

The Briarwood Vine

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Merry Christmas to all of you from the Briarwood staff. May your holidays be a blessed time.

2011 ASK Letter

By now you have hopefully received your 2011 ask letter from Briarwood. If you are considering making a donation to us for 2011 it is not too late. We have already been blessed with almost \$3000 in gifts through this letter and more comes in each day. As you may know Briarwood relies on your generous donations for more than 30% of our operating budget. These funds are vital for Briarwood to continue its mission. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Briarwood office. Checks need to be dated by 12/31/2011 and received by 1/5/2012 to be counted for this year. All donations made to Briarwood can be used as a tax deductible charitable contribution.



DiscipleLife Alive Brunch and Program



Not even the cold rain could dampen the spirit surrounding the Briarwood Brunch on December 4th. More than 200 people attended this event as Bishop Kanouse led a program to introduce the future of Briarwood. During this program the new Master site plan was unveiled to the crowd and a discussion followed that helped explain the future of Briarwood's role in DiscipleLife. If you are curious to see what is in store for Briarwood, you can stop by our website and take a look at the Master site plan summary for yourself. Thanks to all who helped make this a very special day.

Upcoming Events at Briarwood

Seniors Retreat March 23 - 25, 2012

You are invited to join us for the annual Seniors Retreat at Briarwood. Designed for the retired, semi-retired, or still working - there is no age limit. If you want to join us, you are invited to be here!! Our time this year will include worship, Bible study, interesting workshops, and opportunities for horseshoes, card and board games, bird watching with Stephanie Varnum, plants and landscaping by Jim Varnum, hiking, and much more. This is a wonderful time of year to be at Briarwood.

Lenten Retreat March 24 - 25, 2012 4th Grade through Middle School

Your child is invited to Briarwood on March 24th and 25th as we journey with Jesus during the Lenten season. Together we will explore the meaning of Lent - from its traditional meanings to contemporary ways of living Lent.

Our time this year will also include worship and singing, Bible study and small group discussion, games, campfire, an arts and crafts project, and all the enjoyment of a great camping experience. This is a wonderful time of year to be at Briarwood. Adult chaperons are free!

Volunteers

Jean is looking for a few good helpers here at the Briarwood office. It doesn't take a huge time commitment to make a big difference. If you enjoy filing, answering the phone, and helping out then please contact us and come join the team.



We believe that God's purpose for Briarwood is to provide a natural setting where people experience God's love.
Thank you for your partnership in the camping and retreat ministry of the synod.