

# The Briarwood Vine

Providing a Nature Setting Where People Experience God's Love  
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## 2009 SUMMER CAMP – LOVE TO SERVE

Last year's summer camp was one of the best ever – and we are planning an even better one for this year!! The theme for this year's Summer Camp is *Love to Serve* with the central Bible passage Mark 10:45, "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many."

Campers will explore the ways they have been gifted and called to serve. With our new cabins, great meals, 7 wooded chapel sites for worship and study, and an excellent and well trained summer staff - Briarwood provides one of the best camping experiences in



Texas. The Summer Camp brochure is being mailed out now and is also available online at [www.briarwoodretreat.org](http://www.briarwoodretreat.org). Come join us this summer for an amazing camping experience.

## NEW CABINS BEING BUILT!

Three new cabins are now being built in the Oak Grove village. Briarwood is able to do this with a generous gift from **Bethany Lutheran Church** in Dallas.

The three older cabins will be torn down to their foundations (and one or two walls) and completely rebuilt. Eight feet will be added to the back of each cabin to make room for two full handicap accessible



bathrooms. The new cabins will have sloped roofs and a front porch (to visually tie the new cabins in with the cabin constructed several years ago in Oak Grove).

The new cabins are designed to be very comfortable for children and youth during the summer as well as adults in a retreat type setting. **To see additional drawings**

and pictures of the cabins, go to our web site – [www.briarwoodretreat.org](http://www.briarwoodretreat.org) – and check under the "What's New?!?" heading. Pictures of the construction will be posted on the web site on a regular basis.

## LENTEN RETREAT

### JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28 TO SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

You are invited to bring your **4th through 6th graders** to Briarwood on March 28th and 29th as we "Journey to the Cross" for this year's Lenten Retreat. Journey with Jesus as he moves from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. Hear the story through the tales of those who were there - from Jesus' disciples to those at the foot of the cross.



Our journey this year will include worship and singing, Bible study and small group discussion, a Seder service, and all the enjoyment of a wonderful camping experience. This is a great time of year to be at Briarwood with your child.

**Dates/Times** - This year's retreat begins on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and ends on Sunday after lunch (lunch begins at 12:00 noon).

**Cost** - \$60 per person (additional children from the same family cost only \$30 per person). This includes overnight accommodations, all programming and materials, staff costs, and four delicious meals. **Adult chaperons are free!**

Registration forms are online at [www.briarwoodretreat.org](http://www.briarwoodretreat.org).

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