

The Briarwood Vine

*Providing Christian hospitality, camping and retreat programs
to serve, nurture and equip the people of God for God's work in the world.*
February 2008

THANK YOU LYO SENIOR YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANTS – 120 youth (and adult sponsors) from this Gathering came to Briarwood for two hours on January 19 and did a great job. They cleaned up trails, cleaned and straightened out the Arts and Crafts Shed and area, put posts in the ground for new benches around a campfire, cleaned the Petting Zoo, washed windows, moved beds, picked up trash around the camp, painted bridges, cleaned out fireplaces, provided logs for all fireplaces, cleaned the Fireside Room and many other activities. They made the camp sparkle and look better for those who will be coming. **Thanks again – this was a great service and we appreciate you!**

LENTEN RETREAT FOR 4TH, 5TH & 6TH GRADERS February 29-March 1. As we prepare for the celebration of the Risen Lord, we gather at camp to help the meaning of the cross come alive for each one. Our theme this year is *Pieces Of The Cross*. Through stories, songs and games, we will come to a better understanding of the symbols surrounding the journey to the cross. Join us as we explore the images of the passion story. There will also be time to explore the camp, meet new friends and old friends, eat great food, have smore's around the campfire, etc. For more information, go to our website, call us or email jean@briarwoodretreat.org.

SENIOR CITIZEN RETREAT MARCH 7-9 – Come to Briarwood for a great weekend retreat. The theme is *Pass It On*. We will have Bible Study led by Carol Leber on the Biblical Time Line. We will also have workshops, worship, entertainment, fellowship, games. You can relax, enjoy the animals in our barnyard and share times with old and new friends. For more information, go to our website, call us at 1-800-441-0016 or contact jean@briarwoodretreat.org.

“COME AND SEE” BRIARWOOD March 15th from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. You are invited to enjoy a tour of the grounds, a presentation on Briarwood, and a complimentary lunch. **“Come and See”** the changes that have been made and hear about where we are going. See how you can be a part of this wonderful ministry. RSVP to jean@briarwoodretreat.org or call 940-241-2099.

SUMMER CAMP 2008 – Day Camp opens June 8 and the first week of summer camp is June 22. Brochures will be mailed in February. New this year will be low ropes course, ceramics and a mission trip to Oaks Indian Mission in Oklahoma. The mission trip is for those completing 10th, 11th, 12 grade and college age youth. Watch for the brochure.

SUMMER STAFF NEEDED – We are looking for young people to serve as summer staffers. There are a variety of positions available from leadership staff to lifeguards, cabin counselors to maintenance staff. The sooner you get your application in, the better your chance to get hired. Check our website for more information; call 940-241-2099 or email henry@briarwoodretreat.org.

INVITE Jean Oswald, Development and Outreach Manager for Briarwood, to help your congregation hold a “Briarwood Sunday”. You will learn about what's ahead for Briarwood, and how we can strengthen our partnership. Contact her at 972-754-6134 or email jean@briarwoodretreat.org.

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