



The Briarwood Bugle

Week 6

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FROM MATT & MIKE

Well, that was an exciting week! We had a phenomenal Busy Bee Show, a CIT trip to New York, Carnival, Crazy Hat Day/Goofy Day and of course, Color Games broke! The Pennsbury Racquet Club came for clinics, we continued to excel in inter-camp games, a good time was had by all!

We've got a lot of exciting stuff left—Color Games, Drama Show, Gym Show, Art Show and don't forget, we've got our 25th Anniversary. We'll set a world record (it's a surprise), create time capsules and other cool stuff. Can't wait!

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**Briarwood Overnighter
August 6—8
Includes a trip to Camel
Beach!**

**It's official, COLOR
WAR broke:**

**Go BLUE Aladdins
Go GOLD Lion Kings!**

BRIARWOOD RHYME TIME

Dolphins Time to Rhyme

Sorry we missed last week's rhyme,
We did not turn it in in time!

The past two weeks were really great,
The **Dolphins** went to The Palace to skate.

Sam and **Danny G** climbed the rock wall,

We defeated Southampton in softball!

With **Dan L** at first and great hitting by **Mike**,

The kids played better than **J.R.** rides a bike!

Lineup kickball with **Harris** was really fun,

We had a great week, and next week will be another one!

Evan and Seth

ORIOLES, by Deena Gross

So much happened this week that we need to tell all of you,
And we cannot believe how quickly the time has flew.

Between tie-dying, playing sharks and minnows and our usual swimming at the pool,

Thankfully this week was not as hot and we managed to stay cool.

We played the hole-in-one contest and the girls were so very good,
However we eliminated them in almost all the holes while we all had a great time as we should.

The carnival was a blast with rides, games, food and fun,

It was awesome enjoying a different day and playing in the sun.

At drama we danced with hula skirts and imagined we were so very far away,

We all hope the summer would never end and at camp we could always stay.

Here's to another week as we grow older, wiser and of course so much stronger,

We just wish that summer and camp would last a lot longer!



BUNK BITES

MEET THE SWANS by Morgan Drossner

Jenna Smeyne and I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls this year. The fourteen beautiful swans in our bunk have kept us smiling and laughing everyday for the past six weeks. Each and every one of them are truly unique and overall amazing girls. **Alexa Sperling** and **Jules Bernstein** are the entertainers of the group, always putting on a show and acting crazy! **Paige Ruhbakh** never fails to teach us a new dance and can create a song about anything! Everybody loves to sing the song she made up about Briarwood! **Katie Lux** is our treasure hunter, always finding the coolest stuff on the ground! **Maddie Sandberg** loves gimp and ceramics is definitely her thing! Besides being attached at the hip, **Lexi Albuck** and **Paige Kutler** should be fish instead of swans. They love to swim and are a great pair to have on the Briarwood swim team! **Sorelle Sax**, **Jessie Gottlieb** and **Emily Wagner** are our newcomb stars! The three athletes together could take anyone down. **Lexi Hunn** and **Jackie Green** are also always together, shaking up a storm, being goofy and making us laugh. **Maddie Freeman** is our nature girl and loves looking at the robin's nest outside of our bunk. We're so sad she's only a six weeker! **Ali Bernstein**, is our shining star, the actress of the bunk! She's starring in a play at the Bucks County play house and we're all so proud of her! We've been extremely busy all summer trading silly bandz, climbing the rockwall, playing sports and dancing any chance we can get. Our bunk show to "Telephone" and our mini campout were both a huge success! The girls even threw me a surprise party for my birthday and decorated the bunk with tons of food and streamers! This bunk is honestly one of a kind. They're all genuinely nice, crazy, and fun loving girls. As this camp season comes to an end, we're going to enjoy every last bit of it and make it the best summer yet!

From the **BULLDOG** Pit...

Paul Richman-SC

Carl Witkin-JC

Mike Shander-JC

The Bulldogs are really having a blast this year with scavenger hunts throughout camp and fierce games of newcomb—you can say "life is good" in the pack. **Daniel Rosenthal** climbed the rock wall and flew down the zip-line without any trouble. The crew is putting their artistic skills in tie-dying at nature this week. **Micah Katz** and **Max Young** did a great job at wiffleball and the bunk is really competing the mini-golf tournament.

"Quotes from Counselor Paul"

"A great group of kids, they drive me to love Briarwood."

Briarwood Day Camp is tons of fun!

Ropes course

Interesting choices for clubs

Art projects and ceramics

Rowing a kayak or paddling a boat

Winning at GaGa

Our certified swim staff

Outstanding mini-golf and games

Doing Lacrosse and BMX

CARNIVAL

The excitement started with goofy hats and crazy get-ups all around,

Kids in face paint and tattoos, lots of smiles that we found.

New rides, new games, new Carnival fun!

A traveling clown twisting balloons for everyone.

Kids getting “married” at a very young age,

The marriage booth was a hit on the drama stage.

Carnival food like cotton candy, pretzels and water ice,

Were the finishing touches that made it so nice!

Another Briarwood day that was really awesome and cool,

It certainly beats any day spent at school!

THE SGF OVERNIGHTER

The word of the weekend was “scorcher.” Despite the heat, almost 50 boys had the time of their lives at the 3rd Annual SGFVC Overnighter. Highlights of the weekend included 70 pounds of candy that rained down the rock wall, followed by an incredible Indian ceremonial fire featuring a true fire fight between Chief James Abelson and the Ultimate Warrior, Dylan Weisman. Capping off Saturday evening was a smashing carnival complete with rides, popcorn, invisible cotton candy and an all you can eat ice cream truck!

The real purpose of this article, however, is to feature the Briarwood volunteers who made it so successful. The SGFVC Foundation is a small group of men who are alumni of the SGF Vacation Camp which existed in Collegetown, PA from 1920—1978. At that time it existed to give Jewish boys of modest or little means an opportunity they might not have otherwise had. Our group does its own fundraising to help make this all possible, and with that we must rely on volunteers beyond our circle to help staff this weekend. James Abelson has given of himself all 3 years. All of the kids flock to him like the Pied Piper. Sometimes he even looks like he is being attacked by rats! Dylan Weisman is a monster of energy and enthusiasm. He adds such spirit to the weekend and he, along with James, bookend a great up and coming staff. And don't forget Perry Paul, he is as dedicated to our cause as any of us. He too has ceaseless energy. I don't think I even saw him sweat this weekend. I know he never complained. Three other JC's rounded out Briarwood's finest. Max Duretz and Josh Kaner have now given 2 years of service along with first-timer Ian Davis (Dad is a board member.) All of these guys have my heartfelt appreciation. They made one weekend into a lifelong memory! Lastly, thanks go out to Mike and Matt for leaving Briarwood in my hands for the weekend, but more so for giving out 10 scholarships so even more kids could benefit from this absolutely amazing weekend.

Spencer Glass, President

SGFVC Foundation

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AUGUST 2 C G	AUGUST 3 O A	AUGUST 4 L DRAMA CLUB and GYMNASTICS CLUB MINI-CAMPOUT M	AUGUST 5 O E	AUGUST 6 R Busy Bee and 3rd Grade Graduation BRIARWOOD OVERNIGHTER S
AUGUST 9 BRIARWOOD'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY!	AUGUST 10 ART SHOW DRAMA SHOW (A.M.)	AUGUST 11 GYM SHOW (P.M.) DRAMA SHOW, RAIN DATE	AUGUST 12 AWARDS ASSEMBLY CIT HOAGIE PARTY	AUGUST 13 LAST DAY OF CAMP :(DJ PARTY

WANTED: A good home for a sweet rabbit. If you are interested in adopting Rico, our nature rabbit, please call the office.

MEET THE STAFF

DAN GREEN

This is Dan's 6th year at Briarwood. He is one of the BMX Specialists. During the off-season Dan is a teacher. His favorite thing about Briarwood is seeing the kids improve at activities.

TRACI ALBUCK

Traci is celebrating her 5th year at Briarwood. She is the new games specialist. During the off season, Traci is a middle school math teacher in Philadelphia. She loves the smiles on all of the Briarwood campers' and staffs' faces!

SPENCER GLASS

Spencer is the 4th grade boys counselor. He has been with Briarwood for 10 years. During the off-season Spencer is a 6th grade teacher at Forrest Elementary school. His favorite foods at camp are the French toast stix and sausage.

MARIA GOLDINGER

This is Maria's 3rd year as a swim instructor. She is also coach of the Briarwood Swim Team. Maria teaches preschool at Kol Emet. A fun fact about Maria...she tried out for the TV show *Survivor*.

MAX KASKEY

This is Max's first year at Briarwood, although he has been at camps for many years. Max attends Pitt and is studying to be a history teacher. Max is also an avid guitar player.

ROBIN KASPER

Robin is spending her 8th summer at Briarwood. She is a 3rd grade girls counselor. Robin teaches Kindergarten in the off-season and lights up the camp with her smile! Robin's favorite thing at Briarwood is Chef Ed's yummy mac and cheese.