

VALLEY COUNTY PROPERTY TAX - UPDATE

On Monday, July 8, the Valley County Board of Examiners (BOE) met again to consider all of those who had been placed on hold related to appeals for property tax changes or exemptions. Trinity Pines was in that mix along with several of the other non-profit camps in Valley County and several private residents and commercial properties. In the end, the BOE denied the appeal and made a minor adjustment, but the property taxes are still levied on Trinity Pines. Our attorney, Randy Peterman of Givens Pursley Law Firm in Boise, has joined forces with the attorney from Quaker Hill and is filing the necessary documents to move the issue to a District Court hearing. There are also discussions taking place about a legislative fix in the 2025 Idaho Legislature. Several receiving Camp Monthly have asked me if we would be better off to discontinue renting to other than Nazarene groups. The answer is no. We need the revenue from these rental groups to sustain the budget for our own use. Plus, we provide what the camp was created and built for – ministry through Christian Camping. We will find a way to navigate these rough waters but are not planning to change our current strategy of renting to groups who seek to hold a camp or retreat in our facilities. I cannot speak for some of the other camps involved in this situation. Some of them are much smaller and some only operate seasonally therefore the impact is not as great, but the extra fees for taxes might be a struggle for their budgets. This process has enlightened us that, while Valley County Non-profit camps are all about serving guests and people, how we conduct business, including our structures and finances, are all much different.

Please continue your prayers and support as we find a clear path forward to find a resolution to this issue. We greatly appreciate the guidance and support of District Superintendent Scott Shaw and the District Advisory Board through this process.

Rick Waitley
Executive Director

ENTRANCE GATES: If you have visited Trinity Pines this past summer you may have noticed that the entry gate at the north entrance no longer exists. During the winter a passing neighbor called and said, “do you know your front entrance has collapsed?”. Sure enough, the support poles and cross beams had collapsed due to moisture and snow. A committee has been appointed to design not only one but two new entrance gates for the South and North ends of the property. If you have ideas that you would like to submit that would indicate to visitors that they have ARRIVED, please send them to rick@amgidaho.com. We appreciate folks who have submitted ideas from ranches, subdivisions, parks and other areas that have large entrance gates.

GOODBYE TO OUR SUMMER INTERNS: Thanks to our summer interns who have had such a big part in serving our guests. We wish them well as they return to school and other obligations. We hope to see you again next summer as part of our Trinity Pines family.

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	Aug 5-9	ID Conservation Officers Assoc Youth Camp
	Aug 9-11	Camp Meeting
	Aug 9-11	Youth Dynamics (Camp Lowry)
	Aug 16-17	Calvary Chapel Eagle Men
	Aug 23-25	Disciples of Christ Women
	Aug 23-25	Buhl Bible Church Women
	Aug 29-31	Harvest Church College Retreat

“AT-A-GLANCE” TRINITY PINES CALENDAR

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

AUGUST 2024

HE HAS ARRIVED: Welcome to the team **Ben Bruening**, our new Maintenance Director at Trinity Pines. Ben arrived on Monday, July 22 ready to hit the ground running. Ben has been in conversation with the Lord over the past few years to leave secular work and join in some sort of ministry. It seems that Trinity Pines was the right fit at this time.

CAMP MISSION PROJECT: A total of over **\$3,300** was raised for the Kids in Cuba for summer camps. A check was sent with Nampa First Church teens to the leaders in Cuba to apply toward the expense of their camp which started on July 29. They had over 300 enrolled for the camp. Our goal was to raise between \$4,000-\$5,000 in funds for their summer camps. If you would like to continue to add to the Mission fund, we will send additional funds later this fall. Please clearly mark your donation **CUBA**.

JULY 16 - TOUR OF TRINITY PINES: The group was small due to illness and the smoke in the air but it was a great group of folks who joined us for the annual tour and day at Trinity Pines. Thanks to Administrator John Theien and Food Service Director Joseph Chapman who welcomed us and provided a wonderful meal. The group enjoyed a tour of the facilities, a visit to Jubilation Station and fellowship of meeting new friends and learning about the history and operations of Trinity Pines.

DISTRICT CAMP MEETING—AUGUST 9-11:

Schedule of service for the weekend

Friday, August 9

Evening service at 7:00

Saturday, August 10

Morning service at 10:00

Evening service at 6:30

Sunday, August 11

Morning service at 10:00

If you are planning to join us for a meal, please call Lois at 208-382-6200. You can pay onsite. Meals are served at 12:00 for lunch and 5:30 for dinner. A special BBQ lunch will be served Sunday at 12:00 before the close of the retreat.

Rev. Bob and Colleen Skinner will be the guest speakers. Bob served as an intern at Valley Shepherd and Colleen as an intern at College Church. Currently the couple serves as District Superintendent on the Rocky Mountain District which includes churches in Wyoming and Montana. Their stories of service to the church, time on the mission field and their own personal testimonies will be enriching to everyone in attendance. Providing music for the weekend will be John Shaul, Discipleship Pastor at Karcher Nazarene Church.

FARMHOUSE PROGRESS: Thanks to those who have been helping with this project. The leadership of Leigh Salisbury, Camp Property Development Committee along with Camp Administrator John Theien and Volunteer Coordinator Steve Haney has moved the project forward in the past month. Siding is on the building, we anticipate the floor being poured in the garage shortly, and wallboard and finishing touches are beginning to come together on the interior of the building. Thanks to the patience of John and Lois Theien who have continued to reside in the house during the construction process – it is an adventure for sure.



GET THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Thursday, November 21 will be the annual Share the Dream event to be held at Valley Shepherd Nazarene Church. The event will start at 6:30 PM and will include a dessert fellowship. Tell your friends and family members about this event. Registration for Share the Dream will happen later this fall – there is no cost to attend. You will walk away from the evening inspired, motivated and informed on what is happening at Trinity Pines.

ATTENDANCE SUMMER CAMPS 2024: The final numbers are tallied for the children and teen camps sponsored by Intermountain District. A total of **912** campers attended one of the four camps. This is up compared to **864** in 2023. We are still working to get back to our pre-Covid numbers of 2019. Thanks to all who served and those churches who made special provisions to have campers from your church in attendance.

LET THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES:

Dr. Peter Crabb, NNU professor has completed the Economic Impact for Trinity Pines on Valley County and is busy compiling the same report for other camps involved in the property tax issue. Here is what is reported for Trinity Pines for 2023

Value Added to County Economy (1)

\$2,081,322

Estimated Visitor Spending (2)

\$1,135,680

Value Added to County Economy (1,2)

\$1,271,962

Total Value Added (1 plus 1,2))

\$3,353,284

Note: To date, the total impact by the camps that Dr. Crabb has added to the report is around \$6,913,372. It is a great benefit to Valley County to be home to so many non-profit camping operations.

(1) US Bureau of Economic Analysis RIMS II Multipliers, Valley County, Idaho, 2022; bea.gov/rimsii

(2) Average expenditure per trip x number of annual visitors; Source: Idaho Department of Commerce, commerce.idaho.gov/tourism-resources/research

LIBERTY QUARTET: Liberty Quartet will be holding a community concert at Trinity Pines on Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 PM. Dinner is available at 5:30 for a cost. To make a reservation for the dinner meal, contact Sandy Kelso at 208-938-9364. You may pay onsite.

SLONAKER RE-ELECTED: David Slonaker, Eagle Nazarene, was recently reelected as Chairman of the Trinity Pines Property/Development Committee. The Committee meets throughout the year to discuss facility and property needs of the camp. The committee is comprised of dedicated laymen who provide insight, skills and abilities to the future development of the camp. Slonaker has served as chairman for a number of years.

UPDATE: Those that attended Share the Dream in 2023 had the chance to meet **Matt and Holly West**. Matt was pastoring in Oklahoma and the couple came to share their testimony of how Christian Camps impacted their lives. You heard their heart and love of camping. They have moved to Bonita Park, the Nazarene Camp Facility in New Mexico. Matt is serving as the CFO for the camp operation and the couple are expecting a baby boy in the next few weeks. It is great to have Matt and Holly back in ministry through camping.

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