

NEW MANAGEMENT STYLE AT TRINITY PINES

Through the years, we have always had in place a manager or administrator at the camp that oversaw day-to-day operations. In the past 25 years we have not only grown the size of the facility (number of building and programs) but have also increased the number of guests and visitors to the camp each year. When we were told that John Theine would be retiring as Administrator, the Camps Board went to work to explore options. Through interviews and working to find a solution the Board proposed the following:

Tyler Luschen – Director of Guest Experiences

Tyler oversees summer interns & food service

Ben Bruening – Director of Operations

Ben oversees housekeeping & volunteers

Amy Fisher – Director of Administrations & Reservations

Amy oversees office operations & registration/reservations for all camps

The three are referred to as the Trinity Pines Leadership Team. You may see them covering for each other from time to time as the need arises. The Leadership Team is responsible to the Executive Director, Rick Waitley, who is responsible to the Camps Board and District Advisory Board for Trinity Pines operations.

It is a new concept but the leadership of the camp feels that spreading the responsibilities and having more oversight will be of great value. I am anxious for you to meet and interact with Tyler, Ben, and Amy in their new roles. Please pray for them through this adjustment and realignment of their responsibilities going forward.

Rick Waitley
Executive Director

“AT-A-GLANCE” TRINITY PINES CALENDAR

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Feb 13-15
Feb 15-17
Feb 27-Mar 1

Stonehill Youth
Bishop Kelly HS
CLF/Vineyard Youth

Mar 20-22
Mar 27-28
Mar 28-29

Assemblies of God
Nampa First Women
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CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

FEBRUARY 2026

MEET AMY FISHER: Amy is the mother of two teenage daughters who attend Cascade schools. Amy moved to Cascade for employment at a local real estate office where she learned about the opportunity at Trinity Pines. Amy had been previously exposed to the camp through a former Manager, Mike Crevett. Amy is a graduate of Boise State and the U of I in Moscow with a Master of Education degree in Health and Physical Education. She taught school for a while in her career path and has always been involved in health and fitness related occupations. Amy does not live on campus but lives very close to the camp – just a few houses south on Cabarton Road. Most likely, if you call the camp, Amy’s friendly voice will answer.

DIRECTORS FOR 2026 IMD CAMPS:

Congratulations to the following individuals who were selected and approved to direct the various camps in the summer offered by Intermountain District:

Genesis Camp – Genesis (1st-3rd Grade)
Girls – June 8-10
Boys – June 10-12

Team:

Kym Slater – Director, Nampa Bethel
Sara Ross, Valley Shepherd
Rick & Katie Wiese, Nampa Fairview

Senior High Camp – (9th-12th Grade)
June 15-19

Team:

Scott Davis – Director, Nampa First
Levi Lewis, Ontario
Val Soto, Twin Falls
Rich Vasquez, Nampa Lakeview

Kids’ Camp – (4th-6th Grade)
June 22-26

Team:

Connie Blastock – Director, Ontario
Kaleb Harper, Valley Shepherd
Heather Pillers, Nampa College
Eddie Wheeler, Ontario

Junior High Camp – (7th-8th Grade)
July 13-17

Team:

Josh Potter – Director, Nampa Bethel
Scott Davis, Nampa First
Suzanne Plantenga, New Plymouth

SUMMER INTERNS: If you have a high school senior or college student that would like to work at Trinity Pines this summer – late May through early August – please have them contact Tyler Luschen, guestservices@tpines.org or call 208-382-6200.

RECRUITING SUMMER VOLUNTEER STAFF: Steve and Cheryl Haney are back in the saddle as Coordinators of Summer volunteer staff at Trinity Pines. This is a great opportunity for active seniors to share their experiences and life as part of the staff at Trinity Pines. Responsibilities vary for each person based upon skills and interest from food service to lawn care, maintenance, laundry, housekeeping and more. It is helpful if you have an RV to live in while volunteering but there is also some space available at the camp for accommodation. If you are interested, please contact the Haney’s directly by email at hansted@yahoo.com or CherylChaplain@yahoo.com, or by phone at 208-830-1005 (Steve) or 208-409-6680 (Cheryl).

ELK VALLEY RESTROOM PROJECT: Elk Valley Project Progress continues with the Elk Valley Restroom construction. Ben Breuning is the lead on this project. There are some unique features that will be included in this facility:

- Heated radiant floors for moisture control
- Solar power for hot water and HVAC
- Two housing units above the restrooms for volunteers and staff

This will be the first facility built that we have gone to outside consultants as architects and engineers for some of the work. If you are aware of architects in your local church that might be available for future project please let us know and we will reach out and see if they would like to work with the Property/Development Committee.

PLEASE PRAY FOR STAFF HEALTH NEEDS:

Russell Andrews was admitted to St. Luke’s in Boise a few days ago with double pneumonia, influenza, and a vitamin deficiency. It got so serious he was placed in ICU but released a few days later and has now departed the hospital to recover at his home in Mtn. Home. Food Service Manager Joseph Chapman is facing surgery on Monday, February 9 in Boise for some heart-related issues and will recover back in Cascade.

CHANGE ON CAMP BOARD: Matthew Drinnon, Valley Shepherd, has been a member of the District Camp Board for several years and has served as chairman of the Camp Program/Development Committee. Matt and his wife April are former directors of Genesis Camp and their son Alex worked as an intern at camp for several summers. Matt announced he would be stepping away from the Camps Board due to other obligations in his local church, with family, and work. The Board has selected Ryan Roberts, Eagle Nazarene, to be the name voted on at District Assembly in April. Ryan has been involved in summer camps since being on travel groups at NNU. More about Ryan in a future Camp Monthly.

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORTS: End of the year financial contribution reports have been mailed. If you have questions please contact the Meridian Camp office – Rhonda Easton at 208-888-0988 or office@amgidaho.com.

IMD CAMP FEES SUMMER 2026:

Genesis Camp:

Early Bird: \$105 Regular: \$130

Kids’ Camp:

Early Bird: \$245 Regular: \$280

Senior High Camp:

Early Bird: \$275 Regular: \$310

Junior High Camp:

Early Bird: \$275 Regular: \$310

SPECIAL NOTICE: Please note that District Men’s Retreat is no longer in the spring. It has been moved to June 12-14. Watch your local church for additional details. Or keep an eye on the website at www.tpines.org.

