

Volunteers

They come in all shapes, sizes, and skills, from close by and far away but they all come with one purpose—to minister at Trinity Pines. I am referring to the volunteers who show up each year at the camp. The task list is large: mowing lawns, caring for flowers, dishes, laundry, weeding, painting, construction, repairs, housekeeping, food prep, serving meals, and whatever else is on the “to do” list.

Bob and Marilyn Swartzentruber coordinate the volunteers. What a blessing they are in building a volunteer community for those who come to serve. Each fall, there is a bit of a let down as the volunteers begin to depart in their motor homes and travel trailers. Our prayer is that they will feel the nudge to return next year.

Join us in saying thanks to the team of volunteers:

Nampa: Lon & Ginny Gilbert, Marvin & Linda Schmidt, Ray & Star Gartman, Ken & Barb Pace, Gary & Linda Glasco, Robert & Marilyn Swartzentruber, Lynn & Sandy Nicholson, Jim & Ardis Quick, Yvonne Wittkopf, Myron & Joan Murray, Larry Durheim, Mary Ann Lowe;
Boise: Donna Lambert, Glenn & Donna Mumford, Lee Fin-Kelson; Caldwell: Kenton & Nellie Harris; Menan: Ed & Rosemary Krantz; Emmett: Gary & Norma Johnson; Twin Falls: Leslie & Shirl Bennett; Pocatello: Sharon & Harley Bennett; Mtn. Home: Russell Andrews; Eagle: Anita Simonson; McCall: Skeeter Shaw; Riverbank, CA: Randy & Cindy Woods

If any of these folks are your friends and neighbors, please say thanks to them for their service and dedication these past few months. They play a vital and important role in the success of Trinity Pines operation.

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TRINITY PINES CALENDAR

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| Sept 21-25 | Idaho Mountain Search & Rescue Tracking Class |
| Sept 22-23 | IMD Sunday School Ministries |
| Sept 23-24 | Resurge Church Ministry School |
| Sept 23-25 | Treasure Valley Church of Christ Women's Retreat |
| Sep 30-Oct 2 | IMD Women's Retreat |
| Oct 6-9 | Amy Cox Quilting & Scrapbooking Retreat |
| Oct 8-9 | Alpha Chi Omega Retreat |
| Oct 10-13 | Stitch n/ Snip Garden Valley Quilters |
| Oct 13-17 | IMD Discipleship Retreat |
| Oct 14-16 | MHAFB Protestant Women of the Chapel Retreat |
| Oct 17-20 | Stitch n/ Snip Garden Valley Quilters |
| Oct 21-23 | S. ID. Assemblies of God Women's Retreat |
| Oct 24-25 | IMD Pastors' Prayer Summit |
| Oct 28-30 | Idaho Drug Free Youth Retreat |
| Nov 3-4 | Borah HS Choir Retreat |
| Nov 4-6 | BSU Student Involvement & Leadership Retreat |

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

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Remembering

In mid-August, I was contacted by Steve Laird from Nampa First. Steve had gotten wind of an auction that was taking place at Victory Cove (where Intermountain District camped for nearly 70 years) in McCall. The State Parks and Recreation Department has made the decision to develop the old Victory Cove property into a family reunion/group camping facility. The plans, as we understand, are to retain the restrooms, chapel, and dining hall. At this time, all other structures are going to be sold or destroyed.

This prompted us to make a visit to Victory Cove the night before the start of the 2016 Adult Retreat. As soon as we stepped on the grounds, our minds and hearts were flooded with a ton of memories. Steve Laird shared that he had been able to purchase the small one-room cabins located near the nurse's cabin and was planning to relocate them in the McCall area. By the time we arrived, three of the cabins were gone (#16, #17, and #18 for those with VC recall). The plan is to seriously consider relocation of cabin #19 to Trinity Pines with specifics of the move and details of how it might be used yet to be determined.

For many years, a tradition at Victory Cove had been to inscribe your name somewhere in a cabin to prove that you were at camp. As we looked around at piles of rafters and lumber, we found plenty of Intermountain District names with a variety of inscriptions. Many of the individuals are now leaders on the District and by their handwriting had attended camp at an early age. This was discontinued when we moved to Trinity Pines. More on the names later but here is a sample of what we found.



As we walked the grounds, we recalled many of the activities that took place over the years. There are still remnants of our time spent at McCall prior to our move 27 miles south to Cabarton Road in Cascade.

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The New CanAm Gator

Manager Ron Manley started a process at the Men's Retreat in the spring of 2016 to secure funds to purchase a new Gator for use at the camp. Ron's hope was to find a Gator that had the ability to carry several people at one time (4-6). In early August, a new CanAm showed up at camp as a gift from Lowell and Joanne Rowley, Caldwell Canyon Hill, and Jim Wilhite, Karcher Nazarene.



The CanAm was put to good use during Adult Retreat transporting guests around the campground and a special treat was taking guests to ride the highest trail on the property - Summit Trail.

The CanAm will be used to transport the Challenge Course Team and supplies to and from the conference center to the challenge course area.

Facebook

Be sure to Like us on Facebook. You never know whose picture might show up. Recently, we have had some negative comments posted on the Facebook page. In checking on the comments, we have found that they are referring to a camp called Trinity Pines located in Texas. We make great effort to try and clarify which Trinity Pines visitors might be referring to in their comments. We also invite you to our Trinity Pines website at www.tpines.org.



Goodbye and Welcome

On November 1st we will say goodbye to Beth Howe who has served as Manager of Housekeeping for the past couple of years. Beth grew up on the mission field in South America and will be moving on in life to some other adventures.

We are pleased to announce that Ernie Gates and his wife, Tami, will join us in October to serve in this capacity. The Gates are members of Nampa College Church of the Nazarene and will reside in the second staff house.

Stake Garden

Visitors to Trinity Pines will no longer need to guess what is going on with the Stake Garden. New signage was dedicated during Adult Retreat and it explains the purpose of the white stakes. The Stake Garden has been expanded to almost double in size. The Stake Garden was dedicated in memory of Ben Wellington, a Cascade realtor, who helped Trinity Pines secure the property. Members of Ben's family were present for the dedication and had the honor of visiting two of the stakes that had been placed by Ben's grandchildren.

Volunteers Needed

If you have a free weekend and would like to help in the kitchen during the winter months, please contact Manager Ron Manley (208-382-6200). Work includes food preparation, serving, and doing dishes. With some of our larger groups on weekends, we could use the help.

Enclosed Picnic Shelter

The enclosed picnic area in the RV Park is now complete with a sink, counter, hot running water, and storage cabinet, thanks to volunteers led by Marv Schmidt. The facility continues to be a popular meeting location for meals, games and fellowship for both the RV and the tent camping area.

District Camp Meeting

The first District Camp Meeting on the camp ground drew an attendance of over 200 people from a variety of churches. The event was such a success that the weekend has been booked for the summer of 2017. Thanks to former District Superintendents Dr. Steve Berger and Dr. Ron Kratzer, who spoke at the Camp Meeting.

Camper Monthly Payments

As you look ahead to summer camps in 2017, we want to offer you a new opportunity. Beginning January 1st, you will be able to make monthly payments for the camper(s) in your family. If you would like to take advantage of this program, please contact Cindy Pusey (cindy@amgidaho.com or 208-888-0988) in the Meridian office. If for some reason your camper is unable to attend, the funds will be returned to you. Some parents find this to be a good way to "stash away" camp funds for camper fees.

Adirondack Chairs

The brightly colored Adirondack chairs that were gifted to Trinity Pines are very comfortable. They are a great addition to the patio at the Conference Center, allowing folks to **Sit** comfortably, **Sip** an ice cold drink, and **Soak** in the beauty of Trinity Pines. We are making an appeal to raise more funds to purchase additional chairs. The Adult Retreat participants contributed to the purchase of more chairs with the income from their annual boutique. If you would like to be a part of that project, please send your donation to the Meridian Camps Office and identify the donation as "Adirondack Chairs." Each chair costs \$290. This is a special price for the camp.



United Way

Enclosed is a flier about United Way. Several people on the Intermountain District select United Way as their method to give to Trinity Pines. Please note: This is only possible for Idaho residents. If you live in Idaho and work for a company or agency that participates with United Way, we encourage you to consider Trinity Pines as the recipient of your contribution. Thanks to those who are faithful to give to Trinity Pines through United Way.