

# LET'S MOVE ON THE NEW RESTROOM FACILITY

For about a year now we have been sharing with you about the new restroom facility as part of the Elk Valley project. Initially estimated to be around \$600,000 that figure is now around \$650,000-\$670,000 depending up on the availability of volunteer labor when it is time to build. We have raised \$162,808 for the project to date. I will recap why this restroom project is important to us:

1. Renovation of the 7 bunkhouses has extended use of those sleeping facilities into marginal months (April-October).
2. The bunkhouses initially were to use the restrooms in the three lodges which are in similar proximity. However, this has produced a higher than usual demand on the restrooms in the lodges and some complications.
3. It will replace portable toilets that are being used to service the amphitheater, worship tent, recreational fields.
4. By design, it will meet some special needs that we have at camp for specific campers.
5. It is two story, and housing above the facility will be available for summer staff and volunteers.

Enclosed or attached you will find a pledge/donation card for the restroom project. Is it glamorous? Is it exciting? Probably not, but it is necessary and valuable to camp operations. I hope that you will join us as we work to reach over \$300,000 enabling us to approach the Murdock Foundation for matching funds. Let's move the new restroom facility project to the top of our list and work toward completion in the next few months so our guests can start benefiting from the investment.

Rick Waitley, *Executive Director*

**DISTRICT MEN'S RETREAT:** This year, Intermountain District Men's Retreat attracted over 100 men who came together April 5-7 for a renewal retreat at Trinity Pines. Pastor Mark Thornton, Capitol Church and Chaplin for the BSU football program, provided inspiring and motivational devotions throughout the weekend.

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Apr 12-14	Canyon Hill Nazarene Women's Retreat
Apr 14-16	Bishop Kelly Senior Retreat
Apr 16-19	Pinehurst Quilters
Apr 19-21	Treasure Valley S. Baptist Assn. Women's Retreat
Apr 24-28	Claudson's Sew & Soak
May 2-5	Foothills Christian Church Men's Retreat
May 3-5	Calvary Chapel Treasure Valley Men's Retreat
May 16-18	SDMI SPARK Retreat
May 16-20	IMD Spring D-365 Retreat
May 22-26	Work Week
May 26-31	Rise Inc.

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

# CAMP MONTHLY

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## TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

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APRIL 2024

**APRIL 15:** The deadline for early bird registration is Monday, April 15th (same as Tax Day). We are getting good reports on how easy the new registration program (Camp Wise) is to navigate. If you have specific questions, please call the Trinity Pines office at 208-382-6200 and visit with Lois.

**BUS TO CAMP:** Yes, there will be a bus leaving from the Mountain West Bank parking lot at The Village in Meridian heading to Trinity Pines for the following camps: Sr. High, Kids Camp, and Jr. High. The bus will also be returning on Friday. The cost to ride the bus is \$30 camper either one way or roundtrip. **NOTE:** Be sure to check with your local church to see if they are providing different transportation.

**VALLEY COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES:** Idaho citizens have enjoyed some reduction in property tax assessments in the past few years. However, this has had a major financial impact on local taxing districts to raise the revenue that they need to operate county and local services, facilities and employees. Valley County is no exception. Last year, Trinity Pines received a large, complicated document asking us to justify operations in order to maintain our tax exempt status. The document was completed and filed and we were granted an exemption. In February, we received a new document for this year with an expanded request for documentation and more explanation. We are not alone, there are around 40 different types of camps that operate in the Valley County area. Thanks to Brent Deakins, Assistant Superintendent; Geron Gibson, Trinity Pines Board; and Randy Peterman, legal counsel, we are finalizing the packet for the commissioner's review. Please pray that an outcome will be in our favor and the exemption will be granted for this year. Paying taxes on the nearly 200 acres at Trinity Pines would greatly impact our bottom line resulting in increased costs to users of the camp.

**WE WERE NOT EXCITED:** We received the resignation of Food Service Manager, Christiaan Goldberg, effective June 7. Christiaan, her husband Keith, and children will be returning to Texas to allow Christiaan to care for her ailing mother. Keith has been a teacher in the Cascade School District, so this is also a loss for their faculty. Administrator John Theien went right to work looking for a replacement acknowledging the critical timing of this departure with the start of summer camps. An interview will take place on April 12-13 that looks promising. We are also searching for Assistant Cooks that might live in the area or want to work during the summer. Ashley Hodges that has been an assistant cook will also be leaving the staff at the same time as Christiaan to expand her cleaning business and care for her children.

**FARMHOUSE REMODEL:** We are waiting on Mother Nature (we had several inches of snow again this week) to be in our favor to start construction on the Farmhouse expansion and renovation. If you would like to have your name added to the volunteer work crew that can help with this project, please send your name to Rick Waitley at rick@amgidaho.com so we can keep you updated on when work will start and the type of skills needed for various phases of the project.

**JOSH AND KRISTEN (O'BRIEN) MILLER:** The Millers' daughter, Lillian, was outside on Easter Sunday at a family member's home riding four wheelers, hit a patch of snow and ice, fishtailed, lost control, and rolled the machine off the road and down a 15-20 foot embankment. In the process, she shattered her L1 vertebrae and fracturing her T12 vertebrae. She has had surgery more than once to repair the damage. **NOTE:** If you would like to assist Josh and Kristen with expenses and medical bills that are piling up, please send your donation to Miller Fund at 55 SW 5th Ave Suite 100 Meridian, Idaho 83642 and we will be sure the funds are given to them. Josh and Kristen are both former employees at Trinity Pines. Josh now works in the HVAC industry and Kristen is a realtor with her family real estate business.

**MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR:** The Lord has been teaching us a great deal of patience as Administrator John Theien continues to search for a Maintenance Director for Trinity Pines Camp and Conference Center. We know the right person is out there and we are practicing our diligence and patience as we work through the process. If you know of someone interested, please pass their name to John at camp 208-382-6200.

**WORK WEEK:** Enclosed is a flyer that tells more about Work Week the end of May. We can use "all hands on deck" as we prepare the camp after winter for the summer camping season ahead. We never seem to be short on weeds, dirt, areas needing paint, repair, and especially putting up the worship tent on Friday, May 24 at 10:00 AM (weather permitting).

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY:** I hope that you will stop by and visit the Camp Booth if you are attending District Assembly, April 24-26. John and Lois Theien from Trinity Pines will be attending and would like to meet you and answer your questions. A special camp presentation will be made on Thursday afternoon of the Assembly. And as always, we will have candy in the booth, so it is well worth your time to stop and see us.

**DISTRICT CAMP MEETING:** Now is the time to note on your calendar for you personally and for your church District Camp Meeting at the Campground from August 9-11. Speakers this year are Bob and Colleen Skinner. Colleen was raised as a missionary kid in the Philippines and later served on staff at College Church. Bob played football at BSU, served as intern at Valley Shepherd, and then went on staff. After they were married, they attended Seminary in KC and were commissioned as missionaries in Russia and Ukraine. Currently Bob serves as DS for the Montana/Wyoming District. Your hearts will be stirred and your spiritual walk strengthened. Watch for details about this great weekend at Trinity Pines. Plan to attend for a day, a service, or for the entire weekend. It's a wonderful time for the Intermountain District to join together on the mountain.