

Brookwood Discovery Tour

Experience Brookwood in action through a guided 2-hour personalized visit, led by a member of the Brookwood Center for Learning team.

Discovery Tours are designed for individuals or teams who want to experience Brookwood's heart and operations up close. Whether you're exploring a specific program element or simply seeking inspiration, we'll tailor your visit to reflect your interests and questions.

What to Expect

1. Led by a member of the Center for Learning team

You'll be guided by someone who knows Brookwood well and can speak to its mission, operations, and culture.

2. Approximately a two-hour tour

The tour will be an overview of our programs and culture. The walking tour will include horticulture, retail, ceramics, stone casting, food packaging, soap making, café, residential, medical, chapel, activity center and pool.

3. By appointment only

Tours are scheduled in advance to ensure a meaningful, customized experience.

4. Optional lunch at the Brookwood Café (not included)

If you choose to stay for lunch, a member of Brookwood leadership or the Center for Learning team will join you for informal conversation and Q&A.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who are the Discovery Tours for?

Anyone curious about Brookwood's model—nonprofit leaders, educators, faith-based organizations, entrepreneurs, or those being called to enhance their existing organization or start a program.

2. Do I need to plan a full replication?

Not at all. Some guests come to explore one element, others to gather information or inspiration. We believe one of the greatest ways to validate what you believe you

have been called to do is to see programs in order to determine what you do and do not want to replicate.

Brookwood has found “A” Way, not “THE” Way to awaken meaning and purpose for adults with disabilities. We’ll meet you where you are and cherish all models of serving such deserving people.

3. Can I bring a group?

Yes—just let us know the size and focus of your group when scheduling.

4. Is there a fee for the tour?

Yes. To honor our commitment to fiscal stewardship, the Discovery Tour includes a modest fee, per person, that helps cover the time of a Brookwood leader. This allows us to share our mission with others while safeguarding the resources entrusted to us for our Citizens.

5. Is lunch included?

Lunch is optional and not included in your Discovery Tour fee. If you choose to dine in our café after your tour, we’ll arrange for a Center for Learning or Brookwood leader to join you for conversation and Q&A.

6. How do I schedule a Discovery Tour?

Reach out to a member of our Center for Learning team at cfl@brookwoodcommunity.org or call 281-375-2240. We’ll work with you to find a date and shape the experience around your goals.

7. Do you offer a free tour?

Yes. Absolutely. You may wish to join an already scheduled general tour with one of our volunteer tour docents. You may be combined with a Garden Club, church group, educators or people simply curious about our community or, if no group is scheduled for that day, we will arrange for a volunteer docent to give you and your group a tour, if a docent is available.

8. How do I schedule a general tour?

Please contact tours@brookwoodcommunity.org or call 281-375-2100.

Fee schedule available upon request. Some scholarships are available for those who qualify.

Terms Defined

1. *The Brookwood Way*®

We refer to Brookwood's culture-in-action as *The Brookwood Way*®..... the invisible, secret sauce rooted in faith, dignity, purpose, and community. It is how Citizens and Community Members work, how we treat one another, and live out our mission every day.

2. Citizens

We refer to the adults with disabilities who live and work at Brookwood as *Citizens*. They are the heart of Brookwood, vessels through whom the Lord teaches us daily, reminding us that we learn far more from them than they ever learn from us.

3. Community Members

Our Community Members are the staff who live out *The Brookwood Way*® each day, forming the interconnected community that makes our mission possible. As members of one body, we work in an interdependent relationship supporting, learning from, and relying on one another to create a place where our Citizens can thrive.

4. Community Builders

We refer to participants in our Brookwood Way Conference and Center for Learning Offerings as *Community Builders*—those who are actively shaping purposeful communities across the street or across the world.