

IT'S ALL ABOUT TIME

Dear Camp Friends,

Work Week brings a wide variety of tasks. Three gentlemen removed some trees that needed attention due to poor structure or disease. One of the trees was near Stake Garden and was forked at the top, so it was a victim of the chainsaw and wedges. The tree was tall and stately, and stood proudly over the Stake Garden. When the tree was on the ground and the base of the stump was revealed, Ray Gartman - one of our summer volunteers - counted 118 rings on the stump. As I walked around the camp the next week on a tour with the Camps Board, I noticed trees larger and taller that would easily exceed those 118 years. Around each of these massive trees were several smaller trees that were much younger and will someday replace the old growth of the forest.

My mind began to wander, and I thought of how relevant that tree stump was to the way life has been for many people who invested in the success of Trinity Pines. If you were to examine the longevity of some of these folks, you would find 60, 70, 80, and, yes, even over 90 years of growth. Like the tall tree by the Stake Garden, they have watched the number of stakes in the garden increase, new buildings erected, and new faces visit the camp each year. Work Week was such a reminder of how this forest of investors and volunteers has begun a reforestation project.

During that week, young and old were working alongside each other on many projects. I heard more than once, "Can we have a younger person help us with this task?" Then I saw a grandma and two grandchildren moving bunks and I thought about that tall tree surrounded by those younger trees who were watching the grand tree grow and mature in years. It was doing its job of swaying in the wind, fighting against pests or elements of weather, and yet providing shade and beauty to the area where it stood. Like the grand tree, that grandmother was providing maturity and wisdom to young saplings who were taking up their part of the responsibility to complete projects during Work Week.

I have a new appreciation for that fallen tree and for the 118 years it contributed to Trinity Pines. Little did that tree know when it sprouted through the ground that it would stand at the corner of Stake Garden and witness camper after camper entering the area to start a new life in Christ. Now, only the stump remains, but close by are small startup trees that will soon assume their role of watching over the garden and all that takes place there. Thanks, God, for your wonderful creation and how you teach lessons in the simplest things - like a 118 year old tree.

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June 7-10
June 11-13
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June 22-24
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June 29 - July 3
July 4-8
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July 20-25

Camp Hope Youth Retreat
IMD Genesis Girls' Camp
IMD Genesis Boys' Camp
Camp Erin: Children & Teen Grief Camp
IMD 9th-12th Grade Senior High Camp
Rockharbor Kids' Camp
IMD 4th-6th Grade Girls' Camp
S. Idaho Assemblies of God Teen Camp
S. Idaho Assemblies of God Kidz Camp
IMD 4th-6th Grade Boys' Camp
Mission Aviation Fellowship
St. Paul Baptist Men's Retreat
Vida Nueva Summer Board Retreat
IMD 7th-8th Junior High Camp
Community Partnerships of Idaho Event #1

TRINITY PINES CALENDAR "AT-A-GLANCE"

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

JUNE 2018

PAVE THE WAY: The Pave the Way campaign to place your custom paver(s) in the new entrance to the Conference Center is picking up great momentum. We have been told by the contractor that this will be one of the final stages of the project. Therefore, the deadline for pavers has been extended from July 1st **to September 1st!** Enclosed is a form about the project. This is a great way to honor your family or a loved one for their investment in Trinity Pines. Pavers and more information also online at www.tpines.org/pave-the-way.

2018 MISSION PROJECT: Trinity Pines Camps are taking part in The Wilbur Project this summer. This project provides a pair of pigs to 12-18 year old girls in rural, northeastern Ghana. These girls often do not attend school after 6th grade because of lack of resources and parental indifference. Many girls without resources of their own are sold by their fathers into marriage as young as 12. Pigs are like a living savings account for young girls in NE Ghana. Pigs provide income for girls for school and personal needs. Wilbur Project girls learn leadership, community service, and stewardship. Pigs keep girls in school, help them marry after they are 18, and give them hope for the future. Our goal for the 2018 Mission Project is \$2,500.

NEW MERCHANDISE: We are excited about some of the new merchandise that is in the camp store this season. Two new shirts have been designed and are available, plus some reprints of popular shirts from prior years. The summer mission project related to purchasing pairs of pigs for young ladies in Ghana (information above) has also brought some fun “pig items” to the store shelves.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Welcome to two new Camps Board members elected at District Assembly! Zach Schulz, Associate at Tree City; and Linsey Mathers, Pastor at Nampa Real Life will begin their terms.

CAMP MEETING

NOW IS THE TIME to be registering for the Camp Meeting at the campground, August 10-12. Consider cancelling your service on Sunday morning and bringing your entire congregation to worship in the tent and then enjoy Sunday dinner together with the Intermountain District family. Details and registration materials are available at www.tpines.org/camp-meeting.

2018 SUMMER CAMPS

Prices go up within two weeks of each camp, so pre-registration is important! It also helps the check-in process and guarantees enough materials for each camper.

Dates, rates, camp themes, and online registration is ALL AVAILABLE at www.tpines.org/summer-camps!

NEW BUNKHOUSES: We are very pleased with the progress on the bunkhouses, thanks to invested hours by volunteers. During Work Week, it was fun hearing the comments from children and teens as they referred to them as “stilt houses” or “tree houses,” since six of them are on posts above ground and can only be accessed by stairs. Also, new high-volume toilets have been installed in the lodges to handle additional capacity and heating units for hot water have been improved. Thanks to everyone who has made this project happen!

SUMMER CAMP TRANSPORTATION

Yes, it is a trial. The Camps Board has contracted with a professional transportation company who will be transporting campers to and from Cascade during all 4th-12th grade camps. The cost is \$30 for the roundtrip. Campers depart on Monday morning from The Village parking lot (Fairview / Eagle Rd.) and will return to the same location each Friday. Reservations must be made in advance by contacting Cindy at 208-888-0988 or by email at cindy@amgidaho.com. We know there have been campers who wanted to attend camp that were unable to, due to the fact that parents worked or there was no one to drive them to Cascade. Details and reservations: www.tpines.org/bus or contact Cindy at 208-888-0988 or cindy@amgidaho.com.

NEW AIRLESS SPRAY GUN: Thanks to a gift from Steve and Cheryl Haney, Boise Euclid, painting of some buildings at camp has become much easier with the donation of an airless sprayer. Ray Gartman, volunteer will be using the sprayer for the new bunkhouses.

NEW PICNIC TABLES IN RV AREA: Ten new picnic tables will soon arrive in the RV area - one for each RV guest spot. The tables were purchased with miscellaneous memorial funds. Frequently, Trinity Pines will receive a memorial gift honoring the life of a friend or family member, and the amount will be pooled with other memorials of similar size for projects like this. Thanks to those who remember Trinity Pines when sending memorials.

CABARTON ROAD UPDATE: The city has informed us that July is the scheduled time for Cabarton Road to be paved. However, in order to prepare the road for the new asphalt, considerable work has to be completed with the existing sewer system. Trinity Pines is working with the city in hopes of recycling their discarded road mix for future projects at camp. If anyone wants to capture a picture of your favorite pothole in Cabarton Road, you better do it prior to July! Traffic on that road may be interrupted during the project, so please pay special attention to the posted information.

MURDOCK NEWS

May 17 was a glorious day, when the Murdock Foundation called to say that they had approved the \$200,000 grant for Phase II of the Conference Center remodel project. Here is a quick update on the project:

- 1) Steve Hill, Tree City, will serve as the general contractor for the project.
- 2) The HVAC will happen very quickly. Existing duct work will serve the units for all three floors.
- 3) The Camps Board met June 2 on-site and evaluated some changes to the patio covering, which will save a great deal of money.
- 4) Foundation/framing for the office expansion will begin and continue through summer.
- 5) New, better siding will be placed around the exterior of the entire building.
- 6) The parking lot is being surveyed and permits being secured for the paving.

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