

# 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.  
November 2008



## ADVENT RETREAT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 TO SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

(For 4th through 6th graders)

You are invited to bring your 4th through 6th graders to Briarwood on December 6th and 7th as we "Journey to Bethlehem" for this year's Advent Retreat. Travel with Joseph and Mary, the Wise Men, and the Shepherds as we explore the Advent journey - traveling to the place of Jesus' birth and exploring His promised return.



### Our Journey

Our journey this year will include worship and singing, Bible study and small group discussion, a special craft project that the children will bring home, and all the enjoyment of a wonderful camping experience. This is a wonderful time of year to be at Briarwood with your child.

### Specifics

**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 Deadline** - November 26, 2008

Download a brochure/registration form at our web site:  
[www.briarwoodretreat.org](http://www.briarwoodretreat.org).

## WHAT A CELEBRATION!!

On October 25th Briarwood had its first annual Octoberfest – and we had a blast!! The party included a wonderful reception, a tour of the facilities (led by Martin and Katie Luther), a delicious German style lunch (by Norm – our famous Briarwood chef), a informative meeting, a great recognition of Briarwood's donors (with a very special thank you to Clarie Streng Broste), and a worship service (and re-dedication of the rebuilt Meadows) in the best Briarwood style.



This is the first of what we hope will be a growing annual event as we continue to build the relationship between our congregations and Briarwood. A special thank you to the Briarwood

Board (especially Tammy Mast who coordinated the festivities), the staff, all our donors and partners, and all those who made our Octoberfest such a special day.

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