMP FUN! 2nd year CITs to mini golf	JULY 23 Wednesday Themeday: Hawaiian Shirt Day! <i>Supers Tubing Trip</i>	JULY 24 2nd Half Picture Makeup 1st year CITs to mini golf	JULY 25 GOOFY DAY 
IT'S THE SUPER DAYS!! SUPER CIT FUN!				
UPPER CAMP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT				
3RD GRADE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT				
JULY 28 <i>Supers Citizen Bank Park Tour</i> 1 PM	JULY 29 Busy Bee Bunk Shows @ 10:30 	JULY 30 Wednesday Themeday: Sports Jersey Day!! <i>Busy Bee Show Rain Date</i> ALL CITs to Point Pleasant Beach <i>Gymnastics Show</i>	JULY 31 CARNIVAL! 	AUGUST 1 Carnival Rain Date
S'MORES WEEK AT NATURE				
AUGUST 4	AUGUST 5 Mystery Day 	AUGUST 6 Wednesday Themeday: TBA	AUGUST 7 BRIARWOOD AMAZINGNESS	AUGUST 8 MORE BRIARWOOD AMAZINGNESS
AUGUST 11 Happy 40 summers of Briarwood!! 	AUGUST 12 TIE DIE TUESDAY! DRAMA SHOW @ 10:30 <i>Supers Citizens Bank Park Tour</i>	AUGUST 13 Wednesday Themeday: Briarwood Spirit Day All CIT Field Day (offsite) All CIT Late Stay Picnic	AUGUST 14 Briarwood Marathon	AUGUST 15 LAST DAY OF CAMP! Early dismissal @ 2:30pm
CIT TENNIS TOURNAMENT				
Camp Wide Totally Awesome but Completely Optional Wiffle Ball Tournament				

Calendar subject to change—and we'll be adding more fun stuff—stay tuned!

Briarwood has a camp store! Go to the drop down menu on our current families page. Cool stuff!

Did you know . . . Briarwood holds the Guinness World Record for World's Largest Game of Gaga? True!