

WHY SHARE THE DREAM?

For 17 years, Trinity Pines has been hosting Share the Dream. It is our annual time to update stakeholders on what has and is and will be happening at the camp. It is sort of like the President's the State of the Union or the Governor's State of the State address to the legislature. This is our way to communicate with everyone about various aspects of the District camping program. The event will be held on Thursday, November 30, at Valley Shepherd Nazarene Church in Meridian starting at 6:30pm. The evening will include:

- Recognition of Founder's Club Members
- Recognition of Schmidt Volunteer Service Award
- Testimonies of those whose lives were impacted by camp
- Report on District Camp Mission project
- Sharing about improvements and what's ahead
- Dessert fellowship
- Financial update

I have never heard someone in all the years walk out the door and say, "That was a waste of time," or, "That was boring." In fact, it is the exact opposite, as people depart with joy and excitement about what was shared and what they learned. I hope that each of you reading this will make it a priority to join us on November 30. But don't come alone. There must be someone in your sphere of influence that would benefit from learning more about Trinity Pines. Make it a priority, post the enclosed card somewhere as a reminder, and share in your class or church about the evening. Each church will be allowed one entry into a camp scholarship drawing that will be held for every table of 8 that is filled in the name of your church.

See you on November 30.

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Timberline Student Leadership	Oct 2-4
The Journey Women's Retreat	Oct 6-8
Mountain Home Men's Retreat	Oct 5-8
Sterry Memorial Presbyterian Women's Retreat	Oct 6-8
S ID Assemblies of God Women's Retreat	Oct 13-15
Boy Scout Troop #77	Oct 20-22
IMD Pastor's Prayer Retreat	Oct 23-24
Claudson's Sew & Soak	Oct 25-29
Nampa Modern Quilt Guild	Oct 26-29
Euclid Nazarene Board Retreat	Oct 27-29

TRINITY PINES CALENDAR "AT-A-GLANCE"

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

OCTOBER 2023

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE CORNER: I noticed that several retail stores have already put-up Christmas decorations, much to the disgust of many shoppers trying to find their way to purchase Halloween candy. One lady loudly announced, "Keep them in order! Get a calendar!" I laughed, but the holiday season does become blended in the fall leading up to the celebration of Christmas. We have been talking about the project Christmas on Cabarton. Thanks to many who have donated Christmas lights and décor to add to the lighting of trees, fences and hopefully most of the mountainside of Trinity Pines. I keep saying a Beacon on the Hill is the goal when people are driving down Highway 55. Keep them coming. Items can be dropped off at the District office in Nampa, your local church and they will contact us, or the Meridian Camp office and we will get the items to Cascade. We are looking for a large Nativity Scene for the display area. Help us grow this opportunity to tell the Christmas story in the Cascade community.

We're looking for artificial Christmas trees! We'd like two that are 8'-10' tall and two that are 6'-8' tall.

WILL IT HAPPEN AGAIN - 4TH-6TH GRADE CAMP?

Yes! It was our largest camp in 2023 with 274 campers. I am asked from time to time why the decision:

- Children's Pastors could come to one week of camp and minister to all children in their church
- Mom & Dad could be counselors at the same camp
- Families liked it for planning vacations with family members at the same camp
- There were still breakout boy and girl activities
- Worship times were more invigorated
- Transportation for churches was much easier

So yes, plans are to proceed with a similar camp format in 2024 and then do another evaluation of the camp. Thanks for asking questions and for your input.

DISTRICT PASTORS ENJOY TRINITY PINES: In September, Trinity Pines hosted the pastors, associates, and spouses from the Intermountain District at the annual event coordinated by District Superintendent, Scott Shaw, and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Brent Deakins. Over 80 attended and met, prayed, fellowshiped, and worshipped throughout the two and half days. For many, it was their first time visiting the camp. Executive Director Rick Waitley addressed the group one morning reminding them of their opportunity as local pastors to use the camp under certain conditions for personal renewal at no cost to the pastor. We hope pastors will see this as a wonderful getaway experience.

FARMHOUSE REMODEL ON PAUSE: The planning committee working on the remodel and expansion of the farmhouse has put the project on pause until spring of 2024. The challenge has been getting subcontractors for foundation work and preparation for the expansion. While this is disappointing, we have also had several hoops to work through with the City of Cascade on building permits. Thanks to those who have laid the groundwork for the project. We will be looking for work crews in the spring.

SHARE THE DREAM PLEDGES: At last year's Share the Dream event, several pledges were made. If you need to catch up on your pledge to the operations and programs of Trinity Pines, please mail your investment to 55 SW 5th Ave suite 100 in Meridian, 83642.

RESTROOM UPDATE: We are nearing the \$100,000 mark in funds received for the new restroom facility to be built near the lodges. The goal is to raise \$600,000, of which we hope to secure at least half in a grant from the Murdock Foundation. More will be shared about the project at Share the Dream on November 30. Thanks to those who helped reach this milestone in fundraising. This will meet a major need in that housing area of the camp and will service activities in the center of camp near the worship tent, amphitheater, and athletic fields.

PAVERS: We are approaching the time of the year when it is difficult to install pavers. If you have been waiting to place an order for an engraved paver at the west entrance of the Conference Center (\$250), please do so now and we can install it before winter.

STILL LOOKING: We are still searching for a Maintenance/Facility Director at Trinity Pines. If you know individuals that have skills in this area and would be open to relocating to Cascade, please contact John Theien, Administrator, at john@tpines.org or call 208-382-6200.

CAMP MONTHLY: We are happy to provide Camp Monthly to you in hard or electronic copy and some families like to receive it both ways. Just let us know and we will make the necessary changes. Contact Christine at christine@amgidaho.com or call the Meridian Camp Office at 208-888-0988.

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS: Many hands make light work, and we appreciate those who showed up to work on the new roof for Pomerelle at the end of September. This makes three of the five cottages that have new metal roofs. This is a replacement project the board has undertaken to replace one roof per year aiding the longevity of the facilities.

SPECIAL TASK FORCE: A special task force has been asked to walk through all of our guest areas and give an evaluation of the condition of flooring, walls, beds, fixtures and furnishings. This is never an easy task, and it always results in lots of opinions. While we can't do everything, we acknowledge that some areas are going on 23 years of continuous use and it eventually takes a toll on the conditions. We want our guests to have a positive experience. Look for some changes ahead.



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 - 6:30 PM
VALLEY SHEPHERD NAZARENE CHURCH**