

Sustainability

Recently, I was in a meeting with District Superintendent Scott Shaw and he had just returned from a district superintendent's conference. He was sharing that at his table there were several DS's from various corners of the country. The discussion soon turned to the pressure and burden they were feeling with owning a camp facility. Superintendent Shaw said he heard a variety of things: poor planning, lack of funds, lack of use, aging facility, environmental issues, etc. The final opinion was that the district camp facility had become an albatross for the district and these leaders were sharing their frustration over owning a camp. DS Shaw said he really could not contribute to the discussion since Intermountain District was not faced with the same challenges.

Praise be to God. I am thankful that a dedicated group of leaders have and do continue to provide excellent direction to the development of Trinity Pines. The volunteers, management, and boards over the past 16 years have helped protect Trinity Pines from the fate of some of the other Nazarene camping facilities. The money moved into the maintenance reserve account is an indicator that we are looking to the future sustainability of the camp facility for years to come. Your continued prayers and investments help us to continue what has been started at Trinity Pines.

Rick Waitley
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TRINITY PINES CALENDAR

Apr 1-3	Treasure Valley Southern Baptist Ladies' Retreat
Apr 4-6	Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game Regional Investigators
Apr 8-9	Linder Road Church of Christ Men's Retreat
Apr 8-9	Vida Nueva Church Board Retreat
Apr 8-10	Grace Bible Ladies' Retreat
Apr 8-10	Ten Mile Community Church Ladies' Retreat
Apr 15-17	IMD Men's Retreat
Apr 19-22	Pinehurst Quilt Club
Apr 22-24	Bethel Church Ladies' Retreat
Apr 22-24	Canyon Hill Church Ladies' Retreat
Apr 29-30	DUO Group
May 2-5	Horseshoe Bend Elementary Field Trip
May 5-6	Cascade High School Jazz Concert
May 8-14	Boise State Leadership Institute
May 12-16	IMD Discipleship Retreat Spring D-Camp
May 16-19	Trail Wind Elementary Field Trip

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

Cascade, Idaho

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Seasons of Campers

I am sitting in our cabin (located about 7 miles from Trinity Pines) this weekend and looking out the window at large piles of snow still accumulated under the trees and on the north side of buildings. I feel blessed to live where weather, for the most part, is fairly moderate but we have the opportunity to experience four distinct seasons.

This week I proofed the final copy for the children and teen summer camp brochure. Summer camps afford us a wonderful opportunity to plant seeds of hope and spiritual futures for campers. After attending camp, they return to their home churches, families, and local support communities where they are often nourished and are able to become stronger in their walk of faith. And like nature, these campers often experience harsh winter conditions in their lives and special blessings throughout the year. Then, they have the chance to return to camp for another summer to be recharged and to flourish all over again.

As a former youth associate, I remember seeing kids in our youth group that lived from summer camp to summer camp to be able to get through the trials of growing and developing. Now years later, I often cross paths with some of these former campers and they have become established strong leaders in their local church and there are those that have been called to full-time ministry. They weathered the seasons of life and put down strong roots in their faith that allowed them to survive.

I challenge everyone reading this newsletter to approach young men and women in your local church and ask them what summer camp they will be going to this year. Encourage them and pray for their preparation as they pass through this season of renewal at summer camp. See you on the hill.

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Summer College Staff

Manager Ron Manley hopes to hire a total of nine students to build the college ministry team at Trinity Pines. To learn more and to receive an application, please visit the website at www.tpines.org. If you have specific questions, feel free to contact Kyra Gibson, Marketing Director. Interviews will take place the first part of April.

Snow Told The Story

The heavy snowfall this winter showed us that we did not have enough tubes for guests for tubing. We made this appeal in the last Camp Monthly and received some donations. We are going to ask one more time for those who would like to contribute toward the inventory of snow tubes. This is a great asset for winter sports. Be sure your donation is clearly marked "snow tubes."

Summer Camps Director Team Complete

We are pleased that the directors are in place for our summer camps. We welcome this team of volunteers who will lead our camps for children and teens. Please pray for these busy people as they add this responsibility to their already full plates of ministry:

Camp	Name of Director	Home Church
Genesis Camp (1st-3rd grade)	Matt & April Drinnon	Valley Shepherd
	Sara Ross	Valley Shepherd
4th-6th Grade Girls Camp	Stephanie Austin	Nampa First
4th-6th Grade Boys Camp	Grady & Jessica Harmon	Boise New Hope
7th-8th Grade Camp	Robert Click	Twin Falls
	Jayson Martindale	Homedale
	Rich Vasquez	Caldwell Canyon Hill
9th-12th Grade Camp	Matt Cochern	Eagle
	Zach Schulz	Tree City
	Rich Vasquez	Caldwell Canyon Hill

Transfer

The Camps Board voted to transfer \$50,000 from camp operations bottom line at the close of 2015 into the maintenance reserve fund. This fund has now reached \$64,000. That may seem like a lot of money but it does not take a very large problem (furnace, roof, water, electrical, etc.) to spend down the account quickly. The maintenance reserve account is monitored closely by the Camp Property/Development Committee.

Volunteer at Camp This Summer

Bob and Marilyn Swartzentruber will coordinate our volunteers at Trinity Pines this summer. We are looking for summer volunteers to work in a variety of areas of camp operations. If you are interested, an application is available online at www.tpines.org or contact Kyra Gibson at 888-0988. If you have served as a summer volunteer in the past and plan to return, please contact Bob and Marilyn by calling 208-989-9620 or email at mjs1140@gmail.com.

District Camp Meeting

The District Camp meeting, traditionally held in the Nampa area, will be moved to Trinity Pines - August 12-14. This will be a full weekend of ministry to all ages. Watch for brochures and fliers in your local church that will provide registration information for the weekend. RVs, tent camping, lodges, and cottages will be available. We hope you will be part of starting a new tradition at Trinity Pines.

Men's Retreat—April 15-17

Special speaker is former General Superintendent Dr. Jim Diehl. You will not be disappointed. Music is being provided by Lenny Spooner and others on the district. Register online by going to www.tpines.org or contact your church office for a brochure. *Early bird deadline is April 1.*

Help Needed

Trinity Pines is in need of an assistant cook. If you are interested or know of someone who might have interest, please contact Ron Manley at 208-382-6200.

Needed: Gator—ATV

The first year we arrived at Trinity Pines, we were blessed with the donation of a new John Deere Gator from Jim and Treva Wilhite, Karcher Nazarene. I have no idea how many miles or hours the vehicle has been operated at the camp because of its durability and usefulness. Camp Management would like to secure another one similar to the first gator, but perhaps one that would haul four people. We are often asked to take potential rental parties on tours and such a vehicle would be very helpful. If you know of anyone who might have access to this type of vehicle, please contact Rick Waitley at 208-888-0988 or rick@amgidaho.com.