FINALLY!!!

The excavation equipment arrived at Trinity Pines last week and began to move dirt and make preparation for the new restroom facility in Elk Valley! It has been 3-4 years in the development stage and process. We sent a special mailing in July that explained some of the financial challenges we are currently facing. We started with a project cost around $650,000-$700,000 that ended up being closer to $1.2 million. We celebrate growth in most numbers at Trinity Pines, whether it is campers attending, guests visiting, or new stakes in the garden – however, increases like this in building costs are not a time to rejoice. 😕

Since our appeal you have been generous in your responses. We solicit any additional funds that can be sent for this project at this time to keep things moving forward. Our goal is to have the building fairly well completed before winter allowing staff and volunteers to work through the winter months to be prepared to use of the facility in the summer of 2027. Ben Bruening, Maintenance Director at Trinity Pines, is the one overseeing this project. Ben has done an excellent job of tying together many loose ends to move the project forward. The Elk Valley Restroom will provide restrooms not only for those staying in the lodges or bunkhouses in that area but also for foot traffic from the athletic fields and the amphitheater. We hope this means we are done with portable toilets in that area of camp operations. If you missed the special mailing about the phases of the restroom and where we are now, please drop Rhonda an email at office@amgidaho.com and she will send you a copy.

Rick Waitley
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"AT-A-GLANCE" TRINITY PINES CALENDAR

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July 31-Aug 2	**Linder Road Family Camp**
Aug 3-6	**Calvary Chapel Eagle High School Camp**
Aug 3-7	**Conservations Youth Camp**
Aug 4-6	**Calvary Chapel Eagle Middle School Camp**
Aug 9-10	**NNU Women's Soccer**
Aug 13-15	**Harvest Church Young Adults**
Aug 14-16	**Youth Dynamics Men's Retreat**
Aug 15-16	**Eagle High School Soccer**
Aug 21-23	**Buhl Bible Church Women's Retreat**
Aug 28-31	**Powers-Mahler Family Gathering**
Aug 28-30	**Disciples of Christ Women's Retreat**

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

AUGUST 2026

FOOD SERVICE CHANGES: The Chapmans pulled out of Trinity Pines this past week with a U-Haul and most everything they owned, and headed to Cody, WY to be close to their daughter and grandchildren. They are excited about this new chapter in their life. They are also planning to have a business in outdoor clothing in Cody and offer some of the items Robin has been creating in candles and soaps for the store. Carla Thompson, former Food Service Director, has been in Cascade for a few days helping to make some adjustments in kitchen operations and to train and work alongside Ayla, Assistant Food Service Manager. We appreciate Carla being willing to sacrifice some time with her responsibilities at home in Nampa and working at AMG to make this investment in our food service operations.

ROCK HARBOR RENTAL: We recently had the opportunity to rent to Rock Harbor Church for their Jr. High Ministry camp. We had 400 guests during their visit to Trinity Pines. This is a great opportunity with a thriving and growing church in the Treasure Valley. All the comments that we have received from their experience were major pluses for facilities, staff, and service. They have already rebooked for 2027 – that always signals a positive experience.

LOST AND FOUND: Is your camper missing items that went with them to camp? We have two large bins of lost and found in the Meridian Camp office. If you are missing something, please contact Rhonda at office@amgidaho.com or 208-888-0988, or stop by and take a look to see if you can find it. We are open M-Th from 8-5, and Friday from 8-12.

WELCOME TO NOAH: If you call Trinity Pines office don't be surprised if you get the voice of a gentleman, Noah. He is our most recent hire in the office. Noah Lytle and his family live in the Cascade area where they also attend church. Noah has been working in the Cascade/McCall area for the past few years and was looking for a new challenge and opportunity. Welcome to the team Noah.

COME HELP US FIX A ROOF: As the camp ages so do the buildings. Over the past few years, we have been replacing roofs from composite to metal. This year the Mountain Lodge in Elk Valley needs to be replaced. This will take place sometime between **August 24th and September 10th**, depending on when we have the hands to work. We are looking for volunteers to help with this project. There are a variety of jobs and skill levels needed to replace a roof. This could be a great ministry opportunity for a youth group, Sunday school class, etc. **If this is an area that you would like to serve or have any questions, please contact Ben at the camp (208-989-9603 or maintenance@tpines.org) to arrange dates and any housing needed during that time.**

MEMORIALS TO TRINITY PINES: Sometimes people look for ways to honor the life or special occasions of important people in their lives. We always welcome memorials or special gift donations to Trinity Pines. Be sure you mark your donation with the name and address of who you want an acknowledgement sent to. We do not include the amount of the memorial but do write a letter to let them know that there has been a memorial received honoring whoever the individual or occasion.

FAMILY CAMP 2026 CANCELLED: We were notified last month that due to the low registration numbers, the District Family Camp scheduled for August 7-9 has been cancelled by DS Brent Deakins. NOTE: Due to this cancellation, we have room in the calendar on this prime weekend. If you are interested contact the camp ASAP at office@tpines.org.

NEW SALAD BARS: On your next visit to Trinity Pines you will be greeted by new salad bars that were purchased in July. The salad bars that have been used for most of the 25 years finally cashed in their life span and we were forced to purchase new ones. The new salad bars were purchased through Memorial Funds donated to Trinity Pines. If you have a use for an old salad bar for any reason, please let Ben at camp know – Ben can be reached by phone at 208-989-9603 or by email at maintenance@tpines.org.

GRANT WRITING IS IMPORTANT TO TRINITY PINES: From time to time, we have shared information about grants that we have received. Most recently the grant for the restroom project in Elk Valley. However, several projects have been heavily funded by grants – the RV Park, the paving of the roads, expansion of the office, big screen TVs, mattresses, and the list goes on and on. The person behind this is Kendra Dustin. Kendra works out of the Meridian office at Association Management Group. She is a professional grant writer. Recently she has submitted grants for several projects and items that she has been communicating with Ben and Tyler on for camp operations. Kendra is a graduate of NNU and worked in Washington, DC for a period of her life for Senator Craig. She then married and moved to TN where she worked remotely with AMG clients. She and her husband Glenn returned to Idaho and Glenn is on staff at Grace Bible Church in Nampa. Kendra has written some large grants for other clients such as Love Inc. and most recently is working to complete a project at Caldwell Night Rodeo as well as directing the fundraising for Grace Bible Church for their relocation and construction of a new facility.

DISTRICT WOMEN'S RETREAT: Brochures have been mailed to all the churches on the Intermountain District related to District Women's Retreat in September. If your church needs more brochures contact Rhonda at the Meridian Camp Office – 208-888-0988 or office@amgidaho.com.

SPECIAL THANKS: Thanks to those who rode the camp sponsored bus on Mondays and Fridays when we provided transportation for campers for three of our four IMD camps this summer. We appreciate your service and assistance in care of our campers.

CHECK YOUR CALENDAR: Be sure you have on your calendar Share the Dream for 2026 – Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 at Valley Shepherd in Meridian. This is a wonderful evening to celebrate what we have accomplished and to see what is ahead for Trinity Pines. A fun and rewarding evening to bring along friends who perhaps are not familiar with Trinity Pines.