

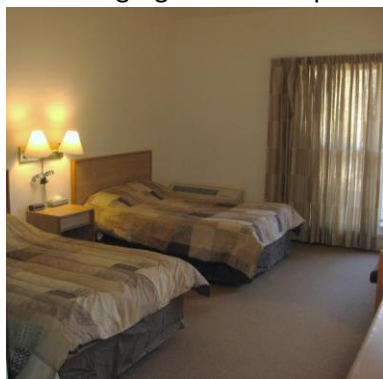
# The Briarwood Vine

*Providing Christian hospitality, camping, and retreat programs to serve, nurture, and equip the people of God for God's work in the world.*  
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## ADOPT A QUAIL RUN ROOM

Here is your opportunity to make a difference at Briarwood! We have officially started an "Adopt a Room" program at Quail Run (our adult retreat facilities). Your congregation, youth group, women's group, men's group, or you as an individual can adopt a room for a complete makeover. Faith Lutheran Church, Flower Mound, TX, is our first congregation to adopt a room. Their "noisy offering" covered the cost to remodel room number 1, pictured to the right.



For \$2,000 (and if possible, some volunteer time), you can sponsor a complete makeover of a Quail Run room, including patching and paint, new fixtures, update of the bathroom, a new compact refrigerator and microwave, a small coffee pot, and other needed updates. Please partner with us as we continue to improve our facilities and grow our ministry (and see more pictures of Quail Run Room 1 on our web site!).

## SUNDAY BRUNCH AT BRIARWOOD



Sunday Brunch is starting at Briarwood. Starting the first Sunday in January (the 4th) we will be hosting a wonderful

Brunch meal. For those of you who have EVER tasted food by our chef – Norm – you will not want to miss this! Every **first Sunday** of the month, from 10:00 a.m., to 2:00 p.m., you will enjoy a wonderful buffet that will include an omelet station, a waffle station, sausage, scrambled eggs, potatoes, biscuits, tossed salad, fruit, desserts, and other wonderful breakfast and lunch items. The cost is only \$13.50 for adults, \$6.00 for children (5 to 9), and free for children 4 and under.

## UNFINISHED RETREAT FINISHES SEVERAL PROJECTS

Over 50 youth gathered at Briarwood on November 8th and 9th for the annual "Unfinished Retreat" at Briarwood.



Their service has helped to grow the ministry of Briarwood. These hard-working youth worked on three different projects – hauling and laying out mulch for one of our playgrounds, clearing a large area off the main road for much needed additional parking, and a complete rebuild of the camp's labyrinth. The labyrinth includes a stone walkway (surrounded by mulch) which leads to a cross shaped area in the center.



The new design for our labyrinth was suggested by Pastor Nancy Fisher, Bishop Assistant for the synod. The final

design was created by Zach Mergens (who works full time at Briarwood – this past summer as a counselor and now doing maintenance) and Jon Thompson (our Facilities Director). Thank you to all the youth, adult sponsors, and participating Youth & Family Ministers for a job well done.

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