

## HERE WE GO AGAIN

We first camped at Trinity Pines in 2001. From those humble beginnings of just the Conference Center and some surplus Army tents for housing, we have never stopped building and expanding. And so, "Here We Go Again."

Elk Valley is the center of Trinity Pines in many ways. Here is where you will find Jubilation Station, the worship tent, the amphitheater trailhead, three lodges, and seven bunkhouses. Elk Valley spills off the mountain into the meadow right where the open play fields for recreation happen throughout the year. Let's just say that Elk Valley is the host of many people-related activities. However, with all of that use, there has always been a shortage of restrooms. Each of the lodges have a restroom facility with sinks, toilets, and showers, but those lodges are frequently used as accommodations for guests and so there is limited access for those participating in other activities in Elk Valley. Hence the Trinity Pines Board, hand-in-hand with the Trinity Pines Property/Development Committee, has launched a campaign to build a new restroom facility in Elk Valley. The building will be two stories with the second level being two apartments for volunteers or summer staff housing. We learned a long time ago that there is cost savings when you go up and not out in construction. We have also come to realize that many individuals and couples who are willing to volunteer do not have access to or own an RV, limiting their ability to volunteer at the camp.

We have recently received some financial gifts for the projects and have a goal of reaching around \$150,000 so we can approach the Murdock Foundation for a matching grant. Murdock likes Trinity Pines and we have been blessed by their support in the past.

Phase I of the project has already started with the remodel of the bunkhouses. In a normal year, we would be making plans to have materials delivered on site to get started ASAP. However, this year is anything but normal, with almost three feet of snow left around the camp and more as you move up into the valleys where the bunkhouses are located.

We will be sharing more about the projects in Elk Valley, but we just wanted you to be prepared for "Here We Go Again!"

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IMD '23 Men's Retreat	Apr 14-16
Pinehurst Quilters	Apr 18-21
TV Southern Baptist Assn. Women's Retreat	Apr 21-23
Canyon Hill Nazarene Women's Retreat	Apr 21-23
Bishop Kelly Senior Retreat	Apr 23-25
Claudson's Sew & Soak	Apr 26-30
Foothill Christian Church Men's Retreat	May 4-7
Calvary Chapel TV Men's Retreat	May 5-7
BSU Leadership Retreat	May 7-11
ID Mountain Search & Rescue Tracking Classes	May 11-14
SDMI SPARK Retreat	May 18-20
IMD Work Week	May 24-29
Rise Inc	May 29-Jun 2

## TRINITY PINES CALENDAR "AT-A-GLANCE"

# CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

APRIL 2023



**WEDDING BELLS:** Wedding Bells rang on Sunday, April 2, when Maintenance & Facility Director Andrew (AJ) Theien took Alyssa to be his bride. The ceremony happened at Cascade Community Church and then family and friends gathered at Trinity Pines to share in the reception. What a blessed and special time. The

couple will honeymoon on a cruise to Mexico during April. Alyssa works for Youth with a Mission (YWAM) in Cascade and is originally from Colorado. The couple will make their home in the farmhouse at Trinity Pines. Almost two rows of Trinity Pines cheerleaders were in the church on Sunday for the ceremony in support of AJ and Alyssa.

**STAFF CHANGES:** We welcome to the staff team at Trinity Pines, Peter and Alex Larsen. They traveled from Illinois to Idaho the first weekend of April. Peter will be working on the Food Service team as a cook and Alex, his wife, will be head of Housekeeping. Alex had worked on staff with AJ Theien at a previous camp.

**BACK FROM ISRAEL:** If you want the inside scoop on Israel, you need to corner John, Lois, or AJ Theien and ask about their tour in March. This had been planned long before their commitment to Trinity Pines and the board honored that commitment. John recently shared in a devotional with the camp board about the excitement and blessing of walking the paths of ministry of great heroes in the Bible. He concluded by saying, "My life will never be the same again after that experience."



**SUMMER CAMP:** Camp registration is open online at [www.tpines.org](http://www.tpines.org). Here are some simple guidelines:

- Register for the grade camper will be in fall 2023
- Deposit must be paid.
- Financial assistance is available online.
- 1st and 2nd Grade Genesis camper parents - remember an adult over 18 must accompany the camper to the camp - you will need to complete a background check.
- 150 Club is an outreach program available for campers without a home church. For questions, call Kyra at 208-888-0988.

**April 15:** Early Bird Deadline & Price Increase

**June 1:** Deadline for final registration for all June Camps

**July 1:** Deadline for final registration for all July Camps



**CAMP DATES:**

- Genesis Girls Camp:** June 5-7
- Genesis Boys Camp:** June 7-9
- 4th-6th Grade Camp:** June 12-16
- Sr. High (9th-12th):** June 19-23
- Jr. High (7th-8th):** July 17-21

**INTERMOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEN'S RETREAT:**

"We're Better Together" Retreat speaker will be Jerry McConnell. Over the past 48 years, Jerry has served five different Nazarenes churches in WA, OR, ID. He has most recently been at Eagle Nazarene. Jerry has trained churches from 48 states as a church safety security specialist for "The Center for Personal Protection and Safety." More info at [www.tpines.org/mens-retreat](http://www.tpines.org/mens-retreat).

**NURSE:** We are looking for additional medical professional help at our summer camps this year. That is for one week or all four weeks of Intermountain District Camps. You can be a trained EMT, LPN, or RN. If you are available for this ministry, please contact John Theien, Administrator, at 208-382-6200.

**SUMMER INTERNS:** Praise the Lord! Tyler Luschen, Program/Guest Service Director, reports that he has **six college students** committed for summer internships. Thanks, Tyler, for your hard work in recruitment. Though Tyler traveled up and down the I-5 Corridor (OR/WA), the interns all came from NNU, right in our backyard.

**NEW STEAMER IN KITCHEN:** Some things just quit. Such was the case with the steamer in the kitchen. We stumbled onto an almost-new steamer in Boise (value \$45,000) and purchase it for \$7,000. The company, Hale Industries, even threw in the conversion from natural gas to propane gas (\$400). Praise the Lord for good finds like this. Carla Thompson's husband, Eric, works for Valley Wide Cooperative and will do the installation. Eric shared that his installation rate is still the same - his hand in the kitchen cookie jar whenever he visits.

**ARCHERY RANGE UPDATES NEEDED:**

If you are interested in helping to maintain and upgrade the archery activity at Trinity Pines please clearly mark your investment "Archery Project."

Items	Cost	Qty	Total
Bows	\$250	6	\$1,500
Targets	\$130	7	\$910
Backstop Netting	\$450	2	\$900
Material	\$210		\$210

**INSURANCE CHALLENGE:** We were recently informed by our insurance carrier that the fire insurance on our property has been dropped due to the high fire rating in the area. This is common at this time. The dropping of insurance was not by the company but by the re-insurer for the policy. The increased number of wildfires in the West has raised havoc with the entire insurance industry. We have been assured that insurance will be fine but that we should anticipate an increase in premium.

**BUS WILL TRAVEL:** The Camp Bus will be making trips this summer from Meridian to Cascade on Monday and from Cascade to Meridian on Friday. Cost to ride the bus will remain the same at \$35 roundtrip or one way. Details will be coming later this spring.

**CAMP AMBASSADOR:** We struggle to keep a constant flow of information about Trinity Pines going into the local church. Therefore, we have reached out to each pastor asking for the designation of a Camp Ambassador that will receive periodic updates on camp information. If your church has not submitted a name to be the Camp Ambassador from your church, please send it to Rick Waitley at [rick@amgidaho.com](mailto:rick@amgidaho.com) or by calling 208-888-0988. Correspondence with Ambassadors will be handled only via email communication.