



# The Briarwood Bugle

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## COMING NEXT WEEK...

**PREVIOUSLY ON  
LOST...CIT'S:  
Recap of Halloween in  
July, Bowling and  
Roller Skating Trips**

## FROM MATT & MIKE

What a wonderful week! It's hard to believe camp is half over! Bunk shows were a hit and everybody had a ball at our Halloween In July festivities. Many thanks to our entire Briarwood family for rolling with the bunk show changes due to Tuesday's monsoon. We have some great things scheduled for the second half—check out our calendar—our usual spectacular programming plus trips to bowling (lower camp), skating (upper camp), the beach and New York City (CIT's), inter-camp sports, Carnival and we have some special surprises scheduled for our 25th anniversary! Stay tuned!!

## HI everyone and welcome to the ADVENTURE CORNER!

If you have been looking at the Briarwood website you have seen something new hanging off the climbing wall. That's our new Leap of Faith. LOF participants engage in the elements while being at heights often 25-35 feet above the ground (don't worry parents...they're harnessed!). The Leap of Faith challenges our campers to climb up the wall to a little platform. When they get to the platform they count to three, putting their faith in themselves as they jump out and hit the bell, which is hanging 5 feet away. The Leap of Faith as well as the entire adventure complex enables campers to safely take risks and to learn from them—campers are gently encouraged and supported by our qualified instructors to push their own boundaries as far as they wish, whether that is only a few steps up the wall, half way or all the way to the top and leap. Students are congratulated according to their individual achievements. Climbers are supported by helmet, harness and belay rope to ensure at any point they can safely be lowered to the ground. **In other news:** The ropes course club is learning the many aspects of the Adventure program. Campers going into 7th & 8th grades are learning how to belay for other climbers. They will also learn how to prusik climb up the wall and to repel down the wall.

### Here is your rope course staff...

Jeffrey Stepansky	13 years Rope Course Supervisor	
Zach Waulet	Joe Fite	Bill Bradley

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# BUNK BITES

## The Buzzzz

-Spencer Glass, Lord of the Flies

There's nothing more Flies like better than hot, sticky, humid air to buzz around in. What perfect Fly weather we had this summer. Here's what some of our buzzers had to say.

**Jonathan "Sugar" Kane**—*"It was a chance to drink more Gatorade and seeds."* (I haven't figured out how to drink seeds...but, whatever)

**Jake "The Snake" Koss**—*"We got to check out the lower pool slides."* (not only did we check them out—but we went on them, too!)

**Logan "Ben" Hurwitz**—*"It was so hot, I could roast an egg on my head."* (You should try roasted egg au cranium...deeeee-licious!)

**Maxwell "Silver Hammer" Levine**—*"We had more instruction swim than free swim. Or was that more free swim than instructional swim. Or was that...wait...I'm confused."* (So are we Hammer, but the heat can do that to you!)

**Jacob "Jingleheimerschmidt" Walinsky**—*"Swim was fun!"* (And it was! And we've had lots of them!)

**Jeremy "Lightning" Fash**—*"It was so hot because I was there."* ('nuf said.)

**Ben "Up in The" Sadel**—*"The fish sticks were sweaty, but still great."*

We have the best junior counselor this year, Max "Under Great" Duretz. Here, he tells us a little bit about himself.

*My name is Max Duretz and I am the JC for the Briarwood Flies. Besides attending Briarwood Day Camp for 10 years now, I also attend Council Rock High School South. (10 years here, too.) In addition to school, I mostly spend all my free time hanging out with my friends or playing hockey. So far I have enjoyed being a JC for the Briarwood Flies. Being with the Flies is a once in a lifetime experience. Be cool baby, be cool!*

## Bunk Show Review by Sasha Eisenberg

*"I Gotta Feeling" that this years bunk shows were "Fabulous!" Even though the weather is "Hot, Hot, Hot," campers were busy practicing for this season's bunk shows and they were "Dynamite!" With "Macho Men" and "California Girls" the show was a hit, "Naturally!"*

## The Bulldog Pit by Paul Richman

Our 2nd, 3rd and 4th weeks here at camp proved to be just as exciting and action packed as the 1st. **Jake Paul** won not only our first game of knock-out as a bunk, but also the second. The athletic superiority did not end with basketball. Our rival 4th grade bunk the Flies challenged us to softball. **Ryan Oster** and **Jake Armbruster** proved to be up to the challenge as they came up with clutch hits and impressive defensive plays. The Bulldogs barked their way to a 5—3 victory. **Harry Wasnak** battled it out at kickball and brother **Sam Wasnak** cheered him on. **Nico Marino** and **Sam Eisenberg** were total pros at gaga. This week we all kept our coolness in the pool. And the heat goes on...

*We would like to introduce Carl Witkin as our JC. Carl has been with our bunk since the 2nd week.*

# *Sheryl's Lower Camp Shmooze*

*By Sheryl Cohen, Lower Camp Supervisor*

Hi Briarwood families!! The summer is flying by, and the boys and girls in lower camp are having a blast. Some of our highlights have included Briarwood's "Lower Camp Olympics" where the Flyers brought home the gold! Next, the Lower Camp bunk show was a hit. All of the bunks' hard work paid off. They all did amazing! Friday, we celebrated "Halloween in July." The boys and girls had a lot of fun (and looked really cute) trick or treating throughout the camp.

We also have many fun things to look forward to. On Monday, the entire lower camp is hoping to get strikes and spares as we go bowling and at the end of July, Briarwood will have its annual "Carnival" where the food and fun always creates great memories! Have a wonderful weekend!

## ***BRIARWOOD RHYME TIME PART 1, EVAN & SETH***

This week brought a lot of rain  
But our great campers kept us sane.  
Football Friday was a blast,  
**Jeremy & Andrew** ran super fast  
At rainy day schedule gimp was a favorite pick,  
When we played soccer **Mikey** had a great kick.  
**Trevor & Evan F.** were awesome at the complex of sport,  
And **Danny G.** was an all-star at the basketball court.

## **Briarwood Rhyme Time Part 2**

### **COUGARS by James Abelson**

Here's a daily recap of James' day  
And things he can't believe or say...  
What's that blast of light we just saw?  
Oh that's **Bennett** jumping off the GaGa wall.  
**Ian** is our archery guy,  
Every shot is a bullseye.  
Where is **Alec**, did you say?  
He's at BMX where he loves to stay.  
You should see **AJ** climb the rock wall,  
Or watch as **Sid** avoids each dodge ball.  
It's "Miller Time" you'll hear them scream,  
When **Jared** is picked to play on your team.  
One without the other? It cannot be,  
Best friends forever are **Nathan** and **Ethan Lee!**  
**Josh** is a crazy cat,  
You should see him dive across the GaGa mat.  
If **Caden** could have only one wish,  
It would be to catch every Briarwood fish.  
Can't find **Austin's** shirt? That's ok...  
He doesn't wear them anyway.  
This is what I wish I could do every camp day,  
That's something my campers love to say.  
Every day is such a blast,  
We wish summer would always last!

## **Cooking Club**

From Carly, Cara, Madison & Pam

We want to let you know we had a great time in our 1st half *Cooking Club!* We had a really enthusiastic bunch of campers. We hope that you enjoyed our fun and yummy treats. Thank you for a job well done. Here is a list of our accomplishments:

- ⇒ Decorative Cookbooks
- ⇒ Waffles & Strawberries
- ⇒ Lemonade Slushy
- ⇒ Beach in a Cup
- ⇒ Veggie Flowers
- ⇒ Chocolate Covered Marshmallows
- ⇒ Pizza
- ⇒ Nachos
- ⇒ Fruit Salad
- ⇒ 4th of July Jello
- ⇒ Cheese Quesadillas
- ⇒ Dirt
- ⇒ Fruity Frogs

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>JULY 19</b> <b>LOWER CAMP BOWLING TRIP</b> Briarwood Swim Team at Willow Grove	<b>JULY 20</b> <b>UPPER CAMP ROLLER SKATING TRIP</b> <i>Lower Camp Bring-A-Friend</i> Willow Grove at Briarwood for CIT co-ed soccer	<b>JULY 21</b> <b>CIT Beach TRIP</b> <b>Mini Campout for Robins, Sparrows, Swans, Otters, Sharks, Tigers</b> <i>Upper Camp Bring-A-Friend</i>	<b>JULY 22</b> <b>PICTURE DAY, SECOND HALF</b> <i>Pennsbury Racquet for Lower Camp</i> Willow Grove at Briarwood for 10—12 year old soccer, archery and tennis	<b>JULY 23</b> Briarwood at Willow Grove for CIT basketball & newcomb Briarwood at Southampton for 5th, 6th & 7th grade softball, newcomb
<b>JULY 26</b>	<b>JULY 27</b> <b>BUSY BEE SHOW &amp; BREAKFAST</b> Breezy Point at Briarwood for CIT newcomb, 12 year-old newcomb, archery, 10 year-old soccer, 11 & 12 year-old softball	<b>JULY 28</b> <b>CIT NYC TRIP</b> <b>Mini Campout for Butterflies, Ladybugs, Bumblebees, Cheetahs, Cougars, Hawks</b> Briarwood at Willow Grove for 9– 12 year old soccer, archery, tennis Willow Grove at Briarwood for 11-12 year old softball & newcomb	<b>JULY 29</b>  <b>CARNIVAL</b>	<b>JULY 30</b>  <b>Carnival Rain Date</b>
<b>AUGUST 2</b>	<b>AUGUST 3</b> <b>MYSTERY DAY</b> ??????????????	<b>AUGUST 4</b> <b>DRAMA CLUB MINI-CAMPOUT</b> <b>Makeup day for Mini Campouts</b>	<b>AUGUST 5</b> <b>BUSY BEE AND 3RD GRADE GRADUATION</b>	<b>AUGUST 6</b>  <b>BRIARWOOD OVERNIGHTER</b>
<b>AUGUST 9</b> <b>BRIARWOOD'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY!</b>	<b>AUGUST 10</b> <b>ART SHOW</b> <b>DRAMA SHOW (A.M.)</b>	<b>AUGUST 11</b> <b>GYM SHOW (P.M.)</b> <b>DRAMA SHOW, RAIN DATE</b>	<b>AUGUST 12</b> <b>AWARDS ASSEMBLY</b> <b>CIT HOAGIE PARTY</b>	<b>AUGUST 13</b>  <b>LAST DAY OF CAMP :(</b> <b>DJ PARTY</b>

## **MEET THE STAFF**

### **SARA GOTTLIEB**

Sara has been with Briarwood since 1985 as a camper and is now a 6th grade girls counselor. For the last few years she worked at the lower pool as a swim instructor. During the off-season she attends graduate school and student teaches.

### **DEIDRE EPSTEIN**

This is Deidre's 4th year as Briarwood's tennis instructor. During the off-season she plays tennis and works part-time for her Dad.

Deidre's favorite thing about Briarwood are all of the friends that she has made over the years!

### **LEAH MARKS**

This is Leah's 9th summer as an instructor at the upper pool. During the off-season she lifeguards at a local gym and calls herself a "desperate housewife." Leah's favorite food is a good risotto!

### **SASHA EISENBERG**

This is Sasha's first year as the Briarwood's Drama specialist and

drama show director. During the off-season she directs the theatre program at Central Bucks East High School. Her favorite thing about Briarwood is the breeze on the stage and watching the kids perform.

### **MIKE FINK**

This is Mike's 24th year at Briarwood as a 2nd grade boys counselor. Mike teaches at Wagner Middle School and coordinates the roster. He says the campers are what keeps him coming back year after year!