

## WHEN THE FAMILY COMES TOGETHER

I hope each of you reading this will make the District Camp Meeting at the Campground a priority for you, your family, and friends. I would like to see the worship tent packed out at services on the weekend of August 11-13. Enclosed is a special flyer that provides the schedule and highlights the two speakers for the weekend.

Many of our older family members can share stories of coming from near and far and gathering in a big tent, perhaps pitched in a farmer's pasture or empty lot, where revivals would take place each summer. I can remember a local church in our area and each time the tent went up, people would say "Camp Meeting must be about to happen."

Someday, I am sure the tent will go away, and we will be in a nice, air-conditioned structure to hold Camp Meeting at Trinity Pines. But right now, the atmosphere of a tent, singing together and worshipping with old and new friends is a great summer experience.

Consider the entire weekend, but if your schedule does not permit, then join us for one of the services or plan to take a Sunday drive, enjoy the service, and then stay for "lunch on the grounds."

For several decades, Camp Meeting was held at a place called the tabernacle in Nampa on the edge of the NNU campus, then later moved to Nampa First Church. District Superintendent Scott Shaw had the inspiration to move Camp Meeting to the Campground in Cascade. Each year, the crowd gets a little larger and a little louder as we gather as a district family to worship and fellowship. I hope to see you there and look forward to your visit to Trinity Pines.

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Aug 4-6	Linder Road Church of God
Aug 7-11	Idaho Conservation Officers Association
Aug 10-14	IMD D-365 Camp
Aug 11-13	IMD Camp Meeting
Aug 17-19	Harvest Church College Retreat
Aug 21-23	NNU LEAD Retreat
Aug 25-27	Disciples of Christ
Aug 25-27	Buhl Bible Church Women's Retreat

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

# CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

AUGUST 2023

**CAMP TOUR A SUCCESS:** A total of 37 people joined us for the Camp Tour in July. It was a great day as we unloaded from the charter bus and loaded onto two people-movers for a look at every corner of the camp. There were several first-time visitors and several who had not been at the camp for several seasons. It is always a great time to brag about what God's people have accomplished and invested into the mission and future of the camp. Thanks to those who joined us.

**PLANS ARE UNDERWAY:** Preliminary drawings have been made to do some additions to the farmhouse at the camp. This was the original residence on the property at the time of the purchase. Shortly after Trinity Pines started, there was a fire in the farmhouse caused by an electric heater under the floor to keep water pipes from freezing. We were unaware of the heater prior to the fire. Luckily, no one was injured, but the house suffered great smoke and fire damage. The late Jerry Nichols was at the camp at the time and said that he could restore the building. He did, and it has continued to be used. Minor cosmetic improvements have been made and last year the foundation was reinforced under the house. Now the plan is to build a garage and add an additional 300 square feet of living space to the structure, then new siding and a new roof. It is an important structure for us since it provides security on the south end of our property.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY:** Volunteer Ray Gartman was working on a project at camp and fell from the dump truck. The fall resulted in a trip to the Cascade Medical Center by ambulance and then Life Flight to Boise where Ray was in the hospital for several days. The family made the decision that Ray and his wife, Star, should relocate their RV to a park in the Treasure Valley while he continued his recovery. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ray and his family. The old saying, "It is hard to keep a good man down," is very true for Ray Gartman, and he needs to relax and recover from the fall and resulting injuries to his body. Pray that God will give him a peace and time to rest and heal.

**SHARE THE DREAM PLEDGES:** If you joined us for Share the Dream last year in early December, we greatly appreciate your participation and investment in the camp. You may have completed a pledge card in support of the camp. If that is the case, please be sure that you are current in meeting your pledge of support for the camp. It is often easy to let these promises slip by us since there is not a monthly invoice sent as a reminder. We appreciate our faithful Camp Partners who are generous with their financial support of the camp.

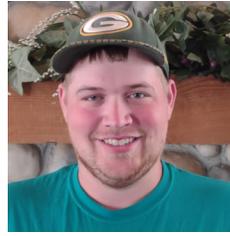
**LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024:** Recently the Camp Board approved the calendar for 2024. The dates of the summer camps are as follows and will be posted online:

**Genesis Camp: June 10-14, 2024**

**4th-6th Grade Camp: June 24-28, 2024**

**Senior High Camp: June 17-21, 2024**

**Junior High Camp: July 15-19, 2024**



**FACILITIES MANAGER:** Andrew Theien's last day at the camp is mid-August before he assumes his new role as Youth Associate at a local Cascade church. Administrator John Theien has been busy interviewing individuals and reviewing resumes. Currently, we have still not secured the right person for the position. If you have interest, please contact John Theien at 208-382-6200 to learn more about the position, compensation, housing, and benefits.

**BUNKHOUSES A SUCCESS:** Your investment in the remodel of the seven bunkhouses proved to be timely and well-received by campers in the 2023 season. The addition of insulation and the mini-splits for HVAC made the bunkhouses much more popular with campers. If you are at the camp, be sure to visit the site around the lodges and see the ribbons staking out the new restroom area to bring additional facilities to the bunkhouses. Our goal is to raise \$300,000 toward the restroom facility estimated to cost around \$600,000 and then apply for a Murdock Grant to complete the project. The project will also provide additional living space for staff and guests on the second floor.



**MEMORIALS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME:** On the bus tour of the camp, some folks seemed to be surprised to learn that Trinity Pines receives memorial gifts for the passing of friends and loved ones. Absolutely. Several areas of camp have signage that point to those memorials, but many more things are at the camp with no signage that were purchased or built with memorial funds. Often it is difficult to decide how to honor the life of a friend or family member that has passed, and people want to be sure their memorial contribution counts for something. Trinity Pines is always a careful steward of memorial funds and we work with families in each situation. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Rick Waitley at 208-888-0988.