

ANOTHER PAGE IS TURNED IN THE BOOK

2020 will go down in the history of Trinity Pines as a year of memories. Some are good and some not so good as we reflect on the past twelve months. When we were laying the foundational plans for the camping season in January/February little did we know what was ahead on the calendar for March - December.



In mid-December, I received a call from Manager Anthony Henry informing me that he was resigning as Camp Manager and relocating to McCall for work at a local tire store. The final day of employment for Anthony and Serena was on December 31. We wish them the very best in their new adventures and appreciate their service to Trinity Pines. That page turning in the 2020 book just marked one more challenge we faced last year.

We do not typically do a January Camp Monthly, but felt there was so much information that needed to be shared that we would go ahead this month. I hope you find the Camp Monthly informative and a quick update as to what is happening at Trinity Pines.

MANAGER APPLICATIONS:

We are looking for individuals who might be interested in submitting an application for the Trinity Pines Manager position. Please contact Rick Waitley, Executive Director, in Meridian at rick@amgidaho.com or 208-888-0988 for details and additional information. Applications are due by March 1, 2021.

INTERIM MANAGEMENT TEAM:

While the process is moving forward for securing a new manager at camp, a Management Team was named to handle day-to-day operations. The Interim Management Team will be Carla Thompson, Food Service Manager and Steve Loder, Maintenance Director. These two, long term employees, bring a wealth of knowledge of operations and familiarity with many of our customers. Carla will oversee office operations and food service and Steve will oversee maintenance and physical operations of the facility. The Camps Board appreciates the service of both Steve and Carla during this time of transition.

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PAVE THE WAY: Our plan is to continue the Paver project until there is no more room for them at the west entrance to the Conference Center. Paver requests that are received during the winter months will be held until the ground conditions change in the spring. We know that once the camp fully opens and visitors have a chance to see the pavers firsthand, the demand will increase again for this project. Some of our Camp Partners were very clever to use the Pavers as a Christmas gift for family members. Think of those special occasions and people in your life and consider a Paver honoring them. Details can be secured from the Meridian Camps Office by calling 208-888-0988 and speaking to Cindy or Rick.

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WE MADE IT - WITH YOUR HELP: We achieved and passed the Survive to Thrive goal of \$100,000 by December 31. This financial stability is important to going forward with the camp operations. Thank you many times over for your generosity and support. The final list of those who helped us reach this goal is enclosed in this Camp Monthly.

SHARE THE DREAM: The 14th Annual Share the Dream was a virtual event in early December. Thanks to help provided by Brad and Alyce Elsberg the presentations, interviews and information flowed smoothly for a 45-minute event. **NOTE:** As part of the evening, a booklet about Trinity Pines and the accomplishments at the camp in 2020 was printed. If you did not receive an annual report and would like one, please call Cindy at 208-888-0988 or email cindy@amgidaho.com. We are more than pleased to share a copy of the annual report with you.

SNOW, SNOW, SNOW: Camp had snow in early December followed by several days of warm weather. The first snow was cleared and the warm weather brought back patches of green grass around the camp. But then the first weekend of January, snow began to fall. Now, there is plenty of snow. Thanks to Steve Loder and Ray Gartman for their efforts to keep it cleared so there is access around the property.

CAMP BOARD MEETING: The District Camps Board met on Saturday, December 19 by Zoom to consider re-structuring of the camps governance responsibilities. The charge led by District Superintendent Scott Shaw came because of several situations surrounding Thriving Board training that members of the board had participated in during the fall of 2019. Christian Camp and Conference Association, of which Trinity Pines is a member, sponsored the training. The details will take time to execute and most likely, a report will be given at the District Assembly this spring that provides the Intermountain District with a look at the new structure. Special thanks to the Camp Executive Committee who have invested several meetings and hours providing input and leadership toward the future of Trinity Pines.

SUMMER CAMP DIRECTORS: Changes in the ranks of youth associates across the district have resulted in the need to appoint new faces to the Director Team for Summer Camps. We welcome the leadership of Scott Davis (Nampa First), Drew Vinson (Nampa College), and Misty Kalbfleisch (Filer). They join the team of directors from prior seasons in planning and preparing for High School and Middle School Camp.

WHAT DOES SUMMER CAMPS 2021 LOOK LIKE?

A recent mailing to parents of 2019 campers was sent providing the dates and rates for District-sponsored Camps. We knew it would generate questions; the big one was, "Will camps actually happen in 2021 since they were cancelled in 2020?" That is the million dollar question that we do not have a clear answer for at this time. There are a sequence of steps that have to take place to operate the summer camping program. While we can be somewhat flexible, we have pre-planning that needs to happen in anticipation of a full camping season. We can assure you that protocols will be different to meet local, state, and CDC guidelines related to COVID. We encourage you to register online when the website is active. If there are limitations as to attendance, operations or procedures, you will be notified far enough in advance to determine if you are comfortable attending. Early Bird registration deadline is set for April 15.



In late December, we were notified by a donor of their interest in special projects at Trinity Pines. Due to the pandemic, basically some projects and fundraising was put on hold and we entered into our survive mode of operation. While we experienced the loss of rental revenue, we still had monthly expenses that had to be met and felt that special projects should be put on hold.

In visiting with the donor, they were attracted to the project - *For a Smooth Ride* - paving the interior roads at Trinity Pines. A great deal of time and effort had been put into the development of this project. The original plan was to pave the roads and parking lot in a series of Phases. The board planned that as funds became available, paving would happen per Phase. However, the discussion with the donor resulted in them not considering the Phase approach but the **entire** project.

Kendra Dustin had submitted a proposal letter for this project in the fall of 2019 to the Murdock Foundation. Murdock looked favorably on the project and agreed to hold the letter in their "active file" while we worked through the challenges of 2020. The bid for the project had a sentence at the bottom of the bid sheet that read - *pricing is good for only one year and will need annual updates*. We contacted our engineer for the project, Bryan Appleby, who in turn contacted contractors for pricing and came up with the new figure for the entire project - **\$485,000**. In our prior dealings with the Murdock Foundation, we know Trinity Pines would need to generate one-half of this total amount before approaching the Foundation for matching funds. We reported all of these figures and details to the donor for their consideration. When we initially rolled out the For a Smooth Ride project at District Assembly a couple of years ago, it got a slow start but over time has accumulated **\$50,000** toward the project.

The donor returned to us and stated that they were willing to provide the camp with a sum of \$130,000 if the camp would enter into a matching agreement for the remaining \$65,000. That seemed like a great solution to a large financial project. Enclosed you will find a flier that describes the For a Smooth Ride project. Our goal is to generate the \$65,000 to meet the match on or before **June 1, 2021**. The application for the Murdock Grant will be submitted sometime after March, allowing us time to generate funds toward the \$65,000 figure. If the grant is approved, we could be paving the interior roads in the fall of 2021 - a time recommended for projects like this in the Cascade area by our contractor.

Praise the Lord for the obedience of a donor who saw the need and the value to the camp, for many reasons, to have the roads paved. I encourage you to join with others in helping us reach this goal to facilitate the application to Murdock, demonstrate the support of Camp Partners and to activate the donor gift. This for sure is a special blessing as we start 2021. Let's join together and help to make it *For a Smooth Ride*.