

2026 Camp Briarwood Counselor Application

NOTE: You must be 15 years or older by June 1, 2026 to apply as a Camp Briarwood Counselor.

- Upon hiring Counselors must pass a background check as well as complete an online Ministry Safe certification.
- Make a copy of all forms for yourself and turn in the original signed forms to:
 - **The Quest Recreation Outreach Office, Briarwood Church, Room G-100** (above the gym)
 - mail to: **Camp Briarwood, Attn: Counselor Application,**
2200 Briarwood Way, Birmingham, AL 35243
 - scan and email to Quest@Briarwood.org

Applications should be returned as soon as possible. Please note that the Camp Director will begin reviewing each application as soon as it is turned in. Don't miss out by waiting to apply!

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Name you go by: _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Your age during 2026 Camp _____ M / F

FULL Home Address _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone # (_____) _____ - _____ Parent's Phone # (_____) _____ - _____

School You Attend _____ Grade (currently) _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Email Address _____

Date School is Out _____ Date You Return to School in the Fall _____

Church and Denomination where you are a member _____

Church and Denomination where you are active _____

PRIOR CAMP BRIARWOOD COUNSELOR EXPERIENCE:

- This is my first time to apply as a camp counselor.
- I have been a paid counselor at Camp Briarwood in the past (please circle): 2025 2024 2023

CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING –

week of June 1-5 for Day Camp

week of June 16-20 for Overnight Camp

2026 CAMP SESSIONS -MARK THE CHECKBOX OF EACH SESSION YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO WORK

Please note there is no Special Connections this year

Day Camp

	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Grades</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 8– June 12	rising 1 st -3rd

Overnight Camp

<i>Session</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Grades</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> A	June 22 – June 27	rising 4th -6th
<input type="checkbox"/> B	June 29 – July 2	rising 3rd-4th
<input type="checkbox"/> C	July 6-July 11	rising 5th-7th
<input type="checkbox"/> D	July 13-July 18	rising 7th-10th

LIFEGUARD / CPR CERTIFICATION

Do you have a current Lifeguard certification? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have a current CPR certification? Yes _____ No _____

I am able to work all weeks checked above. All information I have given is accurate and complete.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

My child (17 and under) is committed to work all weeks checked above.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

For additional information, call the Camp Briarwood Office: 205-776-5237.

** Remember to sign all application forms.*

** Be sure to make and keep a copy for yourself.*

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NAME: _____

1. Experience: If anywhere other than Camp Briarwood, please describe previous camp counselor experience: when, where and what responsibilities you had.

(Previous experience not required).

Relate other experience working with children – when, where, and what responsibilities:

2. Do you play a musical instrument? If so, what? _____

3. Would you be comfortable leading music? Yes _____ No _____

4. Testimony

A. Briefly write your testimony concerning your own relationship with Jesus Christ.

B. Are you willing to share your testimony with campers both individually and as a group? ___Yes ___No

C. Briefly describe two recent evidences that God is working in your life & that you are growing spiritually.

5. **References:** Please list name, address and phone numbers of two adult references besides your parents who know you well. If possible, include one who has observed you relating to or working with children.

1. Name _____ Address: _____
Phone _____ City/State/Zip _____
Email _____ Relationship _____

2. Name _____ Address: _____
Phone _____ City/State/Zip _____
Email _____ Relationship _____

6. **Philosophy**

A. Why do you want to work at Camp Briarwood?

B. Describe how you believe someone should relate to those in authority over them?
On a scale of 1-10 (1=low, 10=high), rate your success in following this philosophy. Rating: _____

C. What kinds of social media platforms do you use? (ex: Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Tik Tok)

D. In what ways do you think having social media could influence campers in the present or in the future?

7. Theology (Please consider using scripture to support your answers.)

A. Who is Jesus Christ and what was His purpose on earth?

B. Explain the plan of salvation as you would relate it to a **camper**.

C. Explain how a person can have assurance of salvation.

Please read carefully.

Camp Briarwood Statement of Faith

1. God is one Being existing in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is the Sovereign, the Creator, and the Sustainer of all things. God is the source and end of all truth.
2. The Scriptures are the written Word of God, inerrant in their original writings, the infallible authority by which He directs and governs all activities. Both the Old and New Testaments reveal God's covenant of grace and are therefore applicable to believers today.
3. Jesus Christ is the eternal begotten Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, and of the Virgin Mary, truly God, truly man. Through Christ's life, death, resurrection and ascension, He accomplished a decisive victory over sin for His people and established His Kingdom among men.
4. Man was created in the image of God as a rational, moral and spiritual being. Man sinned in Adam and fell with him in his first transgression. Man's fall affected him spiritually, intellectually and physically leaving him in a state of total depravity, that is he is utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. He is restored only by the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit and the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. God is the initiator and completer of this work and is sovereign throughout both salvation and sanctification. Man's response to God's offer of salvation is repentance from sin and faith in the atoning work of Christ.
5. The Holy Spirit permanently indwells the believer beginning at salvation. The work of the Holy Spirit is to glorify Jesus Christ. To do this, He regenerates, enlightens, sanctifies, transforms and gives to believers what they need to serve Christ.
6. The Lord will return in glory and triumph for the final judgment and consummation of His Kingdom.

D. I have read, agree with and will uphold the Camp Briarwood Statement of Faith: _____ yes _____ no

If no, please explain

All information I have provided is accurate and complete.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

The following information will be kept strictly confidential except to Quest Recreation Outreach staff members and Camp Briarwood Directors. If you prefer to answer these questions in a personal interview, please place a check mark here: _____

Health

A. Is your general health and stamina: ___ Poor ___ Average ___ Above Average ___ Excellent

B. Please describe any health problem or condition that could affect your workload, how well you could do your job or the time you work.

C. Do you: Smoke? ___ No ___ Yes

Vape? ___ No ___ Yes

Dip? ___ No ___ Yes

Drink any alcoholic beverages? ___ No ___ Yes

Use any type of non-prescription drug? ___ Not at all ___ Occasionally ___ Frequently

D. Do you take any prescription drugs? ___ No ___ Yes, list below.

Medication name: _____ Condition used for: _____

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If more, please add on an additional sheet.

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Commitment to Serve

NAME: _____

Through much consideration and prayer, I am applying to be part of the 2026 Camp Briarwood Staff. In ministering to children, I realize that I am making a commitment that must take place to be fully effective in our work. I agree with the following statements and make a commitment to fulfill all responsibilities above and beyond what I am asked.

1. I will respect and abide by all the policies and procedures of Camp Briarwood.
2. I will do what is asked of me and expected of me, as working unto the Lord.
3. I will seek to have Jesus Christ glorified in everything I do and be a Christ-like example to the children, counselors, and staff I will work with this summer.
4. I will create an atmosphere where Christ will be talked about, where spiritual conditions will be determined, where sharing of Christ will take place, where leading an individual to Christ will be a natural desire.
5. I will lift up the Camp Briarwood staff in prayer throughout the summer and attempt to be aware of and sensitive to individual needs.
6. I will prepare my mind and body by spending daily time with the Lord and getting adequate rest, so that I might be effective and prompt for my daily responsibilities.
7. I will make my time with the children and counselors organized, creative, fun and edifying.
8. I will treat each individual as equally as possible and make each individual feel that they are a worthy addition to the group and program.
9. I will not use drugs (except proper dosage of those prescribed for me), alcohol, or tobacco during my time of employment with Camp Briarwood.
10. I will make no sexual or inappropriate advances of any sort toward any camper or fellow staff members at any time or make innuendo or inappropriate gestures during any camp activity.
11. I will not do anything that may damage the name and witness of Jesus Christ, my employer Briarwood Presbyterian Church, my fellow Camp staff members or myself.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Counselor Position Hired for: _____

Session(s) & Date(s): _____