

The Gift at Christmas Time

I am one of those people who would rather give a gift than receive one. Even as a child I felt that way. So consequently my family usually has more gifts than I should probably purchase and has been disappointed more than once with my response to a gift given to me.

As you think about Christmas and the season of gift giving, let me encourage you to consider a gift to a friend, member of your family or a child or teen in your church with a camper registration for summer 2017. Give them a card at Christmas telling them that you will be covering all or a portion of their summer camp costs because you really want to see them go to camp.

This is a gift that pays in eternal reward. It also keeps giving in lifelong friendships and is a great way to spend a week in the mountains. Plus, it is pretty easy shopping and you don't have to fight the crowds!

Visit Trinity Pines website and you will find the costs and dates for 2017 summer camps. Make this Christmas a "Camper Christmas" for someone you love and that you want to see experience Trinity Pines. I am sure it will bring a smile to your face and theirs when they open your gift of kindness and generosity.

Rick Waitley
Camp Executive Director

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TRINITY PINES CALENDAR

Dec 30-Jan 1 Beech Family Winter Get Together
Dec 30-Jan 3 Pastor Tim Gerdes
Jan 6-8 Rock Harbor Winter Retreat
Jan 9-13 Pastor Randy & Kathy Bynum
Jan 13-16 ID National Guard Youth Snowbash
Jan 20-22 Summit Church Youth Retreat
Jan 21-22 Cub Scout Pack 77 Retreat
Jan 27-29 Intermountain District NYI Retreat

*For reservations, call 208-888-0988
Ask for Kyra*



On behalf of the Trinity Pines Staff, the Camps Board, Camp Property/Development Committee, Camp Directors and the staff at Association Management Group in Meridian, we wish all of you a very blessed Christmas season.

Cascade, Idaho

Camp Monthly

Trinity Pines Camp & Conference Center

December 2016

Goal: 100 New Camp Partners

Trinity Pines could not survive without the Camp Partners who faithfully support the camp financially each month. Many of these Partners have been doing so since we moved to Trinity Pines 16 years ago. Their consistent and continued support has provided a financial foundation for the camp facility. However, times change and we are now faced with a need to increase our giving base of Camp Partners by at least 100 new names.

We are appealing to you to come on board with financial support of the camp. We estimate that the average size of a monthly financial gift is \$50-\$100/donor. You can do the math and figure out the financial stability this provides for the camp. So what has happened to these donors who have been giving to the camp and are no longer giving? A small number have moved away or have affiliated with another denomination or may have even found a project of equal value to Trinity Pines and have redirected funds accordingly. The largest percentage have aged and been transferred to the Church Triumphant. It seems we send several sympathy cards in the course of a year to families of those who have been faithful partners.

I hope that those of you reading this will consider being added to our list of new Partners. We had several who became new partners at Share the Dream 10 for which we are very grateful. If you have specific questions, I encourage you to contact me and we can visit about the opportunities to financially support Trinity Pines. We hope you will join our goal of adding new names to our list and help us grow our Partner program by 100 new friends this year to Trinity Pines.

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Schmidt Volunteer Award

Congratulations to Bob and Marilyn Swartzentruber (Karcher Nazarene) who were presented the Schmidt Volunteer Service award at Share the Dream. This award was voted on by all those who served as volunteers at Trinity Pines during the past year. Bob and Marilyn have been serving as the volunteer coordinators for the past two summers. Thank you, Bob and Marilyn, for your service and dedication.

Trinity Pines Camps Board renewed the contract for Manager Ron Manley at their December 4th board meeting. They also commended Ron and Nancy on an excellent performance this past year.



Rudimentary Cabin Project

At Share the Dream, we rolled out the project for building rudimentary cabins to replace the aging tents for summer housing. The design indicates costs should be around \$12,000 - \$14,000 per cabin. The specific location of the cabins are under discussion at this time. Each cabin will house twelve campers and can be built for less money with volunteer help. If your church or you individually are interested in building a cabin, please contact Rick Waitley.

Table Sponsors

Thank you to our Table Sponsors for Share the Dream 10:

AHJ Engineers, PC
Association Management Group
Bill & Vonda Downs
Gerron & Jacque Gibson
Intermountain District Church of the Nazarene
Kuna Church of the Nazarene
The Nichols Accounting Group
Viv Pipkin
Tamarack Grove Engineering
United Heritage Insurance

Christian Camp and Conference Association

Manager Ron Manley and his wife, Nancy, recently returned from Nashville, TN, where they attended the Christian Camp and Conference Association annual conference. The days in Nashville were packed with seminars, workshops, and general sessions. The conference in 2017 will be held in Colorado Springs .

Camp Property/Development

We welcome Gerron Gibson to the Camp Property/Development Committee. Gerron serves as chairman of the Finance Committee for Camps Board and was invited recently to also serve on the Property/Development Committee.

Extreme Nazarene

Extreme Nazarene will benefit with the proceeds generated by the summer children and youth camps, along with other adult retreats and district activities. We are excited to announce that we reached our goal of \$4000 for the summer camp mission project. The funds will be used to build a church in Manta, Ecuador.

Personnel Chairman Resigns

In December, the Camps Board received the resignation of long-time board member, Robert Bullock. Bob and his wife, Pam, will be relocating to the Tri-Cities area at the first of the year for his work. Bob has served as chairman of the Personnel Committee of the Camps Board and has shown exemplary leadership in this area. Bob has helped to create an employee handbook, job descriptions, and assessment tools for performance evaluations. The Bullock family have been faithful volunteers at Work Week and will be greatly missed.

Storage Space

We have gotten rid of some equipment over this past year but we are still faced with the challenge of not having enough space to store items over the winter. The Camp Property/Development Committee has decided to explore expansion of the current storage shed on the south end of the property. We will keep you posted as we move along toward solving the storage problem.

Summer College Staff

Now is the time to be thinking about applying for a summer college staff position at Trinity Pines. Plans are to hire nine college students. An application is available online at www.tpines.org or you can contact Ron Manley for specifics at 208-382-6200.

Summer college staff works June - August. You must be a high school graduate to apply. Assignments include work in the area of programming, camp store, food service, general maintenance, and housekeeping.

Meet Our Neighbor

Pastor Josh Hurley was a special guest at Share the Dream 10. He is the pastor of Chapel in the Pines located at Smith's Ferry near Cougar Mountain Lodge. Pastor Josh shared about the important role Trinity Pines plays in the Christian community of Cascade - hosting a variety of events and the influence in spiritual renewal for residents and families. Pastor Josh said, "You can tell when you walk on the campground that there is something special about that piece of land." Trinity Pines presented Pastor Josh and his congregation breakfast items to use for their weekly waffle feed prior to church service each Sunday. Hurley invited everyone to stop in and worship with the congregation at Chapel in the Pines if in the vicinity. Services are each Sunday at 11:00 with breakfast available at 10:00.