

MAJOR MILESTONE IN 23 YEARS

Trinity Pines hit a major milestone in November when the District Advisory Board stepped forward and offered to pay off the remaining debt on the second staff home. A few years ago, there was a small amount of remaining debt on the Conference Center - the first building built. The District Advisory Board paid off that debt, leaving only the remaining debt on the second staff home. In the October District Advisory Board meeting, they voted for an allocation of \$93,000 to pay off the debt on the staff house. WOW! For the first time in the history of Trinity Pines, the camp is **DEBT FREE**.

Several years ago, we started a campaign called Celebration Club where camp partners were encouraged to give \$1 per year for birthdays, anniversaries, or significant spiritual days in their lives. Many of you faithfully sent in odd amounts of funds in keeping with our challenge to help reduce the debt at Trinity Pines through this project. We had constructed a large cardboard cake that read Celebration Club and it appeared at various events as we worked to be debt free. Now to have accomplished this task the cake will most likely retire. Does that mean we will never be in debt again at the district camp property? Doubtful, because we still have dreams and goals for camp facility expansion. But for right now, we celebrate this great gift of cooperation and Praise God for the work of His people through the years to make this happen.

CLOSE OF FISCAL YEAR:

Trinity Pines Camp operates on a fiscal year of January 1 - December 31. If you have year end investments to include in this calendar year, please be sure they are postmarked December 31 to be counted. Our office will be officially closed from Christmas to New Years but there will be staff members processing year end donations. Thanks for your faithful giving in 2023.

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Real Life Men's Retreat	Jan 11-13
Calvary Chapel Treasure Valley Youth Retreat	Jan 13-15
NYI Youth & Young Adult Retreats	Jan 26-28
Summit Church Youth	Feb 2-4
Bethel Nazarene Men's Retreat	Feb 9-11
Mission Aviation Fellowship Retreat	Feb 9-10
S ID Assemblies of God 360 Men's Retreat	Feb 16-18
Bishop Kelly HS Junior Retreat #2	Feb 18-20
NNU CTCM	Feb 23-25

TRINITY PINES CALENDAR "AT-A-GLANCE"

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

DECEMBER 2023

FIRST CHRISTMAS ON CABARTON... Seems to be successful. The bright lights, Christmas trees inside and outside the Conference Center, 35-foot tree constructed along Kratzer Way, and the lighted fences and trees along the drive are all a great start to the future of Christmas on Cabarton. As you put away Christmas at your home, church, or work and see items that you may not use again, don't forget to drop them off at the District Office or the Meridian Camp Office for the future expansion of Christmas on Cabarton.

WE WILL BE SAYING GOODBYE to Peter and Alexandria Larsen. Peter, Assistant Cook, and Alexandria (Alex), Housekeeping Manager, have accepted a position in Tennessee and will be moving from Idaho to their new assignment in early December. We wish them well as they continue their ministry in Christian Camping.

SHARE THE DREAM was a huge success with over 170 in attendance. When we asked for a show of hands of first-time attenders there were several responses. It was exciting to tell the story of Trinity Pines to everyone present and to reflect on the past success of 2023 and what we have planned for 2024. **NOTE:** If you were unable to attend Share the Dream, we invite you to contact our office and we will be happy to mail you a copy of the program booklet from the evening. The program is full of pictures, figures, and reports on activities at Trinity Pines. Contact us by calling 208-888-0988 or emailing rick@amgidaho.com.

SCHMIDT VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD was presented by Marvin Schmidt to Steve and Cheryl Haney, Euclid Church. Steve and Cheryl have been serving as Volunteer Coordinators at Trinity Pines for the past few years. Steve is retired from a career at Blue Cross of Idaho, and now works assisting non-profit organizations with IT services. Cheryl is semi-retired as a chaplain in health care. Congratulations, Haney's, and thank you for your dedication and service to Trinity Pines.



NEW CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED: Those attending Share the Dream saw the drawings and heard the concept of what is planned for the new restroom and staff housing facility to be built in Elk Valley. The project is estimated to have a construction cost of over \$600,000. Recently a bid for the plumbing fixtures alone was over \$100,000. Current to date, over \$110,000 has been generated toward the project. The goal is to reach \$300,000 in donations and then approach the Murdock Foundation for a matching grant.

YOU DID IT AGAIN: At Share the Dream, Kym Slater, Director of Genesis Camp and Pastor Jim Franklin, both from Bethel Nazarene, reported on the Mathare Slums of Kenya mission project, towards which students attending camp raised funds over the summer. The total amount raised was \$3,253.78 against the goal of \$2,500. An even greater report was that since the mission projects at summer camps began, over \$40,000 has been given to international and domestic mission projects.



TWO GREAT PROJECTS COMPLETED: At Share the Dream we celebrate the completion of two major projects in 2023 - new dining room tables and completion of the bunkhouse remodel.

- At Share the Dream 2022, we challenged attendees to help in a campaign to replace the aging dining room tables in the Conference Center. A total of 28 new round tables were purchased replacing the original tables brought from Victory Cove.
- The bunkhouses have provided an additional 84 sleeping beds for camps and retreats. However, the heat and cold became issues, making use of the bunkhouses not as desirable. A campaign was launched to raise \$8,000 per bunkhouse for insulation, additional electricity, wallboard, and vinyl flooring. Churches and individuals responded, and an army of volunteers descended on the project, which was completed in advance of the summer camping season. Now each bunkhouse is equipped with a system providing cool air in the summer and warm air in the cooler months. The bunkhouses now can be used mid-spring through mid-fall.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS BLESSING: As we close the calendar for December 2023, our hearts are filled with gratitude and appreciation for your faithful support, prayers, and cooperation to make Trinity Pines such a success. The number of new stakes in the Stake Garden tell only a visual part of the story. We know that the lives of campers and guests at the camp were encouraged and changed for the Kingdom thanks to your investment. No one person can do it alone. It takes an army of volunteers, dedicated leaders, a trained staff, and many resources to collaborate together for the success of the camp. The words of the scripture ring true: *Well Done, My Good and Faithful Servant*. While it is rewarding to pause and reflect on what has happened, we can see on the horizon the challenges ahead. With God's help, we will take on each challenge. We wish you a very special Christmas in your home with family and friends.

- The Trinity Pines Board and Committees
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