



# THE BRIARWOOD BUGLE

Fun in the sun!

July 7– July 11 2025

Week 3

## From Matt and Mike

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Sometimes we think camp can't get any better . . . and then it does! We had another fantastic week. Our campers smiled and laughed as they played, swam, created and enjoyed themselves all over camp.

This week, Wednesday Themeday was Crazy Hat Day (maybe you saw the Lower Camp Crazy Hat Parade on Facebook), it was Tie Dye Week at Nature, our CITs and Super CITs went on some great trips, we played with parachutes and sponges (Drip, Drip, Drench!), we enjoyed intercamp sports - and all around camp, you could see and hear bunks practicing their bunk shows.

Also . . . we started what we think will be a new, fun tradition. You may know that Briarwood is celebrating our 40th summer (1986-2025!). You may also know that we built new pickleball courts for this summer and they are a hit. You may ALSO know that people LOVE the delicious pickles at Briarwood (we've got pickles on the brain!). And you may ALSO know that we LOVE to celebrate birthdays at Briarwood. And what are we doing to celebrate birthdays, Briarwood's 40th summer and all things pickle? All summer birthdays—campers and staff—will get a lunchtime birthday serenade PLUS a plate of 40 delicious Briarwood pickles to share with their friends and bunkmates. It's super fun! And don't worry, we'll be catching up on the summer birthdays we missed!

We have a ton going on in the next few weeks—Busy Bee Bunk Shows, Lower Camp Bunk Shows, Upper Camp Bunk Shows, Halloween in July, Goofy Day—plus all of our awesome, regularly scheduled program—art, sports, swimming, gymnastics, nature, rock wall and much, much more!



## BUNK SHOWS

### LOWER CAMP

Tuesday July 15th 10:30 am

### UPPER CAMP

Wednesday July 16th 10:30 am



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

### 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.



## HALLOWEEN IN JULY!



FRIDAY JULY 18TH

DRESS IN COSTUME!!

TRICK OR TREATING!!



Crazy Hat Day!



Smiling Tie Dye Faces (one with a crazy hat)!





# BUNK NEWS

## SENIOR CAMP HAPPENINGS BY DAN FELDGUS

Hello from Senior Camp! The CITs had a blast at Dorney Park last week. There were no lines, awesome food and even better company! You could find the CITs riding rollercoasters like Talon and Hydra, going on the log flume, or winning a bunch of arcade games. At camp, we have been playing a plethora of sports, practicing bunk shows, making new friends and helping out with all of the bunks around camp. This week, the Supers went to Belmar Beach, the 2nd years went to Hershey Park, and the 1st years went to Lucky Strike for bowling and laser tag! We are looking forward to more trips, laughs and life long memories. - Dan, Ashley, Paul, Nate, Lexi and Lola



### The Roaring Lions by Eli Frankel and Benjamin Pearlberg

Through three weeks, the Lions have had a phenomenal summer so far. All eleven campers, three CITs, and two counselors have had so much fun all around camp. **Cooper** and **Tommy** are two bucket masters at the basketball court! **Lucas** likes hitting homers in wiffleball. **Gus**, **Ryan Wo.** and **Ryan Wa.** are obsessed with 9 square! **Sam** and **Brandon** love indoor soccer periods! **Brayden** enjoys Gaga like no other! **Zach** and **Ryan L.** never want to miss a nature period. We look forward to a great second half of the summer. Go Lions! Roar!



BRIARWOOD  
COUNSELORS  
OF THE WEEK:

Senior Staff:  
**Ethan Derstine**

Junior Staff:  
**Katie Toner**

*Congratulations!*



### Upper Girls Kindness Award

Winner Week 3:

Emily S.  
(Panthers)

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO CAMP IF THEY ARE NOT FEELING WELL!



## MEET OUR WONDERFULLY AMAZING STAFF! PART II

We return with profiles of more senior staff members at Briarwood Day Camp



ETHAN

**ETHAN DERSTINE** has been a part of the Briarwood family since 2017 and we welcome him back as a senior counselor for the Bears! During the offseason, Ethan attends Drexel University, majoring in architecture. His favorite part about Briarwood is the many friends you make each summer here. He loved the movie Ford vs. Ferrari and if he could be any animal he would be a bear (pun intended). Did you know? Ethan has family who lives right across the pond in England! Ed. note:

we think Ethan is jolly good!

**KAYLA ABELL** is spending her 3rd summer here at Briarwood Day Camp and she loves all of the fun in the sun! Quack, Quack! She has pet ducks named Bohm and Tender. Her favorite show is Scooby Doo: Spooky Island and her favorite food is chicken. She loves playing pickleball, especially on the new courts! If she could go anywhere in the world, she would go to New Zealand.



KAYLA



LOGAN

**LOGAN ROTTMAN**, is joining us for his first summer at Briarwood. He is an avid pickleball player and loves pizza. During the school year, he teaches middle school. Logan's favorite movie is Avengers Infinity War (who doesn't love Captain America?). Logan loved reading the book Wonder. If he could go anywhere in the world, it would be to Italy. Fun fact:

Logan used to live in Peru!

**ALEXIS HARRIS** is so excited to be at Briarwood for her 1st summer! She works in the office and has enjoyed being a part of the Briarwood community that focuses on kids having fun. In the off season, Alexis is a Special Education teacher at Council Rock North High School. Alexis' favorite food is buffalo chicken and she likes watching Dr. Who. If she could go any where in the world she should go to Japan.








ALEXIS



The Busy Bee Show is coming! The Busy Bee Show is coming! Tuesday, July 29th at 10:30 am. Briarwood's cutest!!!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 *Bunk Show Rain Date* Staff Night	JULY 18 <b>Halloween in July</b> 
CIT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT				
TIE DYE WEEK—PART TWO				
JULY 21 <i>Supers Hershey Park</i>	JULY 22 <b>SUPERS IN CAMP FUN!</b> 2nd year CITs to mini golf	JULY 23 Wednesday Themeday: Hawaiian Shirt Day! <i>Supers Tubing Trip</i>	JULY 24 2nd Half Picture Makeup <b>1st year CITs to mini golf</b>	JULY 25 <b>GOOFY DAY</b> 
UPPER CAMP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT				
IT'S THE SUPER DAYS!! SUPER CIT FUN!				
3RD GRADE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT				
JULY 28 <i>Supers Citizen Bank Park Tour 1 PM</i>	JULY 29 Busy Bee Bunk Shows @ 10:30	JULY 30 Wednesday Themeday: Sports Jersey Day!! <i>Busy Bee Show Rain Date ALL CITs to Point Pleasant Beach Gym Show @ 11:30</i>	JULY 31 CARNIVAL! 	AUGUST 1 Carnival Rain Date 
S'MORES WEEK AT NATURE				
UPPER CAMP TENNIS TOURNAMENT				
AUGUST 4 <i>Staff Night—Part Deux</i>	AUGUST 5 <b>Mystery Day</b> ?	AUGUST 6 Wednesday Themeday: TBA	AUGUST 7 BRIARWOOD AMAZINGNESS	AUGUST 8 MORE BRIARWOOD AMAZINGNESS
AUGUST 11 Celebrating 40 summers of Briarwood!! 	AUGUST 12 TIE DIE TUESDAY! Drama SHOW @ 10:30	AUGUST 13 Wednesday Themeday: Briarwood Spirit Day <i>All CIT Field Day (offsite) All CIT Late Stay Picnic</i>	AUGUST 14 Briarwood Marathon	AUGUST 15 LAST DAY OF CAMP! Early dismissal @ 2:30pm
CIT TENNIS TOURNAMENT				
Camp Wide Completely Optional but Totally Awesome Wiffle Ball Tournament				

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

**ANSWERS TO YOUR BUNK SHOW FAQs:** Yes, you can come watch—we start promptly at 10:30 am. No, you should wait to arrive until 10:00 am (PLEASE!) so we can get the kids situated and get our parking procedures organized. Yes, we'll have time set aside afterwards for you to hug and high five your camper, meet counselors and take pictures if you'd like. Yes, we do professionally record the bunk shows every year so you don't need to worry if you can't make it and/or if you don't want to take a bad video which includes the top of a bunch of peoples' heads.

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

Did you know . . . this is Briarwood's 40th summer as a day camp? We're very proud of that!