



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who can be admitted into Sparrow's Nest?

Sparrow's Nest admits women, 18 years of age and older, who are ready and willing to make a complete change in lifestyle. Prior to admission, the applicants are thoroughly interviewed to determine their eligibility.

2. How do I know if I am a candidate for the program?

Are you ready for a complete change in lifestyle? Are you willing to submit to the authority of our staff? Are you ready to let Christ heal you by the renewing of your mind? If you can answer yes to each of these questions, you are probably ready for Sparrow's Nest.

3. Are the facilities cleaned and well-maintained?

Most definitely! Sparrow's Nest takes pride in its well-maintained, up-to-date, clean facilities. We provide a clean, peaceful, tranquil atmosphere. We are able to ensure a safe, sanitary environment for our residents due to the program's disciplined and well-structured nature. Sparrow's Nest is inspected daily by staff.

4. How are residents disciplined?

Residents that receive write-ups for failure to adhere to rules are disciplined at the discretion of the Caseboard. Although discipline can be tough, corporal punishment is not permitted.

5. Following the initial application, am I required to pay for the counseling I receive at the Safehouse in addition to tuition?

Brian's Safehouse is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and receives no state or federal funding. God provides for the needs of our ministry through the generosity of friends, families, churches, and other organizations. Therefore, residents are only responsible to pay the \$700.00 monthly fees for tuition/rent. Sparrow's Nest is a branch of Brian's Safehouse, Inc.

6. Can I tour Sparrow's Nest?

Yes! Individuals, as well as groups, can schedule tours by calling our main office at 681.207.7258.

7. Does Sparrow's Nest follow abuse prevention procedures?

We realize that physical abuse, particularly sexual abuse, has reached unprecedented proportions. We believe in the protection of our residents as well as staff. Our staff members are required to follow very strict procedures to ensure that residents, as well as themselves, are protected. In-house monitors (cameras) are used in the learning center and main areas of Sparrow's Nest. Prior to being hired for employment with Sparrow's Nest, a background check is conducted on each employee. Potential employees with prior sexual abuse convictions are denied employment.

8. Can an applicant be admitted in lieu of incarceration in jail?

Nonviolent offenders may apply for admission after a criminal background check has been conducted. Once accepted for admission, applicants must have: Court approval to reside at Sparrow's Nest. A written statement from the court assuring that the applicant will not be required to be present in court on any other charges must be on file. Written approval must be obtained from the probation/parole officer, if applicable.

9. Upon admission, what forms will I be expected to sign and/or complete?

You will be expected to sign the following forms:

- Application for admission
- Statement of faith
- Medical history
- Student enrollment
- Approved visitor/caller list
- Rules agreement
- Student manual
- Liability release
- Statement of liability responsibility
- Limited consent for release of confidentiality
- Authorization for disclosure (notification consent form)
- Christian discipleship training form
- Non-refundable fees form
- Medical liability release
- Statement of responsibility of fees form
- Civil rights waver
- Release of personal story rights
- Christian conciliation and arbitration agreement
- Financial holdings acknowledgement
- Work skills and ethics training form

10. Do I need to be concerned about illegal drugs, fighting, or other illicit behavior while staying at Sparrow's Nest?

The staff heavily monitors our residents. Therefore, illegal drug possession is not a problem at Sparrow's Nest. Upon admission into the program, enrollees and their belongings are thoroughly searched. Since we only allow students who have a sincere desire for change to participate in our program, most have a positive attitude. Fighting or illicit behavior is not permitted, nor it is a problem on our campus. We are blessed that our residents are, for the most part, unified with one goal: to serve God, our community, and each other.

11. What if I experience drug/alcohol withdrawal following my admission?

Sparrow's Nest is not a medical treatment center. Therefore, if you feel you will experience withdrawal from drugs or alcohol, you may consider checking into a detox facility prior to being admitted into our program. In the event that a resident encounters severe withdrawal after being admitted, she will be transported to a local hospital for treatment.

12. Will I learn a vocational trade at Sparrow's Nest?

It is not our goal to teach a vocational trade, but to teach appropriate, ethical work habits.

13. Can I be confident that all of my records and private discussions with Sparrow's Nest trainers will remain confidential?

Our staff members are required to protect the confidentiality of our residents at all times.

14. May a student leave the program any time he wishes?

Yes. Residents may remove themselves from the program at any time. In the event that a resident steps off the campus, she is considered dismissed.