



THE LAST WORD

Week 8

August 10—14, 2009

FROM MATT & MIKE

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A NOTE FROM TED

For the last 24 years, Briarwood has been my second home.; the staff and campers, my second family. Briarwood has given me many fond memories. Thank you to my partner Bruce for being by my side and helping to establish our vision. Thank you to the many individuals who, along with us, have dedicated their time to Briarwood. Together as a team we have made Briarwood the outstanding camp it is today. To Matt and Mike, I know you will maintain the Briarwood tradition and all it represents to ensure that our campers receive all they deserve!

Ted

We finished camp with an excellent and exciting last week – all of our regular activities plus some extended swims, Busy Bee prom, 3rd grade graduation, art show, gym show, wiffle ball tournament, inter-camp games, awards ceremony, dance party . . . whew! We're all going to need some time to recover from these great eight weeks!

Next year is Briarwood's 25th anniversary and we've got some great things planned. We'll start with our open house and chili cook-off on Sunday, October 11 and we've got plenty of surprises planned after that.

Also, we are happy to say that Bruce will be with us again next year as Director Emeritus. We are excited to know we'll have another year of Bruce's wise counsel as we continue our transition. Ted has told us he wants a more informal arrangement and we are happy that he will help out on his timetable – his help and insight have been invaluable and he will always, always, always be welcome here at Briarwood.

We're hoping to get a fall Bugle out in the next few weeks. We always welcome your thoughts, comments and suggestions. Please reach out to us by phone or email anytime. We hope to see all of you next year!

A NOTE FROM BRUCE

It's hard to believe that 24 years have passed since Ted and I discussed the idea of turning 30 acres in Bucks County into what is now Briarwood Day Camp. It would take us hundreds of pages to thank everyone who was instrumental into making this camp what it is today, a place where we could watch your child grow, have fun, and make life-long friends. The memories that we have are priceless, and Ted and I will never forget you.

We are leaving you in good hands with two energetic and innovative gentlemen. As we look forward to next season, I'm happy to announce that I will be remaining on for our 25th season to help Mike and Matt continue to make Briarwood the premier day camp in Bucks County.

With deepest appreciation to all the Briarwood Family, I say thank you!

Bruce

A BIG THANK YOU

THANK YOU

As we finish our first camp season at Briarwood, we wanted to let everyone know how much we've enjoyed this summer and how much we look forward to many, many more years together.

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDS AND PARENTS: Thank you for letting us into your lives and for letting us participate in such a fun, wonderful summer.

THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF: Thank you for your dedication and your unwavering support. You are the backbone of this camp and your love and dedication to camping and to Briarwood's kids make this place the best day camp in the entire Philadelphia area and an example to all other day camps.

THANK YOU TO TED AND BRUCE: Last, but not least, thank you to Briarwood's founders, Ted Levin and Bruce Barsky. Ted and Bruce built a spectacular camp from scratch 24 years ago and they have been wonderfully open, honest, helpful, forthcoming and kind to us in our transition this year. We are honored to call these "mensches" our friends and if we can create and maintain the kind of camp and relationships Ted and Bruce created for the next 24 years, we will be happy, successful men.

-Matt & Mike

LOST AND FOUND

Items in the Lost & Found will be on display the weekend after camp, Saturday August 15th & Sunday August 16th.

TENTATIVE
CAMP DATES
2010
JUNE 21ST-
AUGUST 13TH

PICNICS AND PARTIES

Briarwood is available for company picnics, birthday parties, family outings and social events. Call 215-579-4667 for more details.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR FALL CHILI COOK-OFF AND OPEN HOUSE!

We're going to have an open house and chili cook-off on **Sunday, October 11, 2009** from 11 am to 3 pm, rain or shine. All are welcome to attend. We'll have sports equipment out plus we'll be getting a moon bounce. Tours will be available for those interested.

Charge for chili and hot dogs is \$5. And we need contestants too! Proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

For more information, please check our website or email us at chilicookoff@briarwood-camp.com.

WIN A DRAWING TO PAY ONLY 25% OF OUR 2010 TUITION

To celebrate Briarwood's 25th anniversary, we're going to be reducing one camper's tuition to 25% of its price (that's 25% of the total price - not 25% off). To be eligible, we must receive your child's application and accompanying \$500 deposit by September 15, 2009. We will be having a drawing at our Chili Cook-off and Open House on October 11, 2009. You will not need to be present to win. Good luck!