

End of Financial Year

As we get ready to close 2011, I want to encourage you to consider an end of year financial gift to Trinity Pines. The challenging economic times have been with us for several months. I don't know of anyone who is not feeling the pressure economically. But God is faithful.

We continue to hear rumors of what the government may do in how we treat investments in institutions like Trinity Pines, local churches, and other non-profits. At this time, those contributions are still a benefit to your taxes and we welcome your gifts as we continue to develop and maintain Trinity Pines.

Special gifts for special projects, memorials or loans are always welcome, and we are more than pleased to sit down and visit with you about the details of these types of gifts.

May your hearts be warmed at this special time of the year as we celebrate the birth of Christ and the significance that event has had down through the ages.

Merry Christmas

Rick Waitley
Executive Camp Director

To Contact the District Camp Offices

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TRINITY PINES CALENDAR

Jan 13-16	ID National Guard Youth Snowbash
Jan 20-22	IMD NYI Youth Retreat
Jan 27-29	Meridian Assembly of God Youth Retreat
Jan 27-29	Ten Mile Community Church Men's Retreat
Jan 28-29	Cub Scout Pack 127 Retreat
Feb 3-4	Boy Scouts Klondike Winter Camp
Feb 3-5	Nampa 1st Home Bible Study Group
Feb 3-5	The Rock C & MA Men's Retreat
Feb 10-12	Bethel Church Men's Retreat
Feb 16-18	Church of the Harvest Young Adults Retreat
Feb 17-18	Boy Scouts Centennial District Klondike
Feb 17-20	Summit Church Youth Retreat
Feb 18-20	Ten Mile Community Church Teen Winter Camp
Feb 21-22	IMD Pastors Training
Feb 24-26	Honor Bound Men's Retreat

For reservations, call 208-382-6200
Ask for Lynn

Cascade, Idaho

Camp Monthly

Trinity Pines Camp & Conference Center

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Dear Trinity Pines Friends . . .

It is interesting how the wrapping or bow on a gift can make it more desirable and set it apart from other gifts. I have noticed this as we attend various events where gift exchanges take place. The contents of the gifts may be of similar value – but the wrapping and the ribbons set the gift apart.

This started me thinking about lives that have been changed through Christian camping at Trinity Pines. The gift is similar in nature – transformation of a life to start or renew a journey with Jesus. The gift comes wrapped in a variety of ways – Sunday School, attendance at church, Vacation Bible School, small group ministries, etc. But somehow, that gift (the gift of new life) seems to have added appeal when it is wrapped up in a summer camp, retreat, or special event held in the mountains. We have seen the beautiful gift opened by children, teens, and adults through the years. They have been faithful to their local church, sat through hundreds of messages, faithful to a Sunday School class, and other ministries of the church - but put them in a setting like Trinity Pines and a new awareness seems to surface that makes this “gift” more attractive.

Your faithful giving helps us to continue to wrap and package the gift and make it available to those who visit Trinity Pines. Christmas 2011 will be different for many who have been guests at Trinity Pines. It will be different because this will be the first Christmas in their lives that they truly understand and know the Christ Child as a personal friend. None of this would be possible without the “wrapping” of the gift. That wrapping includes the facility, staff, food, and programs offered through an experience at Trinity Pines. Please consider your role in helping us continue to wrap and deliver the gift of new life in Christ. Your prayers, financial investment, and continued support allows the gift to be made available to all who visit. Thanks for your continued support and may the spirit of Christmas bless your homes and businesses.

Rick Waitley
Camp Executive Director

Update on Lodge #3

Just when we had Lodge #3 boarded up and ready for winter, a large gift (\$50,000) arrived. We have been able to continue in this cold but dry weather with plumbing, electrical, and construction of the stairs to the second level. What a blessing to receive this gift and allow for continued progress on the project.

Where is the snow?

Don't get out your snow skis or snow shoes for use at Trinity Pines quite yet. There is still plenty of bare ground in many places with no moisture forecasted until after the first of the year. Please be patient. Everyone says it will come, but for right now, there's no white to be seen.



Route 55 Restaurant Closes

ROUTE 55 has been a favorite restaurant for many who visited Trinity Pines. Route 55 has been owned and operated by Rick Owens, former cook at Trinity Pines. The final meal at Route 55 was served last week, the doors closed, and Rick relocated to Texas to start a new business venture. Route 55 restaurant will be missed in Cascade.

Church Visits

Rick and Kyra Waitley will be giving presentations on Trinity Pines in our churches starting in January. Look for Trinity Pines special emphasis in these churches on the following Sundays after the first of the year:

- January 29 Nampa Lakeview
- February 12 Marsing
- February 12 Nampa Vida Nueva
- February 19 McCall
- February 26 Valley Shepherd
- April 22 Mountain View

If you have not had a chance to schedule your presentation, please contact the camp office (208-888-0988) and ask for Cindy.

Application Time for College Students

NOW is the time for college students to be thinking about summer employment and perhaps being part of the summer team at Trinity Pines. If you are interested and want to learn more details, contact Kyra Waitley at kyra@amgidaho.com or give Kyra a call at 888-0988. Semester break is an excellent time for them to make plans for summer 2012.

New Scholarship Program

The Intermountain District Camps Board has initiated a new scholarship program for 4th-6th grade camps through Sr. High Camp. The program is called "Household Discount" and is available for families with 3 or more campers who will be attending these camps. More details to follow in future Camp Monthly's and through your local church.

Early Bird Deadline

APRIL 1 will be the early bird deadline for summer camps at Trinity Pines. Materials are being developed and will be distributed in February to local churches and past participants. Mark this date on your calendar for additional savings on your registration fees.

Investing in Cascade

Nothing is better than the aroma of fresh baked bread. Chef Brad and wife, Kelly, recently visited the 4th-6th grade classroom at Cascade Elementary School. They helped the students prepare and bake their very own homemade bread. Chef Brad said, "It was an experience to remember." Thanks Chef and Kelly for investing in the local community.



2012 Camp Directors

The Camps Board recently appointed the directors for district sponsored camps. We look forward to excellent leadership from each of the following:

Genesis Camp:	Matt & April Drinnon	Valley Shepherd
4th-6th Grade Kids' Camp:	Sandy Kendall	Payette
4th-6th Grade Girls:	Scott & Denise Elwood	Valley Shepherd
4th-6th Grade Boys:	Casey & Alyssa Wilkerson	Valley Shepherd
	Grady Harmon	Bethel
7th-8th Grade:	Brad Williamson	John Day
	Rich Vasquez	Canyon Hill
	Tag Griffin	Payette
9th-12th Grade:	Ryan & Rachel Pugh	Castle Hills
Men's Retreat & Adult Retreat:	Rick Waitley	Valley Shepherd
Family Camp:	David & Jenae Slonaker	Eagle
Women's Retreat:	April McNeiece	Nampa Karcher

Please pray for these leaders as they plan, guide, and direct our district camping programs.

Celebration Club

Don't forget those special events in your life like birthdays, anniversaries, and other occasions where you contribute \$1.00/year of celebration. All funds are applied directly to the debt retirement at Trinity Pines. Break out the balloons, the cake, and the checkbook to celebrate.