

IT'S A GREAT NETWORK

Dear Camp Friends,

Some of you may remember that we are searching for metal stairs to attach to the pole barn for access to the second floor storage area. This was mentioned in an earlier Camp Monthly. We have a great network of Christian people that help to make things happen at Trinity Pines.

I had a call from Carol Mitchell (Boise Five Mile) saying that she saw a local athletic club removing a metal staircase. I immediately went to the location but could not find the stairs, and assumed that between the time of her call and my arrival they had been removed from the property. Two days later, Marv Donaldson (College Church) stopped by the office to share about some stairs that had been removed from a local athletic club. I went again and this time connected with a man who had been hired to install a new gym floor for a Christian basketball academy that is being established in the Treasure Valley. As part of the "Nazarene Network," I learned that this man was a Nazarene out of the Seattle area, a graduate of NNC, and friends with Pastor Ken Wilde (Capital Church) where the individual attends who is establishing the academy. He confirmed the stairs had been removed and were in the dumpster.

This prompted a call to Randy Jahn (Deer Flat Free Methodist) who has constructed other projects at camp. Randy and I have been exploring sources for the stairs believing that there are some, somewhere, that will save us the estimated \$6,000 to build new. The gentlemen from Seattle, John, told me I needed to connect with the basketball player from Capital Church to give us permission to "dumpster dive." Benjamin Kelly (Capital Church), who is in our office, tracked down this person. To make a long story short, all of us met at the site, including Carson (former basketball player who is establishing the academy). Into the dumpster went Randy, and he concluded that we could perhaps use the stairs but needed to get them out to make a detailed assessment. I called Steve Hill (Tree City Church), who connected me with a Nazarene at Western States Equipment. Again, everyone agreed to meet at the dumpster later that day; Randy had a trailer and Western States had a crane (found out his kids go to Trinity Pines and he has been to Men's Retreat). At the end of the day, the stairs were way too heavy and had been badly damaged by the removal.

Was it a loss of time and energy? Not really; it demonstrated to me how God provides and expects us to follow up using every resource that we can. We connected with so many good Christian folks and even got to share about Trinity Pines with the general manager of the athletic club who asked what all the commotion was about over a set of stairs. We know that God has a set of stairs for us, and maybe similar connections will make it happen. This is not the first story of its kind in building Trinity Pines over the years. You are the extended eyes and ears of Trinity Pines when we have a need. Thanks for being part of the team.

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IMD Adult Retreat
The Rock Ladies' Retreat
Sept 13-16

Ustick Road Nazarene Board Retreat
Sept 14-15

Alpha Omicron Pi Retreat
Sept 15-16

IMD Pastor's Team Retreat
Sept 17-19

BSU Catholic Fall Retreat
Sept 21-23

Hillview United Women's Retreat
Sept 21-23

St. Paul Baptist Church Ladies' Retreat
Sept 21-23

The Journey Women's Retreat
Sept 26-28

IMD Women's Retreat
Sept 28-30

Bishop Kelly High School Teachers' Retreat
Oct 3-5

Idaho Mtn. Search & Rescue Tracking Class
Oct 4-7

IMD Discipleship Retreat
Oct 4-8

Caldwell Presbyterian Women's Retreat
Oct 5-7

New Life Christian Center Ladies' Retreat
Oct 5-7

TRINITY PINES CALENDAR "AT-A-GLANCE"

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

SEPTEMBER 2018

WELCOME, CHRIS ELLIS! September 4th marked the first day of employment for Chris Ellis. Chris came to Trinity Pines from Cannon Beach Conference Center. This is our second hire from that location this summer. Manager Ron Manley describes Chris' role as Kitchen/Operations Staff. Chris will be engaged in tasks as determined by the management team and needs of the camp, including kitchen, housekeeping, grounds work, and/or maintenance tasks.

2018 BUS REPORT: Providing transportation from the Treasure Valley to Trinity Pines was an experiment this year. The board agreed that even if there was a loss of money they felt there were some who could not attend camp because of complications in finding a ride. The result was that 111 campers took advantage of the ride. Each camper paid \$30 to ride. The total revenue was \$3,330 and the cost of renting the buses was \$3,200. We ended with a net of \$130.00. The board agreed to enter into a similar contract for 2019. Many thanks to Matt Drinnon, Chairman of Camps Program Committee, and Cindy Pusey at the AMG office for their help in behind the scenes coordination.

PHASE II: Each week we see additional progress on the Phase II remodel of the Conference Center. The HVAC folks have been on-site since early August making conversions and installing new heating and air-conditioning units. The expansion of the office area now has walls, roof, windows, and doors. The volunteers, directed by Leigh Salisbury (Nampa First), have made tremendous progress and helped to stretch the dollars for the project. **NOTE:** You can view pictures of the expansion on our website and Facebook page!

AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER? As we prepare for winter, we can use volunteer help. We also have a number of large rentals during the winter retreat season. Many of these require extra staff to help in the kitchen, with dining room responsibilities, and with dishes. If you have a day or two to donate some hours, contact Ron Manley or Anthony Henry by calling 208-382-6200.

QUICK UPDATES!

- The beautiful flower containers at Trinity Pines have been maintained by Donna Lambert all summer with assistance from other Trinity Pines staff members. It is always sad to see them fade away with the crisp mornings of fall. Thanks, Donna and crew, for the summer beauty.
- A total of \$4,675 in financial assistance was spent for campers in 2018. Our annual budget at Share the Dream is \$5,000 for financial assistance. Thanks to faithful partners who have helped provide funds for campers to attend camp.
- Two campers were provided funds from the \$150 Club. These are outreach students not directly connected to a Nazarene church. Thanks to those who invest in the 150 Club.
- Of the 1,105 campers that came to camp this summer, 242 of the campers were from non-Nazarene churches. The five churches with the largest attendance at our summer camps were:

Eagle	156 campers
Bethel	79 campers
Tree City	74 campers
Nampa First	71 campers
Twin Falls	70 campers

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, November 29 at 6:30pm at Valley Shepherd Nazarene Church will be the 12th Annual Share the Dream event. This recap of the past year of camping and the opportunity to peek into the future of what is planned for Trinity Pines is always an exciting time. District Superintendent Scott Shaw has challenged the Camps Board, Camp Property/Development Committee, and Camp Directors to have over 200 in attendance. The event has no cost and will include a dessert fellowship.

NEW P/D COMMITTEE MEMBER: Niles Nordquist moved to Eagle from California and has recently been named to the Camp Property/Development Committee. Niles is an artist and through the years has been involved in a number of building projects. Niles and his wife attend Eagle Nazarene Church.

MEMORIALS: We frequently receive inquiries about naming Trinity Pines as a source for memorials honoring the life of someone. Often times, families will seek permission to list Trinity Pines in the obituary. Our system is set up to receive these types of memorial gifts and we are more than pleased to offer assistance to families related to how to proceed with such a designation. At 2018 Adult Retreat, bunkhouse #1 was dedicated as a memorial to the life of Jan Nelson (Ontario Nazarene), who taught over 30 years in public education, over 30 years teaching High School Sunday School, and serving as a prayer warrior for the church.

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.

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 is \$250 per paver. Along with the inscription, each donor will also write a paragraph about how the name is tied to camping on our district, whether 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. This is a great way to pay tribute to a family member, special event, or your legacy related to camping on our district.

2018 WOMEN'S RETREAT

District Women's Retreat will take place on September 28-30. If you have not signed up, please contact Cindy at 208-888-0988 or by email at cindy@amgidaho.com. Registration is also online at www.tpines.org/womens-retreat.