



The Vine August 2017

New to Briarwood – Honoring Mamma Jean Oswald and Pastor Eric Schulze

This summer we have added a tower that measures 30 feet tall and on this tower are a climbing wall, vertical playpen, and “Jacob’s Ladder.” Off of this tower is a 450 foot zip line that climbers get to ride after they’ve made it to the top! This addition has proven to not only be a highlight for summer campers but an attraction as we now offer BASE Camp (Briarwood’s Awesome Summer Experience) to the surrounding Community.

This new addition was made possible because of gifts given in Memory of Mamma Jean and Pastor Eric, a gift from Pastor Eric’s Estate, a major gift from Grace Lutheran Church, Fort Worth, a grant from the NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund along with gifts from Ron and Becky Brakke and Calvary Lutheran, Richland Hills. We not only give thanks for these gifts to Briarwood but also for the opportunity to honor two pillars of Briarwood’s ministry! Everyone is invited to join us at Briarwood for a cook-out lunch on Saturday, September 23 at 12:30 pm. A dedication will follow the lunch and everyone is invited to spend the afternoon at Briarwood to enjoy outdoor activities along with the opportunity to climb the wall and ride the zip line!

Junior High Retreat September 29 - October 1

Be sure and mark your calendars for September 29-October 1! Formerly known as our Confirmation Retreat, we’ll get to do all the great things available at Briarwood, like Archery, Swimming, S’mores, and whole lot more! New this year will be our high ropes adventure which includes a climbing wall, vertical playpen, “Jacob’s Ladder” and a 400 ft. zip line! Briarwood is the exciting place to be for adventure and to grow in your faith – join us for the Junior High Retreat beginning on September 29!



Briarwood Invitational Golf Outing Friday, October 20

Briarwood is excited to announce that the Briarwood Invitational Golf Outing will be held on Friday, October 20. We will again hold the outing at the beautiful Bridlewood Golf Club, 4000 W. Windsor Dr., in Flower Mound. Registration opens at 7:00 am followed by breakfast and 8:30 am shotgun start. The cost is only \$95 per golfer and includes breakfast, lunch, cart, range balls, 2 drink tickets and 1 raffle ticket. You can register and purchase sponsorships on line at www.bidpal.net/briarwoodgolf

Congregations are encouraged to purchase sponsorships and form teams for a fun fellowship event that supports Briarwood and to participate in the “Bishop’s Challenge!” \$250 - \$3,000 Sponsorships are available. For more information contact Pastor Phil at phil@briarwoodretreat.org.

Fall Festival and Thrivent Cooking for Christ Cook-off

Briarwood is holding its Fall Festival and Annual Meeting of the Advisory Board at the Thrivent Financial’s 4th Annual Cooking for Christ Cook-off on Saturday October 7 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Briarwood.

The festival and cook-off will be a fun-filled family day at Briarwood! There will games available for children of all ages, tours of the camp and the Annual Meeting of the Advisory Board. We will also have the usual treats, cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn and sodas, along with treats provided by the various cooking teams, available throughout the day!

The Cooking for Christ Cook-off is sponsored by Thrivent Financial. Teams will compete in three categories: beef brisket, spare ribs and chicken. The Judging Panel consists of representatives from each registered team. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category, and Grand Carnivore.

Tickets for the event cost \$10 per person and can be purchased from participating congregations and Briarwood. Space for the Cook-off is limited so turn in a Registration Form and \$100 Registration Fee, payable to Briarwood. For more information or registration forms please contact the Briarwood office at bw@briarwoodretreat.org or call 940.241.2099.

What’s Next at Briarwood

Summer Camps through August 4
Summer Camp Clean-Up Day - August 5
Climbing Wall Dedication - Sept 23
Junior High Gathering - Sept 30-Oct 1

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