

A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR CAMPERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Recently we were approached by the Michael Field Foundation to spread the word about the availability of camper financial support for any age of camper with special needs. The financial support is not only for the camper but for perhaps a caretaker that is necessary to accompany the camper to camp to allow for a full experience. Michael loved camp and the family and friends have established a special camper scholarship honoring his life. Here is the rest of the story:

Michael Field's life is a powerful testimony to resilience, compassion, and quiet service. Michael was born with global developmental delays and several birth defects, making his early years touch-and-go. Those first chapters of his life were marked by uncertainty, multiple hospitalizations, and countless moments where his family held tightly to hope. From the very beginning, Michael showed a remarkable strength of spirit. The challenges he faced did not define him, but they shaped him into someone deeply aware of what it means to struggle and to need care, patience, and love.

From a young age, Michael faced obstacles that could have easily discouraged him. Instead, those early struggles formed his character, teaching him perseverance, empathy, and a profound understanding of grace. His experiences did not harden his heart; they softened it. He developed an extraordinary compassion for others, especially for those who were hurting, overlooked, or quietly carrying heavy burdens.

Michael had a rare gift for seeing people. Everyone was his best friend. He treated each person with dignity and respect, believing that kindness could truly change lives. Service was never about recognition for him; it was simply who he was. Helping others gave him purpose and joy, and he gave of himself with humility, sincerity, and love.

In March 2025, Michael's life was tragically cut short. His sudden passing left an unfillable space in the hearts of his family, friends, and all who were blessed to know him. The pain of losing him is immeasurable, but so is the impact of the love he shared. Though his life was far too brief, it was rich with meaning, service, and unwavering kindness.

Out of this unimaginable loss, the Michael Field Memorial Foundation was born. The foundation was created to honor Michael's life and continue the work he cared so deeply about - serving others, uplifting those in need, and spreading hope through action. It stands as a living tribute to his heart for service and his belief that even small acts of kindness can create lasting change.

Through scholarships, camp sponsorships, community outreach, and charitable support, the foundation carries forward Michael's generous spirit.

Michael's story is not defined by his tragic passing, but by the compassion he lived with every day. His legacy lives on in every act of service done in his name. The Michael Field Memorial Foundation stands as a promise that his heart for others will never be forgotten - and that his light will continue to shine through the lives he inspires.

You can learn more about the foundation and this opportunity by visiting their website at michaelfieldmemorialfoundation.org. If you have specific questions about the process please contact Rick Waitley at 208-888-0988 or by email at rick@amgidaho.com. This opportunity is aimed at the audience of children and teens with developmental disabilities to allow them to grow, foster belonging and sharing faith with campers their age. The opportunity to send one-on-one support for an individual to accompany the camper is unique. Please consider your support of this Foundation benefiting campers with special needs.

Rick Waitley
Executive Director

"AT-A-GLANCE" TRINITY PINES CALENDAR

Apr 5	Easter Sunrise Service
Apr 10-12	Canyon Hills Nazarene Women's Retreat & Treasure Valley Southern Baptist Association Women's Retreat
Apr 12-14	Bishop Kelly High School Senior Retreat
Apr 14-17	Pinehurst Quilters Spring Quilting Retreat
Apr 17-19	Faith Community Bible Church Women's Retreat
Apr 23-26	Mountain Home Church of the Nazarene Men's Retreat
Apr 24-26	Riverside Community Church Men's Retreat
Apr 24-25	Harvest Church Spring Encounter Retreat

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CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

APRIL 2026

NEW SPEED LIMIT: Cabarton Road from State Highway 55 to the entrance of Trinity Pines has a new speed limit posted. The new limit is 15 miles per hour. Since the road was paved a few years ago the residents have complained about the amount of traffic and the speed of traffic to and from the camp. Please observe the new speed limit – you will have plenty of time to observe Mother Nature along the road as you travel only 15 mph.

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN: We are looking for music stands (the type you might find in a school or orchestra setting). These are usually the black heavy duty stands and not the lightweight silver metal ones like students carry for practice and recitals.

We are also looking for mic stands and boom mic stands to be used for our guest groups at Trinity Pines. If you have access to these items please let us know by calling 208-888-0988 or emailing Rick Waitley at rick@amgidaho.com and we will make arrangements for securing the items and getting them to camp.

REV. KEN MORRISON: We have received word that Rev. Ken Morrison passed away on February 16, at the age of 84. Ken was pastoring Karcher Church of the Nazarene when he was elected to the position of Camp Board Chairman. Ken preceded Rick Waitley as Chairman of the board. Ken provided excellent leadership to the camp located at Victory Cove. Services for Rev. Morrison will be held at Tree City Church on Saturday, May 2 at 10:30 AM.

BUS CHAPERONE: We are looking for an individual or couple (over the age of 18) to ride the chartered bus from Meridian to Cascade this summer for the following camps:

June 15 - 19 Sr. High Camp
June 22 - 26 4th-6th Grade Camp
July 13 - 17 Jr. High Camp

The chaperone(s) will ride the bus up on Monday mornings, leaving Meridian around 7:30 and returning after lunch on Monday, and then ride the bus back on Friday morning arriving at camp at 10:00 and returning in the early afternoon to Meridian. If you are available for this ministry and have a cell phone for communication please contact Rick Waitley by calling 208-888-0988 or email the Meridian Camp office at office@amgidaho.com.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY: Please look for the Trinity Pines booth at District Assembly. We will have the following resources available for churches:

Work Week Brochures
Summer Camp registration information
Men's retreat registration materials for local churches
District Family Camp registration materials for local churches
Women's Ministry flyer for District Women's Retreat for local churches

The camp presentation will be made on Thursday afternoon around 4:00. At that time, prayer cards for each of our IMD camps will be given out seeking prayer partners for summer camps.

Stop by and visit with our new Trinity Pines Leadership Team members – Amy, Tyler, and Ben.

MEDICAL PROCEDURES: Special thanks to Nichole Davis, Nampa First, for her years of experience in serving as a nurse at summer camps, and for creating a Standard Operating Procedure for volunteer camp medical folks at IMD camps. The procedure is being reviewed by the board and by the directors for implementation in the 2026 summer camps.

PROPERTY TAX: On March 31, Randy Peterman, attorney for Trinity Pines, filed what is called the Reply Brief. The next step will be for the Idaho Supreme Court to set the matter for hearing - probably this summer. Note: if you would like a copy of the Reply Brief, contact the Meridian Camp office at office@amgidaho.com.

LEADERSHIP PLANNING SESSION: Thanks to the leaders from the Camp Board, Camp Property/Development Committee, Camp Program Committee and some Camp Directors who came together on Saturday morning March 28 for a strategic planning meeting for the future of Trinity Pines. Several important issues were addressed by the group that will now be followed up on and implemented for the future of Trinity Pines.

MATTHEW DRINNON: At District Assembly, Matthew Drinnon, Valley Shepherd, will be stepping down from the District Camp Board. Matt has served many years on the Camp Board and also was the director of Genesis Camp along with his wife, April. He continued after his directing to be a regular speaker at the camp and most recently has served as chairman of the Camp Program Development Committee. Matt works for Ada County Sheriff's Department in IT. Many thanks to Matt for the years he has invested in the ministries at Trinity Pines. We will welcome to the board Ryan Roberts, Associate Pastor at Eagle Nazarene Church. More on Ryan in the May Camp Monthly.

SUMMER INTERNS: Tyler Luschen, Director of Guest Experience at Trinity Pines, reports the following are joining the team as interns:

Halleigh Baker, Faith Baptist Church
Claire Barickman, Real Life Ministries Church
Justin Barrientos, Legacy Church
Cailey Havens, Valley Shepherd Nazarene
Ethan Higgens, Kuna Nazarene
Taylor Porterfield, Grace Life Nazarene (Ohio),
Serving at Real Life Community
Isabel Sandelius, Tree City Church
Samuel Sandelius, Canyon Hills Community Church
Alex Tiller, Awaken Church

Interns will arrive at the end of May for training and will be with us through the middle of August.

Note: Watch for the June Camp Monthly and a more in-depth background on each of these individuals.

ELK VALLEY RESTROOM PROJECT: A total of \$520,000 has been raised for the project. The final plans have been received and will be submitted to the City of Cascade in the next couple of weeks. Start praying that the plans will be accepted. We are bidding the contractors at this time for the project now that we have the plans. Construction is slated to start this spring.

REMEMBER EARLY BIRD: Remember these important dates for camp registration.

April 15 for Early Bird for all summer camps - \$50 deposit is necessary.

June 1 final deadline for all June camps (Genesis, Kids Camp and Sr. High).

July 1 final deadline for July camp (Jr. High)

We do not do onsite registration for campers. Be sure to get your registration in on time so you can attend camp.

RELOCATION: The staff at Trinity Pines are making some adjustments in living space. Food Service Manager Joseph Chapman and wife Robin are moving to the home on the south end of the property near the RV park. Some additional work was completed in the house thanks to Steve Haney, Euclid, and Ben Bruening, Director of Operations, to allow the Chapmans to move in. Alyla Lorenzen, Food Service Assistant will move out of the apartment above the Lodge and will move into the apartment below the home where Tyler and Samantha Luschen live.

CHRISTMAS ON CABARTON: We are in need of LED lights for continued upgrades and improvements to the Christmas on Cabarton event each December. We do not need artificial Christmas trees at this time. Thanks for offering.

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