

# WE ARE ALIVE AND WELL

In mid-June, Nazarenes from around the globe gathered in Indianapolis, IN, for the 30th General Assembly. Sunday morning's worship service brought together more than 12,000 people from over 160 nations in person, not to mention the thousands watching online. As part of the convention there was an exhibit hall that showcases many ministries, other religious organizations, universities and colleges. One of the booths was Nazarene Camping Association, of which Trinity Pines is a member. The display featured a map showing the 35 camps in the USA/Canada. While I was there, I learned that two of the camps will be closing their doors this year. That was concerning to me, since Rev. Stan Reeder, Regional Director for the USA/Canada Region, had just reported a 13% drop in church membership since the last assembly. This was alarming to many, but thanks be to God that other regions of the world continued to increase in numbers.

Christian summer camp experiences have been in the business of changing lives since their beginning and Trinity Pines is no exception. Even this summer, we have seen new stakes driven in Stake Garden to demonstrate a foundation for Christ in the life of a camper. As registrations were processed for summer camps, we heard stories of outreach to unchurched students who were being invited to join a Nazarene summer camper. I have heard NNU tout that Trinity Pines is the largest feeder of freshman students of any camp on the educational region including OR, WA, ID, MT, WY, UT and AK.

While we celebrate the countries around the globe that the Church has entered through missionary work, we must also recognize what is happening in our own backyard. We know our country needs a strong spiritual foundation to address many problems facing our nation. It is going to take opportunities for young people -- the future leaders of our communities, nation, and world -- to hear the message of Jesus to make this happen. Camps are not just about fun, games, new friends, and getting away from home; they are about an opportunity to hear God's voice for the first time or in a different way and then responding.

While there are constant challenges that we must face in operating a camping program, praise the Lord for strong, faithful partners like YOU who are helping sustain the camp for this very mission. Summer 2023 was a life-changing experience for campers because of your support, generosity, and prayers. I can assure you that Trinity Pines is not on the list to close and accept a continuing trend of decreased attendance. We are dedicated to growing the church and the Kingdom of God and your partnership with us is vital to that mission.

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Rocky Mountain H.S. Cross Country Retreat	July 12-15
Calvary Homedale RV Camp	July 13-16
Apostolic COG Messengers of Peace Youth Rt.	July 14-16
Mission Aviation Fellowship	July 14
IMD Jr. High Camp	July 17-21
Royal Rangers	July 20-23
Wesleyan Bible Family Camp	July 25-30
Ten Mile Christian Church	July 31-Aug 3
Nampa First Youth Leadership Retreat	July 31-Aug 2
Linder Road Church of God	Aug 4-6
Idaho Conservation Officers Association	Aug 7-11
IMD D-365 Camp	Aug 10-14
IMD Camp Meeting	Aug 11-13

## TRINITY PINES CALENDAR "AT-A-GLANCE"

# CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

JULY 2023



**CAMP MEETING:** Camp Meeting at the Campground will be happening August 11-13, 2023. This is for all ages and we encourage everyone to join us for the service on Sunday morning to celebrate as a District family. Additional details can be found on the Trinity Pines website [www.tpines.org](http://www.tpines.org).



**GOODBYE CARLA:** June 24 was Carla Thompson's last day of working at Trinity Pines. Carla has always worked in the area of Food Service and served Trinity Pines for over 11 years. Carla was totally committed and from time to time

we have seen her husband, Eric, and son, Josh, also join her in the kitchen. Carla grew up in the Treasure Valley and graduated from Meridian High School. She has been active in the Cascade community in her local church as a leader/teacher and the local homeschool group. During the pandemic, Carla joined Maintenance Director Steve Loder in helping to maintain camp operations. Carla has accepted a job in Cascade at the old Ashley Inn (now called Hotel NoBo by Hilton). She is handling their complimentary breakfast and special food events. We deeply appreciate Carla's dedication and service to Trinity Pines and the influence she has had on campers, guests, workers and volunteers and wish her the very best for this next chapter in her life.

**YOU COULD BE THE PERSON:** Periodically we email updates about Trinity Pines activities, events, needs and people to what we are calling "Camp Ambassadors." The goal of the Camp Board is to have one identified person in each of the Intermountain Churches to help communicate with the local congregation. This could be YOU if you attend one of the following churches that has not responded with the name of someone to serve:

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| <b>Boise Five Mile<br/>Buhl<br/>Caldwell Canyon Hill<br/>Caldwell Ustick Road<br/>Council<br/>Elko<br/>Enterprise<br/>Filer<br/>Gooding Desert Hills<br/>Harney County<br/>Harper<br/>IF Crosspoint Community<br/>La Grande</b> | <b>Layton<br/>McCall<br/>Mountain Home<br/>Nampa 1st<br/>Nampa Real Life<br/>New Bridge<br/>New Plymouth<br/>Nyssa<br/>Parma<br/>Pocatello<br/>SLC Central<br/>SLC First Movement<br/>Weiser</b> |
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If you could fill this need in your local church, please send Rick Waitley an email and we will get your name added to our list. Send your contact information to [rick@amgidaho.com](mailto:rick@amgidaho.com).

**LOOKING FOR MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR:** AJ Theien will be leaving to assume a ministry position in Cascade Community Church in August. We are taking applications for the Maintenance Director position at Trinity Pines. If you are interested or know of someone who has those skills to oversee the buildings, grounds, and work with volunteers, please contact Administrator John Theien at 208-382-6200.

**CARPET CLEANING:** We are looking for a commercial machine to clean carpets at Trinity Pines. We have many carpets throughout the camp that need to be cleaned from time to time and we would appreciate any leads on commercial cleaning machines that you might hear about. Please contact John Theien at the camp [john@tpines.org](mailto:john@tpines.org) or call the camp at 208-382-6200.

**SHARE THE DREAM:** The 17th Annual Share the Dream event will be held at Valley Shepherd Nazarene Church on the evening of Thursday, November 30 starting at 6:00pm. We hope you will place this on your calendar and begin to think of individuals that you could invite to join us for the evening to learn more about Trinity Pines.

**TOUR IS COMING - JULY 18:** We have over 215 campers registered for Jr. High Camp. On the second day of that camp, we will be conducting a tour of Trinity Pines. Please reference the enclosed flyer that provides you more details and then contact families in your church, friends who want to have a day trip, and those who are new to our district or never been to Trinity Pines to join us. We promise it will be a fun and educational day. We will be traveling by coach bus.

**KEITH GOLDBERG:** Congratulations to Keith Goldberg, husband of Christiaan the Food Service Manager at Trinity Pines. He has been hired by Cascade School District to teach 5th grade starting in the fall of 2023. Keith was teaching high school math while they lived in Texas prior to moving to Cascade.

**LEADERSHIP UPDATES:** Congratulations to Gerron Gibson, Kuna Nazarene, and David Slonaker, Eagle Nazarene, who were elected for three-year terms on the Trinity Pines Board at the District Assembly held in May. Special thanks to Ed Krantz, Idaho Falls Crosspoint Community; Quinet Bryan, Valley Shepherd; and Roger Pipkin, Caldwell Baptist, who served as a committee to evaluate all living facilities for staff members at Trinity Pines and compiled a great list of items that will be addressed by management and volunteers.

**COMING IN AUGUST:** The Trinity Pines Board will be announcing the dates of district summer camps and retreats in the August Camp Monthly. Please watch for the 2024 dates and plan them in your family calendar.

**OFFICE HELP:** Each month we produce Camp Monthly (around 1800) and we are soliciting help of individuals living in the Meridian area who would be willing to be on a call list to come and help assemble the mailing. Sometimes there are inserts but always at least the Camp Monthly. If you would like to be added to this list, please let Rick Waitley know and we will get you on the schedule to help. It usually takes 3-4 hours based upon the number of people working on the project.