

Camp Partners

I have the privilege of writing each month to the faithful Camp Partners who invest financially in Trinity Pines. Some of the names are ones that I have been writing to for over 16 years. I am so grateful for the consistent generosity of these partners. However, once in a while I will see that a name is removed and, due to the passing of a spouse, we are writing the next few letters to only one at that address. Then eventually, the faithful partner is called to heaven and that name is removed from our mailing list. While I celebrate their new life with Christ, it is a reality that attrition impacts the giving capacity each month. In the course of a year, dozens of names are removed from the mailing list due to this scenario.

We need new people that will catch the vision and mission and begin to financially support the camp. The easiest way to make this happen is for those of you who are giving to share with your friends and relatives and ask them to join you in financial support of Trinity Pines. Sometimes, this is as simple as sharing in a Sunday School class or Bible study about your investment. Since dozens of names have been lost in recent years, it takes dozens of new names to replace their financial investment and offer sustainability to camp operations and facility development. Thank you for doing your part in the area of partner recruitment.

To Contact the District Camp Office:

Association Management Group
55 SW 5th Ave., Suite 100
Meridian, ID 83642

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TRINITY PINES CALENDAR

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
May 20-22	MHAFB Protestant Women of the Chapel Retreat
May 26-30	Work Week
May 31-June 2	Shadow Hills Elementary Field Trip

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

When everyone is doing a little we can accomplish a lot. Thanks for being on the Trinity Pines team and helping us expand our sphere of influence.
Rick Waitley, Camp Executive Director

Cascade, Idaho

Camp Monthly

Trinity Pines Camp & Conference Center

April 2016

Us Four and No More

I am not sure how old I was when I realized specifically what the statement above meant. I heard my parents refer to it from time-to-time. I realized it was meant to be exclusive and often times involved leaving people out of something or an event. In our home, this was never the case. My mom would frequently have extra people for a holiday meal or take food to a bereaving neighbor that we hardly knew to just be "neighborly."

It took me by surprise the other day when someone said to me, "I thought Trinity Pines was built by Nazarenes for Nazarenes." That statement bothered me and so I thought I had better address it. Last time we calculated, over 60% of the rental contracts we have at Trinity Pines are for groups not affiliated with the Nazarene Church. Each year when I review the list of children and teens attending summer camps and I read through the column of "church affiliation" I find Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, Mormons, and those who write *no church affiliation*. Earlier this spring we intentionally dropped summer camp registration materials at Nampa Christian, Cole Valley Christian, the Vineyard, Grace Bible, Cascade Community and other churches who have requested.

The statement that was made to me is partial true. Trinity Pines was built and is owned by Nazarenes but it never was the intent of the leadership team involved to make it an exclusive Nazarene camp facility. Most of our larger rentals are from groups other than Nazarenes. So, if you are in a conversation and hear a similar statement, I would just respond and say, "we are not about us four and no more." We invite everyone to come and experience a fresh new life at Trinity Pines."

Rick Waitley
Camp Executive Director

Volunteers

Volunteer Coordinators Bob and Marilyn Schwartzenruber, Karcher Nazarene, say they have had an excellent response of those who want to volunteer at Trinity Pines this summer. Now, they are busy fine tuning that list and are looking for some folks on special weekends or when groups are very large. Perhaps a lesser commitment fits your schedule and summer plans. If so, we invite you to let Bob and Marilyn (208-989-9620 or mjs1140@gmail.com) know when you are available so they can compare your schedule with their volunteer schedule.

Camp Meeting

Yes, you heard it right. Camp Meeting (usually held in the Nampa area) is packing up and heading to Trinity Pines in Cascade. Intermountain District Camp Meeting will be August 12-14. Registration information, schedule and flyers will be available at District Assembly. There will be something for every age. Housing is available from lodges, to cottages, to tent camping, RV's, staying with friends, local hotels and family cabins or just driving up for the day and taking in a couple of the services.

Life Jackets

We have finished our campaign to raise funds for snow tubes. Now, we are turning our attention to raising funds for additional life jackets. Over the years, we have had lifejackets donated and the problem is that some of them do not meet water safety standards for adults and children. Therefore, to be sure we are not wasting funds or resources, we ask that you write a check and mark it "lifejackets" and leave the shopping to us. We will be able to get life jackets that are certified and approved for use in lake and river swimming. Safety is a major factor for the camp so we want to be sure we have the best equipment for each of our guests.

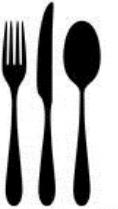
Volunteer Opportunity

WORK WEEK is coming in late May. It will start on Thursday, May 26 – Sunday, May 29. The staff is beginning to build their list of regular and special projects that need to be completed. Camps Board will provide the lodging and food and you provide the muscle and strength to get the work done in preparation of the summer season.



Silverware

While it is not a consumable, it seems that silverware sprout feet and walk away from camp. Therefore, we are doing an all out appeal for additional silverware. We will take your cast offs or any sets you may have that you are not planning to use – knives, forks and spoons are welcome. You can drop them by the Camp booth at District Assembly, the Meridian Camp office, or the District office and we will get them to Trinity Pines. We did this once before and secured a great quantity of silverware for use at camp. We do not set with china so we are fine with the mix-match patterns.



New Merchandise

Start saving your money for the new apparel that will be in the Camp Store.



New shirts and sweatshirts have been designed for the 2016 season. One of the things that has been requested is a zipper sweatshirt. You will see that we have them in our inventory now. We are busy ordering and collecting items that will be sold this year.

Of course, we could not run the camp successfully without the usual ice-cream, candy bars, soda, and popcorn but we like to offer a variety of other items that might appeal to your interest and that help to promote Trinity Pines.

150 Club

We are again offering potential campers the possibility of participating in 150 Club (see enclosed flier). In order to qualify for this financial assistance, we must have a completed registration form that is turned into our office in Meridian. This program is totally based on outreach and is designed to draw in that student that would not have financial means to attend summer camp. Sometimes this is a family or student tied to your church through an outreach ministry – Upwards, Caravans, VBS, bus ministry or Sunday School are good examples. If you have a name and want to learn more, contact Cindy Pusey at cindy@amgidaho.com or give Cindy a call Tuesday – Thursday at 888-0988.