

## Financial Update

Let me close this Camp Monthly with the following report and statement from Camps Board Finance Chairman, Gerron Gibson:

*The 2015 calendar year was our most successful financial year at Trinity Pines. A number of factors contributed to finishing in the black at over \$75,000. This will allow us to allocate a sizeable portion to the growing list of long-term maintenance projects of an aging camp. One of the major reasons for the success was the faithful giving of our donors. For the first time, our Share the Dream contributions exceeded \$100,000. Thank you for your faithful support.*

*Gerron Gibson, Financial Chairman*

Each month, I have the privilege of writing thank you letters to those who have made financial investments in Trinity Pines. My heart is overwhelmed when I think about the generosity and kindness that have been demonstrated over the years by our partners at Trinity Pines. I recognize that there are many places you can share additional financial resources each month. We rely on our Camp Partners for the important role you play in helping to keep the operations moving forward with the mission and vision for Trinity Pines.

We trust that 2016 will be another great year for the camp.

Rick Waitley  
Camp Executive Director

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### ***TRINITY PINES CALENDAR***

Feb 12-14	IMD Young Adult Retreat
Feb 12-15	Nampa Fairview Youth Retreat
Feb 19-21	Honor Bound Men's Retreat
Feb 22-23	Valley Shepherd Staff Retreat
Feb 26-27	Church of the Harvest Young Adult Retreat
Feb 29-Mar 2	Treasure the Valley Pastors Prayer Summit
Mar 4-6	Grace Episcopal Church Retreat
Mar 11-13	Valley County Search and Rescue Training
Mar 14-18	Randy & Kathy Bynum
Mar 14-17	Stitch n' Snip Quilters
Mar 18-22	Renovation Ministries Teen Retreat

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

### ***Notes from Camp***

- ♦ Thanks to Boise New Hope for the donation of a kitchen steamer.
- ♦ Thanks to Community Partnerships of Idaho for nominating Trinity Pines to receive a \$500 charitable donation from their organization.

Cascade, Idaho

# Camp Monthly

Trinity Pines Camp & Conference Center

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## Snow, Snow, and More Snow

It has been quite a while since we have had the amount of snow that we are experiencing this winter. The snow started mid-December and has continued to accumulate. Manager Ron Manley has spent a great deal of his time in the cab of the skidsteer moving snow. In December, he plowed roads and passage ways to the various sleeping locations. As the snow continued to fall, he realized that he had to widen the paths for buses and to allow two-way traffic. The addition of the John Deere tractor to our fleet of equipment has been a salvation. With the bucket on the tractor, Ron has been able to continue to pile snow.

The last weekend of January the District NYI held their Winter Retreat at Trinity Pines. Pictures and YouTube footage that have been shared show lots of sliding, sledding, and great activities in the 3-4 feet of snow. The camp takes on a whole new look and feel with the dense amount of snow that has fallen. There is a certain quietness that comes with the blanket of snow. The purity of the white fluffy snow is inviting and enriching to those who have camps and retreats at Trinity Pines this winter.

Praise be to God that we have His blessing of moisture and snow at the camp. We are looking forward to our thirsty trees and shrubs on the property having a good drink of snow water this spring.

If you are in the area, stop in and enjoy the beauty of what God has provided at Trinity Pines this winter. You may want to have your boots on and take along a shovel or you may be staying longer than you had originally anticipated.

Rick Waitley  
Camp Executive Director

## Applications Available

It is the time of year when we are recruiting for summer staff. The list of those needed is fairly long. Information and applications for each area of need are available on the website at [www.tpines.org](http://www.tpines.org). At this time we are looking for the following:

- Summer Volunteers: You will need to have your own housing (RV or trailers)
- College Program Staff (May – August): NNU credit is available
- Counselors and volunteers for our Summer Camps for children and teens

## Men's Retreat

Retreat materials are being developed for distribution to the churches in the next few weeks. Brian Bowman, Director from Harney County, has recruited former General Superintendent Dr. Jim Diehl as the speaker for the weekend (April 15-17). You will not be disappointed. We anticipate that space will fill quickly as registration materials become available. Again, for every five men from your church, you are able to bring a 6<sup>th</sup> person at no cost, a great opportunity for outreach to new men in your congregation and community.

**NEEDED:** The snow tubes for winter activity groups need to be replaced or upgraded. The cost per tube will range from \$80 to \$150. If you would like to help with that need, please mark your check "snow tubes."

## Summer Camps Sponsored by Intermountain District

We welcome some new faces around our table of Summer Camp Directors for our children and teen camps. Joining the other directors for Genesis Camp will be Kym Slater, Bethel Nazarene, who has worked this camp for several years. Junior High Camp is welcoming Robert Click, Twin Falls, and joining the team for Senior High Camp is Zach Shultz, Tree City. We anticipate announcing the director for the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Girls camp in the very near future.

## Young Adult Retreat

Nate Roskam is the director of a new retreat – Young Adult Camp. The retreat will be at Trinity Pines over Valentine's weekend. The retreat has been independent of the District for the past couple of years but the board (upon the request of leadership of the retreat) voted to bring the retreat under the District umbrella - same as Women's, Men's, and Adult Retreats.

## District Women's Retreat

Bettina Bowman, Harney County, will be the director of this retreat for 2016. The dates are September 30 - October 2. Thanks to April McNeiece who directed this retreat for the past few years. April asked for time off as she completes some additional schooling at NNU. She has indicated that she may return in the future to assist in a leadership position with the camp.

## Strategic Planning

The Camp Board and the Camp Property/Development Committee met the first Saturday of January for a Strategic Planning Session. District Superintendent Scott Shaw shared a morning devotion of challenge and inspiration. The joint board and committee then plowed into planning for the coming year. Items discussed included:

- Share the Dream
- Development of a miniature golf course at Trinity Pines
- Addressing the issue of a wedding policy for Trinity Pines
- Discussion related to security and Phase II of the Conference Center expansion

As a result of their work the following recommendations were agreed upon:

**Share the Dream:** Share the Dream will continue under a similar format as 2015 with a dessert fellowship, recognition of Founders, and a report on camps. Share the Dream 2016 has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, at Valley Shepherd Church of the Nazarene.

**Miniature Golf Course:** The group decided that if a miniature golf course is developed it would be located in the meadow and the theme would be built around Bible characters. Some seed money has been made available for the proposed 18 hole course. The Nazarene Camp in Colorado recently completed a course at a cost of around \$200,000. Trinity Pines feels we can construct a course at a lower cost. No specific date was set to begin the development but planning and discussions will continue.

**Weddings at Trinity Pines:** The group voted to no longer allow weddings to be held at Trinity Pines. There were many factors considered related to the proposed wedding policy and in the end the boards concluded that the purpose of the facility was not for weddings and that there would be definite limitations to availability.

**Security and Phase II:** The boards discussed installation of security gates that would limit traffic through the camp ground when a group was on-site. This would require some excavation into the mountain west of the conference center. The board is continuing to work with preliminary plans to file an application for a grant with the Murdock Foundation for the Phase II project. This would include the expansion of the office, AC in the conference center, and paving of the main parking lot to allow for removal of snow and ice.

**GATOR IS WEARING OUT:** The John Deere Gator was a gift to Trinity Pines almost 16 years ago. It has seen better days. The camp is looking for a similar utility vehicle that would allow for hauling of tools and people. A double-seated vehicle would be ideal. If you have knowledge or access to such a vehicle, let Rick Waitley know at 888-0988.