

# IT'S A GREAT TEAM

Dear Camp Friends,

While many of you reading this newsletter enjoy looking forward to summer vacation and a perhaps slower routine, there is a team of people serving the Lord in a unique and special way that we would like to highlight. Who has ever trained to serve as the director for a summer camp? The answer is easy - hardly anyone. The leadership for children and teens who attend one of our summer camps is greatly appreciated. This process gets started each fall when the Camps Board reviews the names of the individuals being recommended as Camp Directors. At the start of each year, this group begins to meet monthly with Kyra Gibson, Marketing Director, and me to discuss the various aspects of a camp season. The discussions center around policy, finances, volunteers, themes, speakers, music, scheduling and many other details. The team relies on each other for ideas and generating a schedule that works for their specific age group. Each spring, we bring down key staff members from Trinity Pines to interact with the directors about the unique needs of their specific camp. That is when menus, schedules, and program activities begin to take shape.

This team is used to discouragement, disappointment, and despair when often times the perfect team of volunteers begins to fall apart and they are back in the mode of recruitment. But they never lose track of their passion and vision - reaching campers with the good news of Jesus Christ and helping campers see life from a Godly perspective. The directors annually select the mission project and think of creative ways to present the project to their campers.

Then the week happens. Finally, it is time for camp! All the planning, prayers, sweat, tears, and preparation come together as the directors drive into Trinity Pines where they will live life in a community for the next five nights. Each day they see the return on their investment of planning and how lives are impacted. They deal with the discipline, the bites, the scratches, and the upset stomachs. But they also deal with the rich reward of seeing the altars full, watching stakes driven into Stake Garden, and faces come alive as campers recognize what life in Christ means.

It's a great team and we owe a special thank you for your investment in campers on the Intermountain District. When you see a member of this team of all stars, please thank them for giving up part of their summer for others.

Kym and Scott Slater | Sara Ross | Chelsea Pearsall | Zach Carpenter | Rich Vasquez  
Stephanie Austin | Grady and Jessica Harmon | Matt Cochran | Jayson Martindale

Thanks, and great are your rewards for the love and leadership you have shown for others.

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IMD Camp Meeting  
August 10-12

Cole Valley Christian Youth Retreat  
August 13-14

Utah/Idaho Messengers of Peace Retreat  
August 14-17

Kuna Nazarene Staff Retreat  
August 15-17

NNU Faculty Retreat  
August 17-19

NNU Leadership Retreat  
August 20-22

Apostolic Assembly Women's Retreat  
August 23-25

Family Reunion  
August 24-26

Home Grown Quilts Retreat  
August 27-30

Sept 1-3

Sept 6-7

Cole Valley Christian 6th Grade EFT  
Sept 7-8

Boise State University Choir Retreat  
Sept 7-9

Calvary Chapel Caldwell Women's Retreat  
Sept 7-9

Disciples of Christ Women's Retreat  
Sept 7-9

IMD Adult Retreat  
Sept 10-13

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

# CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

AUGUST 2018

**OFFICE EXPANSION:** You can now see the footprint of the new office addition on the Conference Center. Volunteers and contractors have completed the footings, foundation, and poured the concrete. Walls have gone up and trusses are expected to arrive on August 17. Doors and windows have been ordered. Thanks to the leadership provided on this project by Leigh Salisbury, Nampa First Church. The race is now against the winter elements as we continue with the expansion of the office space.

As we look toward the new appearance of our office area, we will be looking for furnishings. If you see or hear of good quality office desks, file cabinets, etc. let the Meridian Camp Office know so we can explore. We would like the new area to be inviting!

**STAKE GARDEN:** Manager Ron Manley reported to the board that a total of 286 new stakes had been placed in Stake Garden due to new commitments, expressing calls to ministry, and entire sanctification of campers.

## QUICK UPDATES!

- Micah, one of our summer interns, has returned to work and is back on the job up to full speed following his accident in July which required hospitalization and time away.
- A great thank you reception with cards, gifts, and goodies were shared with Josh Miller for his years at Trinity Pines. Best wishes, Josh!
- Anthony and Serena Henry and their sons, Cayden and Kypton, arrived on August 4 to start their employment at Trinity Pines.
- Nearly 70 board members, property/development members, directors, staff, and their families attended an appreciation BBQ at the home of Rick and Dorita Waitley on August 6.
- Funds were contributed to the City of Cascade to help oil Cabarton Road to keep down dust.
- The HVAC project for the Conference Center began on August 6.
- A total of 1,105 campers attended one of the six district camps this year. That is an increase over 2017. Thanks churches for your recruitment and investment in children and youth.

## PAVE THE WAY

There has been a great response to Pave the Way for pavers that will be placed at Trinity Pines. We have over 100 pavers spoken for. Each paver will have an inscription of your choice. Cost per paver is \$250. Along with the inscription, each donor will also write a paragraph about how the name on the brick is tied into Intermountain District camping, whether that at Victory Cove or Trinity Pines. These paragraphs will be printed in a book that will be kept at the camp for guests to read through about the name(s) and history of each paver. Deadline has been extended to September 1st. Enclosed is a form you may fill out. After the Meridian Camp Office receives the form and payment, a letter will be sent to each donor with additional information. This is a great way to pay tribute to a family member, special event, or your legacy related to camping on our district.

## GRANT WRITER

The Camps Board has entered into a contract agreement with Kendra Dustin as a grant writer for Trinity Pines. Grants are an important part of our future for buildings, as well as expansion of our camp programs and facilities. Kendra helped secure the Murdock Grant and will now work on for other grants on behalf of Trinity Pines.

**SHOPPING AROUND:** We are shopping for a commercial platform mower (larger than the type used on most home lawns) and a backhoe for use at the camp. Please inform us if you have any leads!

**BUS TRANSPORTATION:** The bus transportation for the summer camps was deemed highly successful. A total of 111 campers took advantage of riding the bus.

The number of rides per camp was as follows:

4th-6th Girls - 26	4th-6th Boys - 28
9th-12th Sr. High - 24	7th-8th Jr. High - 33

The Camps Board has voted to continue the program in 2019. Be watching for information in the spring!

**EMPLOYEE MANUAL:** To stay current with state and federal laws, the Camp Personnel Committee has undertaken the task to update and revise the current employee manual for Trinity Pines. This is an ongoing task and Steve Laird, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, has taken the lead on this project.

**SOFT LANDING:** The floors in the bunkhouses are currently wood, but recently, due to a generous donation of carpet squares, we will now have carpet on the floors of the bunkhouses. The donation of carpet squares were enough that we will also be using them in the new addition at the office.

**METAL STAIRS:** We are looking for a metal staircase that can be adapted and used at the new pole barn. This is a long staircase at 24 feet. The city requires that we put in a landing halfway up the staircase. The distance from the ground to the door of the second floor is 16 feet. If you see a set of metal stairs that might work, please give Rick a call at 208-888-0988 and we will take a look and see if they meet our needs.

**CURTAINS:** Thanks to Mary Ann Lowe, Nampa First for her work on making curtains for each of the seven bunkhouses. We appreciate your help!

**CAMP NURSE:** Special thanks to Jan Crabil for serving as Camp Nurse during our six district camps. Your help with our bumps, bruises, scrapes, and medication is a great help to everyone.

**IT'S OFFICIAL:** Starting in 2019, the name of Junior High Camp will change to Middle School Camp. This camp will still be for those going into 7th-8th grade.

## 2018 WOMEN'S RETREAT

Space is disappearing quickly for District Women's Retreat, September 28-30. We have explored providing a bus for ladies to ride to and from Cascade, eliminating the need to drive. Let us know if you would have an interest in the bus transportation. Cost would be \$30/person to ride. If you are interested, please send an email to Cindy at [cindy@amgidaho.com](mailto:cindy@amgidaho.com).