



# THE BRIARWOOD BUGLE

Fun in the sun!

June 29– July 2 2026

Week 2

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## From Matt and Mike

**W**e 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 - it got HOT! - and the kids had a great time swimming, playing, painting, Zoom Flooming, Nine Squaring, Drip Drip Drenching, 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-amazingness 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 have more than 115 years experience teaching kids how to swim 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!



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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#### ◆ Camp Office Hours

7:45 am—4:00 pm



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

## 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**

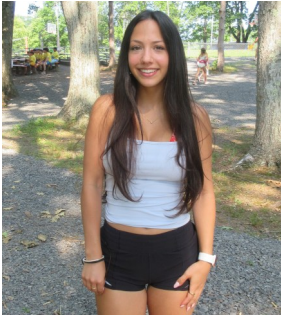
BRIARWOOD COUNSELORS OF THE WEEK:

*Senior Staff:*  
Alana Frajerman

*Junior Staff:*  
Bella Diaz

*Congratulations!*

## MEET OUR BRIARWOOD STAFF!



ILANA

**ILANA SCHIEKEN** is happy to be back at Briarwood for her 7th summer. She is the senior counselor for the Butterflies. She has 3 siblings who also attend camp; her awesome mom is here as well! During the offseason, she attends Penn State and cheers for the club team. Her favorite thing about Briarwood is seeing smiles on campers’ faces. She loves to eat mac ‘n cheese and watch the show New Girl.

**ASHER LEVITT** has been a part of the Briarwood family since he was 4 years old! He is a senior counselor for the Bears. He loves watching sports and hanging out with friends. He has a goal of visiting every MLB ballpark with his dad! His favorite food is steak and his favorite TV show is Suits. If he were an animal, he’d be a bear.



ASHER



MOYIN

**MOYIN ABIDOYE** is on our sports staff and excited for her first year at camp! Moyin attends West Chester University, Go Rams! She is enjoying meeting new people and eating any kind of pasta. 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.

## GAGA TOURNAMENT WEEK



Lower Camp Boys  
Grayson A.



Lower Camp Girls  
Cameron C.



Upper Camp Boys  
Brandon S.



Upper Camp Girls  
Taylor N.

Briarwood celebrated its 6th 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 Jeri Newman

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 - Reina K. (Robins)







Week 2 Winner – Giuliana W. (Panthers)



**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 6 	JULY 7 <i>Supers Belmar Trip</i>	JULY 8 Crazy Hat Day! 2nd Year CIT Hershey Park	JULY 9 <i>1st Year CIT Bowling &amp; Laser Tag</i>	JULY 10
Tie Dye Week				
Upper Camp Tennis Tournament				
JULY 13	JULY 14 <u>Lower Camp Bunk Shows @10:30</u>	JULY 15 <i>Disney/Marvel Day!</i> <u>Upper Camp Bunk Shows @ 10:30</u>	JULY 16 <i>*Bunk Show Rain Date*</i>	JULY 17 <b>Halloween in July</b> 
CIT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT				
		Staff Night #1		
JULY 20 <i>Supers Hershey Park</i>	JULY 21 <b>SUPERS IN CAMP FUN!</b> 2nd year CITs to mini golf	JULY 22 Hawaiian Shirt Day! <i>Supers Tubing Trip</i>	JULY 23 2nd Half Picture Makeup <i>1st year CITs to mini golf</i>	JULY 24 <b>GOOFY DAY</b> 
<b>IT'S THE SUPER DAYS!! SUPER CIT FUN!</b>				
UPPER CAMP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT				
S'MORES WEEK AT NATURE				
JULY 27 <i>Supers Citizen Bank Park Tour 1 PM</i>	JULY 28 Busy Bee Bunk Shows @ 10:30	JULY 29 <i>Sports Jersey Day!</i> <i>Busy Bee Show Rain Date</i> <i>Gymnastics Show</i>  <i>ALL CITs to Point Pleasant Beach</i> 	JULY 30 CARNIVAL! 	July 31 Carnival Rain Date
AUGUST 3 Staff Night #2	AUGUST 4 <i>Mystery Day</i> ? ?	AUGUST 5 Wednesday Themeday: TBA	AUGUST 6 BRIARWOOD AMAZINGNESS	AUGUST 7 MORE BRIARWOOD AMAZINGNESS
AUGUST 10 Happy 41 summers of Briarwood!! 	AUGUST 11 <b>TIE DIE TUESDAY!</b> Drama Show @ 10:30	AUGUST 12 Briarwood Spirit Day  <i>All CIT Field Day (offsite)</i> <i>All CIT Late Stay Picnic</i>	AUGUST 13 Briarwood Marathon	AUGUST 14 <b>LAST DAY OF CAMP!</b> Early dismissal @ 2:30pm
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!**