

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

On my way to work, I was listening to a Christian radio station and thinking about what I was going to write in this Camp Monthly. When this old hymn came across the air waves, it really spoke to me. Not only the words of the song rang true, but the message that it carries: I Love to Tell the Story.

“Telling the Story” is exactly what we are going to do at the Share the Dream event on Thursday, November 21 at 6:30pm at Valley Shepherd Church of the Nazarene. The story will be wrapped around nearly 200 acres in Cascade, Idaho. The main theme is centered around what has happened, what is happening, and will happen at Trinity Pines Camp and Conference Center.

I love a celebration: birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, and other times bring so much joy and inspiration when people come together around special achievements and people. That is what Share the Dream is all about. It hardly seems possible that we will be holding our 13th Annual Share the Dream. Each year, we have seen an increase in attendance as people are anxious to hear and learn more about Trinity Pines.

The evening will bring enjoyment and excitement, as you not only get to select from a wide variety of delicious desserts and treats, but you also will be inspired, motivated, and informed on what is happening at Trinity Pines. While Camp Monthly serves as a wonderful avenue to keep you posted each month on schedules, needs, activities and some updates, nothing replaces the face-to-face opportunity to visit with you about what is happening at your District camp facility.

Enclosed is a flyer that gives you pertinent information about the evening. I look forward to seeing many of you in attendance. This is a great event to bring along someone who might want to learn about Trinity Pines and the mission of the camp. Please be in prayer for the evening that God’s blessing will be upon each person attending. The cost is free and the blessings are abundant, so mark your calendar, load up your car, and join us for a great evening!

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Oct 14-17	Stitch n' Snip Garden Valley Quilters
Oct 18-20	S. Idaho Assemblies of God Women's Retreat
Oct 21-22	IMD Pastor's Prayer Summit
Oct 23-28	LuvNailz Nail Camp
Oct 25-27	Calvary Chapel/Buhl Women's Retreat
Oct 28-31	Stitch n' Snip Garden Valley Quilters
Oct 31 - Nov 2	IMD New Ministers' Mid-Point Assessment
Nov 2-3	Zeta Tau Alpha Lambda Omicron Fall Retreat
Nov 8-10	BSU Student Involvement & Leadership Rt.

TRINITY PINES CALENDAR "AT-A-GLANCE"

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

OCTOBER 2019



THRIVING BOARDS: During the second week of October, five individuals from Trinity Pines traveled to Warm Beach, WA (outside of Seattle), to Warm Beach Conference Center for a Christian Camp and Conference Association training called Thriving Boards. Those attending included: Manager Anthony Henry; board members Gerron Gibson, Brian Higgins, and Matthew Drinnon; and Executive Director Rick Waitley. The training is in two parts at the same location, and the second session will come in the spring of 2020. Trinity Pines has now been offered a coach from CCCA who will assist us with some of the goals that we have set for going forward.

FORKS AND SPOONS: The food service department at Trinity Pines is working diligently to re-establish an inventory of forks and spoons which seemed to have been lost over the summer. We are not particular about the style, but need to increase our volume again. If you have extra, stumble onto a great yard sale, or find them at a second-hand store and feel you can contribute to this project, we solicit your participation. You can drop them by the District Office in Nampa or the Camp Office in Meridian. Anything over 50¢ per piece is really not a good buy, so be thrifty in your shopping adventure.



HOLIDAY GETAWAY: Looking for a family getaway for Thanksgiving or Christmas? Trinity Pines is running a special for the five weeks from Thanksgiving to Christmas; we will rent a cottage for \$250/night with a three night minimum. The Conference Center and other facilities at the camp will be unavailable. Each cottage can sleep up to 28 and includes a full-size refrigerator, a stove, basic cookware, and utensils. There are limited plates, glasses, silverware, pots/pans and electrical appliances available.

FALL WORK WEEK: There is always a lot of preparation for the camp to be ready for winter, as well as a big transition between summer and retreat season, which gets into full swing after January 1. Manager Anthony Henry has announced a Fall Work Week:

Friday, November 15 - Monday, November 18

This involves deep cleaning, minor repairs, and some other projects. One major project is removing the carpet in the downstairs conference room and hallway and replacing it with donated carpet squares. If you have expertise and/or experience, we would welcome your help with this task.

MURDOCK FOUNDATION: We were excited to open an envelope and find the \$100,000 settlement check for the office expansion project. This means that the terms of the grant were met on our end and Murdock was pleased with the report. Many thanks to Development Director, Kendra Dustin, and to those who assisted with providing information to Murdock (Gerron Gibson and Anthony Henry were on the front lines). Now we are moving ahead with a new project - paving the interior roads at camp. We hope that the Murdock Foundation will look favorably on this project.

CAMP MEETING 2020

For your planning, the District Camp Meeting at the campground will happen Friday-Sunday, **August 7-9, 2020**. We encourage you to get this on your calendar!

Watch for 2020 Summer Camp dates to be released in November's Camp Monthly!

REFLECTIONS

As I reflected on "Thriving Boards," the main message I heard at the seminar from all camps present was money, money, money. Money for building, money to maintain, money for salaries, money for scholarships, money for operations, and money for expansion and growth.

When I heard other camps share about their experiences, I had the urge to pull out my checkbook and give them financial support. But then, when it was our turn to share about Trinity Pines, I witnessed that same enthusiasm from the other camps. As we sat around the table at meals and socialized during breaks and after meetings, we answered many questions about the structure and operations of Trinity Pines. I thought to myself, "Wouldn't it be nice if we never had to ask for MONEY to make things happen?" Well, I soon came out of my dream world to the reality that it won't happen without the faithful investments and personal financial support from those who believe in the camp.

Each month, I have the privilege of seeing checks and credit cards pass through our office, which demonstrate financial support. We could not survive without them. Perhaps you are one of those faithful donors reading this Camp Monthly and celebrate with me about your investment over the years to Trinity Pines. But, there may be some that have never thought about the need for funds to operate camp and may have assumed that registrations and rentals paid all the bills. I wish that were true. However, it is not a reality. Until we get to heaven, I guess we will always need money. I have to remember, however, that those treasures we have here on earth are only for me to be a caretaker of God's provisions in my life - whether large or small.

So I conclude by saying, "Thank you, Lord, for giving me the resources to invest in projects and programs like Trinity Pines and to make a difference for generations to come by the resources you have provided."