



Briarwood Retreat Center

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Dear Pastors, Sponsors, and Youth Workers,

Summer is on its way, and now is the time to begin preparations for bringing your group to camp for Christian growth, fun and fellowship! Our theme for 2008 is Just for Life! We have planned a wide range of camping opportunities for this year. The materials in this packet will make it easy for the folks of your congregation to attend as a group or individually.

What's New in 2008?

- Camp will be held for two weeks in June, two weeks in July and one week in August!
- High School students (who have completed 10th - 12th grade) and college students will have new opportunities:
 - A weeklong servant trip to the Oaks Indian Mission in Oklahoma!
 - A multi-cultural week of camp immersed in the faith tradition and cultures of our brothers and sisters in Christ!
- All campers will experience CLAY PLAY where they will enjoy creating objects with clay, firing them in a kiln and then finishing them with paint!
- Opportunities for campers to learn and experience the workings of the Briarwood Barnyard!
- Campers will learn fishing and casting techniques at the new Briarwood Pond!
- “Confirmation Only Camp” the week of June 29 – July 4 is being organized by Pr. Ron Heimsoth.

This year we are offering a discount if the total camp fee is paid prior to April 15!!

Discounted prices are listed in parenthesis on the camp schedule

Oaks Indian Mission Trip:

Briarwood will provide transportation to and from the mission in Oklahoma. This trip will offer participants in Senior High and the first two years of college an opportunity to experience servant opportunities among Native American people, as well as an encounter with the Cherokee language and heritage. This servant experience will afford participants the chance to work in a way that will make a difference for residents of the Oaks. An adventure activity is also planned as part of the trip.
Cost \$330.00

Multi-Cultural:

This new week at Briarwood will be filled with many varied worship expressions. You will sample the foods, learn the traditions, and meet others who share our Christian faith. Cost \$350 (\$315)

What other types of experiences are available?

Young'ns: a half-week of camp for our youngest overnights who have completed the 2nd and 3rd grades. "A" session is 3:30 PM Sunday to 10AM Wednesday. "B" Session is 3:30PM Wednesday to 7PM Friday.

Yearlings: A full week of camping fun for those who have completed grades 4 to 6.

Adventurers / Confirmation: Our most popular camps for those who have completed grades 6 to 9.

Lutheran Youth Leadership Experience 1 (LYLE-1): Courses are offered for those who have completed grades 10 and 11.

Lutheran Youth Leadership Experience 2 (LYLE-2) For those who have completed LYLE 1 and have completed the 11th grade or are in the 12th grade with no prior LYLE experience.

Day Camp: Briarwood will send counselors to you for a week of camp for children in grades K through 5 at your church. Camp sessions run Monday-Friday and typically have a commissioning/kickoff service on Sunday. Watch for new information on Day Camp with sliding scale pricing to permit smaller congregations an opportunity to sponsor a Day Camp.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

How can you register your group?

It's easy! Just follow the guidelines on the enclosed Checklist sheet, fill out your "Group Reservation Form" and send a deposit of \$75.00 per participant by March 30, 2008. The \$75.00 deposit per camper is required to reserve a space for the camp session. Then, you have until April 30, 2008 to assign a name to that reservation. But, to save money on the registration fee, you must pay the camp fees in full prior to April 15, 2008.

How about individual reservations?

That process will begin right after the mailing of our 2008 Summer Brochure in February. You must pay the camp fees in full prior to April 15, 2008, to receive the early registration rate.

What about Day Camp?

This year, Day Camps will be held in June and July. The cost will be based on a sliding scale starting with a cost of \$1500 for up to 30 Day Campers, which includes up to 30 t-shirts! Watch for a separate

letter about Day Camp. The registration process will be described on the registration form. Day Camp is filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

A word about fees . . .

As always, Briarwood Retreat Center has a policy of turning away no campers due to financial need. Campership money is available through the generous gifts given to Briarwood. An application form for a Campership is enclosed and is required for each child for which a scholarship is requested.

A word about payments . . .

Briarwood Retreat Center is focusing on our financial stewardship as well as our environmental stewardship. In order to meet our financial obligations, Briarwood has implemented late payment charges for accounts that are 30 days delinquent. The full balance for camp services will be due at the completion of the event (day camp) or one month prior to the camp start date as stated on the reservation form. Accounts not paid within 30 days of that date will be assessed a late fee of 1 ½% per month or portion thereof.

Read through this information and make your group reservation now! If you have any further questions, please contact Briarwood Retreat Center at (800) 441-0016, fax (940) 455-2157 or email the registrar at crystal@briarwoodretreat.org.

We look forward to serving you in 2008!

Yours Through Christ,

**Henry L. Howe
Interim Executive Director
Briarwood Retreat Center**

2008 Camp Checklist for Congregational Coordinators Briarwood Retreat Center Argyle, Texas

Please review the following checklist. It represents the steps involved in the group summer camp registration process. Please give us a call at (940) 241-2099 if you have any questions; we are here to serve you!

Beginning with receipt of this letter:

_____ Group reservation application can be completed and sent to Briarwood Retreat Center with a group reservation deposit of \$75.00 *per participant*. This deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable to another congregation after April 30, 2008.

_____ you will receive a confirmation letter indicating that we received your group reservation application.

_____ Applications will be given priority for weeks and programs on a first-come first-served basis.

Between February 1st and April 30th, 2008

_____ Each INDIVIDUAL camper, sponsor, and pastor must send in the registration form from the Briarwood Retreat Center Summer 2008 Brochure. This registration information must reach Briarwood Retreat Center by April 30, 2008 in order for the \$75.00 reservation deposit, paid with the group reservation, to be applied to an individual registration.

_____ A confirmation letter will be sent to each individual after registration forms and fees have been received.

April 15, 2008 _____ To pay the early registration fee, payment in full must be postmarked by April 15th. This is the last day to receive discounted registration fees on fully paid applications.

April 30, 2008 _____ Group reservations and deposits not confirmed with registrations by April 30, 2008 will be forfeited. Refund requests for unused group reservation fees must be made via phone, fax, or letter not later than April 30, 2008.

_____ You will be mailed a statement indicating the individual camper and pastor/sponsor registrations that have been received from your congregation. *The congregation will be billed for all camping fees for those reservations unless we are notified that you would prefer individual billing.*

2008 Group Reservation Form
Briarwood Retreat Center Argyle, Texas

*Please send this completed form and a deposit of \$75.00 per participant to Briarwood Retreat Center by March 30, 2008.
Use a separate form for each group from your church that is planning to use a different program
Or a different camping week.*

Tell us about your group:

Congregation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Tell us when you want to come to camp:

	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Camp Program</i>
<i>First Choice</i>	_____	_____
<i>Second Choice</i>	_____	_____
<i>Third Choice</i>	_____	_____

Tell us who is coming to camp:

Number of youth camper spaces you wish to reserve: _____ X \$75.00 = _____

Number of pastor/sponsor spaces you wish to reserve: _____ X \$75.00 = _____

Add the two deposit lines together, and send in a deposit for that amount with this form.

TOTAL: _____

Tell us about your Pastor/Sponsor(s) who are planning to come:

Note: Sponsors must be at least twenty-one years old.

Indicate the *primary person we are to contact about the camp registration process:**

____ *Pastor ____ *Sponsor _____

____ Pastor ____ Sponsor _____

[] I will be team-teaching with: _____

Please bill my campers: ___ as individuals: ___ as a group through the church office.

Please mail this form, together with a check to: Briarwood Retreat Center, 670 Copper Canyon Road, Argyle, TX 76226

Summer 2008 Camping Schedule Briarwood Retreat Center Argyle, Texas

Session Dates	Program Offered
June 22 - 27	Yearling \$350 (\$315) Adventurers \$350 (\$315) Confirmation \$350 (\$315)
June 22 - July 4	LYLE I \$495 (\$450)
June 29 - July 4	Group Confirmation \$350 (\$315)
July 20 - July 25	Adventurers \$350 (\$315) Confirmation \$350 (\$315)
July 20 - 23	Young'ns A \$175 (\$160)
July 23 - 25	Young'ns B \$175 (\$160)
July 20 - August 1	LYLE II \$495 (\$450)
July 27 - August 1	Yearlings \$350 (\$315)
July 27 - August 2	Oaks Indian Mission Trip \$330 (\$330)
July 27 - July 30	Young'ns A \$175 (\$160)
July 30 - August 1	Young'ns B \$175 (\$160)
August 3 - 8	Multi-Cultural \$350 (\$315) Yearlings \$350 (\$315) Adventurers \$350 (\$315)

***Pastors and Sponsors go to camp for 50% of the camp fee
Rates in Parenthesis are for fees paid in full by April 15, 2008***