



THE BRIARWOOD BUGLE

Fun in the sun!

June 22—26, 2026

Week 1

From Matt and Mike

Hellooooo everybody! Briarwood is back and better than ever. We couldn't be happier to be at camp.

Briarwood 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!

We had our first Wednesday Themeday—School Spirit Day—and that was fun. Upper Camp leagues started, Senior Camp enjoyed West Chester Volleyball, Lower Camp stayed cool in the pool (and some campers already passed the deep water test!) and everyone got to see our mascot Boomer on Friday!



Next week we've got lots more fun stuff planned. Our Fishing Derby started today and continues next week, the Gaga Tournament is back, Senior Camp goes to Dorney Park, Wednesday Themeday is Red, White and Blue Day (naturally!), we've got our usual programming awesomeness and more! We'll send home bunk schedules, too. And don't forget we're closed Friday, July 3. 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



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?

NURSES' NOTES

by Laura Graham, R.N. and Nikol Sussman, R.N.

Hello! What a great first week at Briarwood! Let's go over a few summer safety tips for our campers:

- DON'T FORGET SUNSCREEN! Apply in the morning and throughout the day.
- If it's okay with Mom and Dad, apply some insect repellent on the lower legs and exposed arms.
- Let's stay hydrated! Start drinking water before you get to camp.
- Wear sneakers or closed toe shoes around camp. Flip-flops are for the pool areas only.
- Did we mention, NO RUNNING in flip-flops?
- Parents—we need your camper's health forms so we can best care for your child.

We are not only nurses but moms too and we are happy to help! We're looking forward to a great and healthy summer! Any questions or concerns, call camp and ask to speak with one of us, Nurse Laura or Nurse Nikol at 215-598-7143.



BRIARWOOD
COUNSELORS
OF THE WEEK:

Senior Staff:

Lily Cohen

Junior Staff:

Asher McAleese

Congratulations!



CLUB NOTES

One of the great things about Briarwood is that our lower, upper and senior campers get to choose an elective (we call them clubs) each week. Clubs meet first period every day and it gives our kids a chance to try new things or to dig deeper into things they like. Some campers try a different club every week. Some stick with the same activity all summer. Both ways are great! While most clubs end each week, a few like Drama (because we'll be doing a show) or Ceramics (because the projects take more time) last longer.

CAMPERS SHOULD NOT COME TO CAMP IF THEY ARE NOT FEELING WELL!

READ WHAT OUR SUPERVISORS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT SUMMER 2026

Sweet as Honey in the Beehive – Susan Garber, Associate

Director and Busy Bee Director: Briarwood has always been my happy place! I'm so excited to be back for the 2026 fun-filled summer at Briarwood. Our Busy Bees have always had a **huge** presence around camp. The fact that our Bees get to participate in most activities that our older kids do provides our little ones with a sense of accomplishment and self-esteem. Of course, each skill is taught on an appropriate developmental level and it sets the foundation to go in an upwards direction. From swimming to tennis to drama and so much more, our camp day is full of positive experiences. With the help of our fabulous sports staff and talented specialists, the Busy Bees have endless opportunities to grow and learn day after day. Let's not forget all the fun events! Whether a camper is age three or age fifteen, the Blue and Gold will compete during Color War. Costumes will be worn during Halloween in July, and next week's Gaga Tournament will be a big deal. And yes, the Gaga court on the Busy Bee playground is the envy of all other Gaga courts. Really, it is spectacular! The Bees are **always** so adorable, and as they take to the stage, week six, the Briarwood cute meter will be at an all-time high. Bring tissues! I am so proud of our Briarwood Family and I'm so happy that I am part of this incredible community. I am looking forward to eight weeks of laughter, smiles, cheering, singing, and good healthy old-fashioned fun in the outdoors.

Legendary Lower Camp Girls- By Julie Schieken, Lower Camp Girls Supervisor:

I am so excited to be back at camp for my 10th summer alongside my four kids! This year is especially meaningful because it's my first year as Lower Camp Supervisor, and I can't wait to watch our girls grow, make new friends, build confidence, and gain independence. There is something truly special about spending the summer outdoors, where kids are running, laughing, playing, swimming, and creating lifelong friendships. Everywhere you look, counselors are smiling, laughing, and playing right alongside the girls, helping to create the supportive, joyful atmosphere that makes camp feel like home. From ceramics and fishing to the jumper, rock wall, and all of our amazing clubs, every day brings new adventures and opportunities to learn and grow. Plans for our bunk shows are already underway, and our campers are hard at work preparing performances that are sure to dazzle and entertain their audiences. And of course, one of the highlights of the summer will be our weekly Lower Camp Girls Relays! I know this is going to be our best summer yet, and I can't wait to make incredible memories together.

Lower Camp Boys Rule! By Dave Woods, Lower Camp Supervisor:

"We Love Briarwood! The Fun, The Sun, The Friends!" Ready, Set, Go! Briarwood Day Camp is the place to be, and the Lower Boys groups are gearing up for another stupendous summer. From ceramics and basketball to the rock wall, jumper, and softball, the activities are endless. With 30 acres of unplugged fun in the sun, the campers will be coming home rarin' for more! The summer of 2026 will be like no other as each and every day will certainly elicit endless memories and experiences with a true sense of camaraderie - not just for lower camp boys, but for everyone! *"We Laugh, We Swim, We Play...And Then We Do It All Again!"*

Briarwood Day Camp Is . . . 30 Acres of FUN IN THE SUN!

READ WHAT OUR SUPERVISORS HAVE TO SAY continued!

The Hill - Spencer Glass, Upper Boys Supervisor:

We're back at Briarwood. It's great! The Upper Boys, more commonly known as The Hill are the 4th through 7th grade boys. Many of the counselors on The Hill this summer have been Briarwood campers. **ALL** of our counselors also promise to be great role models and fun-makers for your boys this summer.

4th grade Bulldogs: Jake Green (SC) with Lev Zilberberg (JC)

4th grade Falcons: Jared Gaynor (SC) with Ben Goldstein (JC)

5th grade Cobras: Benjamin Pearlberg (SC) with Ben Clark (JC)

5th grade Bobcats: Eli Frankel (SC) with Parker Codjoe (JC)

6th grade Bobcats: Max Arteaga and Ian Goldberg (SCs)

7th grade Jaguars: Jack Sorkin (SC) with Colin Oryl (JC)

There are some new things for our 4th graders new to The Hill: League Sports play, flag football, Bafflega (a combination of popular camp games all in one period) and, of course, our "usual" camp standards including the mighty gaga!

As supervisor of The Hill (10 years) and before that a former bunk counselor at Briarwood for 16 years and an overnight camper as a kid, I bring my collective experience (and Hill philosophy) to this team. The team will bring all of their experience to the bunks, and we are going to have a summertime of fun and laughter!

Hooray for Upper Camp Girls! By Jeri Newman,

Upper Camp Girls Supervisor: I am beyond thrilled to be back at camp this summer! This summer will be the tenth summer that my daughters and I have been able to call Briarwood Day Camp our summer home away from home. It makes me so happy to see our upper girls bunks playing and laughing together, enjoying the teamwork of sports, and creativity of art, and just being kids! Upper camp has so much to offer our amazing 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grade girls. All upper camp girls will share an unforgettable experience. From bunk shows and senior leagues, to buddy bucks and Kindness of the Week awards, the days and weeks are jam packed. They can always try something new during our clubs period. The campers get to choose a different elective activity each week! This allows them to find new things they are passionate about. I can already feel the excitement from the campers and their counselors to be back outdoors and with their friends. As always it will be a summer to remember!

Specialists are Special - Rachael Feldgus,

Specialists Supervisor: It is so great to be back at Briarwood! I am thrilled to be starting my 20th summer here and returning to my role as Supervisor of the Specialists. It is so great to walk around camp each day and see 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.

We Are Living The Dream In Senior Camp! By Dan

Feldgus, Senior Camp Supervisor: This summer we welcome long time Briarwood favorites Jenna Garber and Hugh Kavitsky into the fold. Along with our returning core of Ashley, Lola, Paul, and Dan, this summer looks like we have the best chance to be epic. Simply put, this summer will be special. There is no way to describe the activities that only Senior Camp campers get to enjoy every summer without making other divisions of Briarwood jealous. This summer, like all summers, our CITs will work with younger bunks and also enjoy the full complement of activities that Briarwood provides all campers. However, what makes our summer *more* special, you ask? We are the only division that ventures out of camp almost every week! This summer you will find the CITs at the beach, Hershey Park, Bowling/Laser Tag, tubing, mini-golfing, and we cannot forget the late stay hangouts/Phillies game viewing parties, and the annual summer end picnic ! I'm bursting with excitement just thinking about it. This all adds up to the greatest part of being in Senior Camp, the smiles and laughs we share daily.







Sports and Games with Jeff Stepansky, Athletic

Director: This is my 29th year at Briarwood Day Camp and my third summer as Athletic Director of our sports program. I am recently retired Physical Education teacher, working in the Philadelphia school district 36 years. Our Briarwood sports 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 well being 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 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 Friday, July 3rd! Enjoy your holiday!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JUNE 29 CIT Twilight Night	JUNE 30	JULY 1 Red, White & Blue Day! ALL CITs Dorney Trip	JULY 2	JULY 3 CAMP CLOSED HAPPY 4th OF JULY 
	Gaga Tournament Week BRIARWOOD FISHING DERBY CONTINUES			
JULY 6	JULY 7 <i>Supers Belmar Trip</i>	JULY 8 Crazy Hat Day! <i>2nd Year CIT Hershey</i>	JULY 9 <i>1st Year CIT Bowling/Laser Tag</i>	JULY 10
UPPER CAMP TENNIS TOURNAMENT				
Briarwood Tie Dye Week				
JULY 13	JULY 14 Lower Camp Bunk Shows @10:30	JULY 15 Disney/Marvel Day! Upper Camp Bunk Shows @ 10:30	JULY 16 *Bunk Show Rain Date* 	JULY 17 
CIT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT				
		<i>Staff Night</i>		Halloween in July
JULY 20 <i>Supers Hershey Park</i>	JULY 21 SUPERS IN CAMP FUN! 2nd years to mini golf	JULY 22 Hawaiian Shirt Day!	JULY 23 2nd Half Picture Makeup <i>1st years to mini golf</i>	JULY 24 
IT'S THE SUPER DAYS!! SUPER CIT FUN! <i>Supers Tubing Trip</i>				
UPPER CAMP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT				
S'MORES WEEK AT NATURE				
JULY 27 <i>Supers Citizen Bank Park Tour 2 PM</i>	JULY 28 Busy Bee Bunk Shows @ 10:30	JULY 29 Sports Jersey Day! <i>Busy Bee Show Rain Date</i> <i>CITs to Point Pleasant Beach</i>	JULY 30 CARNIVAL! 	JULY 31 Carnival Rain Date 
AUGUST 3	AUGUST 4 <i>Mystery Day</i> ?	AUGUST 5 TBA	AUGUST 8 BRIARWOOD AMAZINGNESS	AUGUST 9 MORE BRIARWOOD AMAZINGNESS
AUGUST 10 Happy 41 years Briarwood!!  Briarwood Marathon	AUGUST 11 TIE DIE TUESDAY! DRAMA SHOW @ 10:30 <i>Supers Citizens Bank Park Tour</i>	AUGUST 12 Briarwood Spirit Day <i>All CIT Field Day (offsite)</i> <i>All CIT late stay picnic</i>	AUGUST 13 Briarwood Marathon	AUGUST 15 LAST DAY OF CAMP! Early dismissal @ 2:30pm
CAMP WIDE WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT				

** More fun stuff still being added! ** **Calendar is subject to change**