

POTENTIAL NEXT CHAPTER FOR TRINITY PINES

For 25 years Trinity Pines has been located at Cascade. Through those years the bare 200 acres of land have seen a great transition with improvements, buildings, and programming. The results have had a major impact on the lives of thousands of guests who have called Trinity Pines their home for a weekend retreat or a week long camp. The impact for Heaven will only be measured in eternity. The camp has been owned and operated by Intermountain District Church of the Nazarene. However, some operations of the camp have been independent of the District such as bookkeeping, fiscal year of operation (Jan – Dec), administrative services to name a few. And some things have been shared such as insurance coverage, payroll for employees, employee benefits, etc. The General Church of the Nazarene has realized some exposure to local Districts who own and operate camps when it comes to liability. This has raised some concerns that have resulted in some discussions about alternative structures to protect the camp and the district.

The following is a message from District Superintendent Brent Deakins: *Since Trinity Pines began operating in 2000, it has been characterized and operated as a ministry of the Intermountain District, similar to other District-sponsored programs. Over the past six months, however, it has become clear that for legal and liability purposes a reorganization is advantageous so that Trinity Pines and the Intermountain District remain closely related while functioning as separate legal entities. This decision follows extensive consultation with General Church legal counsel, our trusted attorney Randy Peterman, our General Superintendents, fellow District Superintendents, the Trinity Pines Board, the District Advisory Board, and other experienced consultants. We believe this structure will better protect both organizations from specific liabilities, expand grant and foundation opportunities, and preserve ownership, while allowing operations to continue seamlessly without disruption. The reorganization may not finalize until 2027. If you have questions, please contact Brent Deakins at Brent@intermountaindistrict.org.*

Most likely this issue will be discussed at the 2026 District Assembly to be held at College Church April 23-24. We look forward to the next chapter for Trinity Pines as we work in cooperation with the District in protecting the future of the camping program at Cascade.

Rick Waitley
Executive Director

“AT-A-GLANCE” TRINITY PINES CALENDAR

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Mar 19	Soup & Scripture at the Community Church
Mar 20-22	Assemblies of God Men
Mar 27-28	Nampa First Naz Women
Mar 28-29	BSU Phi Mu Xi G

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

MARCH 2026

NOTE FROM MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR - BEN BRUENING: Summer is quickly approaching and spring seems to be coming sooner this year. Winter seemed to play peekaboo with us the last three months. We would get snow and the next couple days it would be melted off. We have a few projects that we are working on this spring prior to the busy summer ahead. We are in need of volunteers for the following projects:

- 1) New flooring to be installed in Pomerelle Cottage this month
- 2) General construction items, including some light plumbing, electrical, and painting
- 3) General cleaning in several areas of the camp

The construction plans for the new Elk Valley Restroom Facility are nearing completion, and we are getting close to getting permits and selecting a general contractor. We are looking for people willing to come up this spring to clear the site of the brush and trees before we officially break ground. Before we know it, Work Week will be here at the end of May, and summer will be in full swing.

We are so blessed to have a great group of faithful volunteers year after year that invest in the ministry of Trinity Pines, and the staff cannot thank you enough. Steve and Cheryl Haney are actively filling the volunteer calendar for these spring projects as well as the non-IMD Camp schedule from late June through August. If you have a weekend, a week or even a month, we could use your help. There is an array of jobs that we need help with from housekeeping to maintenance to help in the office and everything in between within all skill levels.

For further information contact Steve Haney (hansted@yahoo.com, 208-830-1005) or Cheryl Haney (cherylchaplain@yahoo.com, 208-409-6680).

If you are reading this and you feel you may not be able to come and volunteer, sharing this message with those who might come will further help the ministry of Trinity Pines.

SUMMER INTERNS: Guest Services Director Tyler Luschen is busy interviewing and processing potential summer interns for Trinity Pines. Students need to be over the age of 18 and have graduated from High School. Lodging and meals are provided and work is from late May till early August to fit the school terms for most students. The internship provides a wide variety of experiences and ministry opportunities with campers and guests at Trinity Pines.

Contact Tyler at questservices@tpines.org if you have specific questions. An application is available on the website at www.tpines.org.

WHAT HAPPENED TO DISTRICT MEN'S RETREAT? District Men's Retreat has traditionally been held in the spring. The retreat has now moved to June 12-14. Flyers are being developed as we speak with details related to the retreat. Please stop by the camp booth during District Assembly to pick up flyers for Men's, Women's, Work Week, and potentially District Family Camp to take to your church to publicize these events.

CAN I RESERVE SPACE AT TRINITY PINES? While we are blessed with a calendar that is full of names and opportunities for ministry there are some holes here and there that would allow a group to schedule an event at the camp. This all starts by calling Amy Fisher, Director of Administration and Reservations in Cascade. Amy can be reached at 208-382-6200. There may just be a spot for you.

DONATED ITEMS: We have been blessed through the years to have many donated items that have saved money for Trinity Pines and helped us stretch our resources. Thanks to those who remember Trinity Pines when doing spring cleaning, settling estates, or finding a great deal. Every item that we are donated has four potentials:

- 1) Be put to use at the camp
- 2) Be sold by the camp to generate revenue (frequently vehicles fall in that category)
- 3) Be gifted to another camp in the area (what a blessing)
- 4) Be thrown away due to condition or liability of the donated item (safety first)

The list is endless of what we have been blessed with from vehicles and equipment to silverware for the kitchen. We have received sporting equipment, small kitchen appliances that have been placed in living areas, office furnishings, living room furniture for cottages and apartments and of course items for Christmas on Cabarton (Happy Holidays). Just always think "*I wonder if Trinity Pines could use this?*" Snap a picture and send it to our office in Meridian to rick@amgidaho.com. We take donated items at the District Office, at the Meridian Camp Office or at Cascade. Donation letters will be provided for items that are donated to Trinity Pines. We always appreciate knowing of establishments (food and lodging) going out of business in case there are deals that we could utilize and explore.

WORK WEEK IS AROUND THE CORNER: Work Week will be May 20-23. The camp will provide housing and meals for those who come to volunteer in preparing the camp for the busy summer ahead. Be watching for a flyer that provides more information about Work Week.

SUMMER CAMP FLYER: The enclosed summer camp flyer provides several details related to registration deadlines, fees, and dates for summer camps at Trinity Pines.

- 1) You do not need to attend a Nazarene Church to participate in one of the camps
- 2) You do not need to have camped at Trinity Pines in the past
- 3) You camp according to the grade level you will be entering in the fall of 2026.

Please help us spread the word and share this flyer with a neighbor or friend or post in a public place to raise the awareness of the camping program at Trinity Pines. Flyers were sent to each church in February along with posters. If you need additional flyers or posters contact Rhonda at the Meridian Camp Office 208-888-0988 or by email at office@amgidaho.com.

PROPERTY TAX UPDATE: Attorney Randy Peterman has reported that we are currently into the cue for the Idaho Supreme Court hearing on our appeal of the property tax issue. This is progress and we are thankful for your prayers in helping us to move this process along. There has been some action by the system related to Quaker Hill Camp. The ruling that came down is that they are not exempt from taxes due to being a church affiliated camp (Quaker Church) but that they may be eligible based upon being a non-profit. That is an interesting assessment. Trinity Pines is basing their appeal totally on being a church affiliated and operated camp. We appreciate Randy and his staff's work on this project on our behalf.