

The Briarwood Vine

Providing a Natural Setting Where People Experience God's Love
October 2009 (Special Oktoberfest Issue)



YOU ARE INVITED!!

Yes - YOU!!

It's time for Briarwood's annual Oktoberfest celebration - AND YOU ARE INVITED!! Come join us on Sunday, October 25th starting at 3:00 p.m. as we celebrate all that God is doing to renew, rebirth, and rebuild the ministry at Briarwood.

The day will include a wonderful meal by our talented chefs, highlights of some of the exciting events since last year, a time to share hopes and dreams, **and the dedication of the three new Oak Grove cabins.**

God has been stirring up some excitement at Briarwood.

We are RENEWED by what God is doing - calling us to be a natural setting where people experience God's love.

We have been REBIRTHED - given a new beginning with our new and growing staff and more and more groups using our facilities.

We are REBUILDING - physically (such as our new Oak Grove Cabins, new Labyrinth, rebuilt Meadows, new parking, etc.) as well as spiritually (through prayer and Bible study) and financially (as we seek to consistently be good stewards).

There is no cost for this fun event but we do ask that you make a reservation by calling the Briarwood office at 940-241-2099 or by emailing us at jean@briarwoodretreat.org.

So please join us on October 25th for our annual Oktoberfest celebration as we offer our thanks for our partnership in the outdoor ministry of our church.

+ Peace +

Pastor Rob Moore
Executive Director, Briarwood Lutheran Ministries

OKTOBERFEST SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

3:00 - 4:00 - Welcome and fellowship

4:00 - 5:00 - Sharing our joys and concerns of the last year, offering our thanks, dreaming, election of board members

5:00 - 6:00 - Dinner

6:00 - Dedication and Ribbon Cutting of New Oak Grove Cabins

CABINS TO BE DEDICATED

On Sunday, October 25th, as part of the annual Oktoberfest celebration, the three new cabins in Oak Grove will be dedicated. The new cabins were



constructed this past summer from a very generous gift from Bethany Lutheran Church in Dallas, TX.

They feature two sleeping wings (each wing sleeping four on new

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twin beds), central air conditioning and heating, two fully handicap accessible bathrooms, a central lounge/meeting area, and a beautiful covered front porch.

These new cabins will enable us to serve youth and adults for many years to come. You are invited to the dedication on Sunday, October 25th, at 6:00 p.m.

AND

There will be a special "Ribbon Cutting Ceremony" sponsored by the Lewisville and Flower Mound Chambers of Commerce on Wednesday, October 21st at 10:00 a.m. This event, generously sponsored by our local chambers of commerce, will include not only a special ribbon cutting but coffee, drinks, and snacks by our wonderful chefs.



So come and celebrate with us at our Dedication on October 25th (during the Oktoberfest) and our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, October 21st.

(For pictures of the new cabins - including construction pictures – go to our web site – www.briarwoodretreat.org

BRIARWOOD'S ANNUAL MEETING

During the Oktoberfest Celebration on October 25th, Briarwood will be holding its annual meeting. Each congregation in the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod is invited to send one representative to be a voting member of our "Advisory Council." This Advisory Council will meet at 4:00 on October 25th to hear reports from the staff and board, reflect on the ministry of Briarwood, and vote for next year's board members.



Everyone is invited to participate in the discussion and hear the reports; however, only Advisory Council members can vote.

Pastors, please have your Congregation Council elect a person from your congregation to come to the annual meeting and serve on this Advisory Council. Advisory Council members are also asked to be one of the points of communications between a congregation and Briarwood - your summer camp and retreat center.

Names should be submitted to Jean Oswald at jean@briarwoodretreat.org by October 16th (and yes - with your Congregation Council's approval - YOU can be on the Advisory Council!)

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BRIARWOOD

Mark your calendars now!! Here are some of the upcoming events/retreats:



Sunday Brunch Buffet –

October 4th - Another wonderful brunch by our talented chefs - Norm and Jeramy.

Oktoberfest - October 25th - Mark your calendar now for this fun party at Briarwood.

Advent Retreat - December 5-6 - Briarwood's annual Advent Retreat for 4th to 6th graders.

For more information, go to our web site: www.briarwoodretreat.org.

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