ELK VALLEY RESTROOM PROJECT PROGRESSING

The Elk Valley Restroom project got underway in August. It is exciting to have volunteers and construction workers on site for the project working against some time limits as we head into the fall weather and preparation for winter. One of the facts about the restroom is that Steve Hill, Tree City Nazarene in Boise, owner of Hill Construction, built the first building on the camp 25 years ago. Steve and his crew worked in some challenging weather conditions from fall to spring to construct the Conference Center, the hub of activities at Trinity Pines. It was a wet winter with constant snow and rain. The ground was so soft in what had been horse pastures, that large pieces of plywood were laid down from Cabarton to the work site to allow workers access to the building without getting stuck in the loose soil. The project remained on time and the building opened in time for the first camp in June of that first year. Now, 25 years later, Hill Construction is back at Trinity Pines on a sizably smaller building, but one that will be a great asset to guests in the Elk Valley lodges and cabins. The facility includes a first floor of numerous restrooms and a second floor with two large apartments for staff housing. The project will hopefully remain on schedule and will be open for camp season 2027.

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"AT-A-GLANCE" TRINITY PINES CALENDAR

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Sept 4-6	Calvary Chapel Caldwell Women's Retreat
Sept 11-13	NNU Basketball
	Calvary Chapel TV Women's Retreat
	IMD NYI Teen Bible Quizzing Camp
Sept 18-20	IMD Women's Retreat
	Youth Dynamics Adventures Idaho Volunteer Retreat
Sept 21-22	IMD Pastor's Retreat
Sept 24-26	Eagle Christian Church Women's Retreat
Sept 26-28	Timberline High School Wolf Connections

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

SEPTEMBER 2026

THE NUMBERS ARE IN: Summer Camps 2026 were very good for Intermountain District. The numbers are in and a total of 960 campers participated in Genesis through Sr. High Camp this past summer. This is an increase of 79 over the total for 2025 (881) as the district works to recover from the year of COVID when summer camps were cancelled based on restrictions by the state. Many thanks to the directors, parents, local churches, and pastors who worked together to make a camp experience happen for children and teens.

GRAB YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2027:

Genesis Camp – Genesis (1st-3rd Grade)
Girls – June 7-9
Boys – June 9-11

Senior High Camp – (9th-12th Grade)
June 14-18

Kids' Camp – (4th-6th Grade)
July 12-16

Junior High Camp – (7th-8thGrade)
July 19-23

GREAT TIME TO CATCH UP: This is a great time to catch up on your pledge made at Share the Dream last November. Enclosed is an Investment Card that you can include with your check to continue to financially bless the camp. All funds are used for programming and facility operations at the camp. We are still collecting funds for the Elk Valley restroom project. Please be sure that funds are properly designated as Share the Dream or Elk Valley Restroom.

HOUSEKEEPING ASSISTANT: Please welcome **Heather Johnson**, who has joined the staff at Trinity Pines as Housekeeping Assistant with **Mary Burr**, Housekeeping Manager. Heather and her husband (employee for US Postal Service) have been cleaning Airbnb's in the Cascade/McCall area in recent years. The Johnsons live in Cascade. Heather is the daughter of Mary Burr. The mother/daughter team are doing a tremendous job of keeping the facilities clean and welcoming to our guests.

OFFICE STAFF CHANGES: If you call the Trinity Pines office, you may have the phone answered by a male or a female voice. That is the team of **Noah** and spouse, **Debra Lytle** who have joined the staff in August. Noah and Debra live in the Cascade area. The division of responsibilities are somewhat blurred, but Noah is in charge of finances, record keeping, deposits, credit cards, invoices, and office management. Debra is handling reservations and registrations for guest groups along with office management. They sometimes have a different schedule, but are sometimes in the office at the same time (and seem to actually get along well.) Both have worked for the former Ashley Inn now NoBo (Hilton Hotel) located at the north end of Cascade. We are very pleased to have the husband/ wife team managing the office operations.

CONGRATULATIONS: Ben Bruening, Director of Maintenance, and his wife **Teresa** recently celebrated the wedding of their daughter on August 28 in Boise. The event was held at Albertson's Park.

CHRISTMAS ON CABARTON: In December, Trinity Pines will come alive with lights and decorations to tell the story of Jesus' birth and journey through life. This will be our annual Christmas on Cabarton event which has gotten bigger and better each year, and continues to draw new folks to experience the drive through the journey of Christ's life. There are always treats, crafts, and something warm to drink in the conference center as well as a beautiful setting for that perfect Christmas picture as a family. Watch for dates and times.

FINDING CONSENSUS: Selecting the interior designs, colors, and textures (tile, flooring, showers, and counter tops) became a team effort. Thanks to Property Development Committee members: **David Slonaker, Gerron Gibson, Roger Wilson, Jaden Carter who were joined by Carla Thompson and Kendra Dustin.** The final decisions were reached by consensus. Rick Waitley was present to referee the crew as they looked through the numerous samples that Ben Bruening had collected for tile, flooring, wall colors, etc. We hope when you see the inside of the new restroom you like the selections – if not, the blame has been spread to many folks which is what we like!

DISTRICT WOMEN'S RETREAT: Ladies from across the Intermountain District will assemble at Trinity Pines, September 18-20 for a District wide Ladies retreat. Speaker for the event is **Cherie Reiter**. A great schedule and program has been designed for everyone attending and you can still register for the weekend through the Trinity Pines website HERE →

YOUR GENEROSITY BLESSED MANY: This past summer, a total of $10,131 was distributed to assist campers in attending summer camp. These dollars were accumulated through your faithful giving and financial support at Share the Dream and through special designated gifts. Of this total amount $2,433.50 was given through the 150 Club Project – enabling outreach, unchurched individuals to attend one of our summer camp offerings.

BITTERSWEET TIME: It is always difficult when the summer interns leave the Camp Staff Family. They bring such enthusiasm and engagement to the spirit of the camp each season. Thanks to **Tyler Luschen** who added to his work load this summer in supervising and coordinating interns. Most have returned to colleges and universities, and we hope that some will consider another year at Trinity Pines.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT: When you have an employee leave in the middle of the summer, it leaves several unanswered questions and a lot of incomplete projects. Many thanks to **Terry Martin**, Tree City, **Gerron Gibson**, Kuna Nazarene, and **Sara Ross**, Valley Shepherd, along with Rhonda **Easton,** AMG, **Tyler Luschen** and **Ben Bruening** for stepping in and helping to resolve many of the issues. Our apology to parents and churches that were not billed in a timely fashion resulting in some frustration.

LOST AND FOUND: The pile is large from our IMD summer camps and every item is labeled in boxes by the camp where the items were left behind. If you have campers that lost articles, please contact our Meridian Camp Office (208-888-0988 or office@amgidaho.com) and identify the camp and item and let us see if it is in our pile. We will remind you of this until December 1 and then the items will be donated to a local charity. There are some nice pieces of clothing, Bibles, and other items that campers left behind.

SHARE THE DREAM: Mark your calendar for Share the Dream. It will be held on Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 pm at Valley Shepherd Nazarene, Meridian.

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