

THE YEAR AHEAD

No, you did not get dropped from the mailing list. We traditionally do not produce a Camp Monthly in January. December is always crowded with all kinds of events. There is a lot of year-end giving to process and it is officially the close of the Trinity Pines fiscal year (January 1 - December 31). This works well in our finances since we usually have less income and expenses during the final month of the calendar year and don't start to receive registrations and reservations until the first of the new year. You helped us finish financially strong. We have been blessed by new and renewed reservations from groups. Trinity Pines is still that GEM to find for some folks as they explore all the group camping facilities in the Heartland of Idaho (Cascade to Riggins).

We will never be without our usual challenges: hiring, dealing with elements of weather, securing supplies, housing requests and a large indoor meeting space for the winter months. When the camp opened in 2000, people may have thought "give us 10 years and we will have the perfect facility." That did not and most likely will not happen. On January 20, the Trinity Pines Board joined together with the Property/Development and Program/Development Committees and staff to project into our future. We like to look in the rearview mirror and see where we have been, but we also enjoy looking out the windshield and see where we are headed. 2023 helped us realize that we have significant investments ahead for replacing major equipment - hot water boilers, HFAC systems and carpet. We have slowly chipped away at replacing roofs on original buildings, along with adding HVAC in sleeping areas and replacing floor coverings in many areas. But, when you host the numbers of guests we do each year, these items all receive increased demand resulting in a shorter lifespan. Now funds that might have been used for future expansion are being redirected into replacement and maintenance costs for what has been purchased in the past. However, in this process we are also learning about new technology that hopefully will make our operation more efficient and result in savings.

If you have been around anyone who has built recently you have heard them say what we are hearing frequently, "That item is back ordered and may take 2-3 months to arrive," or, "We have a labor shortage and we can put you on the list, but not sure how soon we will get to your request," or, "Our business is so good in the valley that we are just not making trips to the mountains for those types of services any longer." While those are not encouraging statements, at the end of the day we know who is in charge of this operation and we trust Him for direction and protection along the way. The Lord has blessed the camp many times through the years and our work to help people transition their lives to the Kingdom is still first and foremost in our mission, goals and values. If man were in charge of our destiny, then we could be in trouble. With God at the helm, we can rest assured there is a path forward if we are obedient and prudent in seeing God's will for Trinity Pines. Thanks for your prayers and your support.

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Feb 16-18	S ID Assemblies of God 360 Men's Retreat
Feb 18-20	Bishop Kelly HS Junior Retreat #2
Feb 23-25	NNU CTCM
Mar 1-3	Vineyard/CLF Boise Jr/Sr High Winter Camp
Mar 7-9	Stonehill Church Staff/Elder Retreat
Mar 15-17	Boise Area Church of God Women's Retreat
Mar 22-24	Vida Nueva Church Women's Retreat
Mar 31	Community Sunrise Service
Apr 5-7	IMD Men's Retreat
Apr 12-14	Canyon Hill Nazarene Women's Retreat
Apr 14-16	Bishop Kelly Senior Retreat

TRINITY PINES CALENDAR "AT-A-GLANCE"

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

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CHRISTMAS ON CABARTON: The first season of Administrator John Theien's dream to light up the hillside for Christmas is behind us. The lights remained up through January and one comment from the District NYI Retreat in late January was, "The place looked absolutely enchanting." Now, we look to the future and additional lights and opportunities to tell the story of Christmas. We are still searching for a life-sized nativity scene to be used at the camp. However, we are also receiving Christmas decorations (especially outdoor lights and décor) to continue to enhance the Christmas season. Items can be dropped off at the District Office or at the Meridian Camp Office located at 55 SW 5th Avenue. Please leave your name and mailing address so we can acknowledge your donation.

WHAT A GREAT GIFT: Recently, Trinity Pines was offered a Mountaineer SUV that will be used at camp to help distribute housekeeping supplies from the conference center to the outlying housing facilities at the camp. Thanks to Viv Pipkin, Valley Shepherd, who secured a new vehicle and donated her top notch vehicle to the camp. What a blessing.



NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCESS: The 2024 camp season will be handled by a new program called CampWise. From all indication this is a much easier and user-friendly program than we have used in recent years. **Register NOW at www.tpines.org/summer-camps.**

THE TEAM IS IN PLACE: The team of directors who will lead our summer camping program is in place and ready to deliver a top quality camping experience to children and teens. The team includes the following:

Genesis Camp - June 10-14

Kym and Scott Slater, Bethel
Sara Ross, Valley Shepherd

4th-6th Grade Camp - June 24-28

Grady Harmon, Boise New Hope
Connie Blackstock, Ontario
Melissa Duggan, Gooding Desert Hills

Jr. High Grades 7-8 - July 15-19

Josh Potter, Bethel
Desiree Ferring, Bethel
Josh Snook, Baker City

Sr. High Grades 9-12 - June 17-21

Scott Davis, Nampa First
Mitch Birnell, Caldwell Canyon Hill
Rich Vasquez, Caldwell Canyon Hill
Levi Lewis, Ontario



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Steve and Cheryl Haney will again be coordinating our volunteers at camp. One of the positions we are working to fill is a Dining Room Host/Hostess to assist with areas like the salad bar, beverage bar, table setting, and cleanup. The other areas are also still a need: maintenance and facilities, laundry, some kitchen help (dishwashing), and other tasks as assigned. If you are interested in volunteering a week, a month or the summer please contact the Haney's at 208-830-1005 or hanstead@yahoo.com.

MEDICAL STAFF AT DISTRICT SUMMER CAMPS: The decision has been made to not have a full-time medical person at the camp this year but to have each of our four camps responsible to find their own medical staff. If you are a trained EMT, nurse or doctor and have some time to volunteer, we would love to have you. Call our Meridian office at 208-888-0988 or email rick@amgidaho.com and we will put your name on the list as a possible volunteer for a week or two at camp. The dates we are looking to fill with medical staff are listed with the list of directors in this Camp Monthly.

CAMP AMBASSADORS: We have a team of Camp Ambassadors that serve many of our Nazarene churches. The role of the Ambassador is to convey information to their respective congregations through newsletters, bulletins and announcements such as deadlines, needs, requests for items, people, and supplies for Trinity Pines. If you would like to be the Camp Ambassador for your local church, let us know. The pay is tremendous - NOTHING! Just like many of the tasks at Trinity Pines that keep us operating. You can send your name to rick@amgidaho.com.

WELCOME TO A NEW VOICE: Sydney Knight, a graduate of NNU, joined the AMG Meridian office staff in January. Her Father, Brian Knight, has been the pastor of the Emmett church and is relocating to Casper, WY, to pastor. Along with the rest of her AMG tasks, Sydney will be handling a variety of items for camp operations, such as financial assistance, 150 Club, donor deposits, and maintenance of donor records. Sydney can be reached at office@amgidaho.com.

