

AN ATMOSPHERE TO FELLOWSHIP

Since the very beginning of development at Trinity Pines, there has been a major push to create areas where people could sit and fellowship. There are examples all over the campground: benches on trails, the gazeboes, front porches on the cottages, the deck around the Conference Center, couches in front of the fire places, a raised wall in Memory Garden, and the patio outside Jubilation Station to name a few. Nothing is more exciting to me than visiting camp and seeing clusters of campers gathered and engaged in conversation.

Beginning in September, we have had a few groups who have come to Trinity Pines for planned events. They seem to be willing to be flexible and adapt to new procedures and guidelines to keep them safe and healthy during their visit. We have installed Plexiglas in various areas, the meal area has a different feel, temperatures are taken daily, and more hand sanitizing stations are present. However, one key element is still important - the need for fellowship.

Since March of 2020, the isolation and separation from fellowship has been a challenge for many people - young and old alike. Parents, in late August, started requesting that schools open their doors to allow students to learn in person. Churches were making adjustments and attempts to allow people to assemble together on Sunday mornings, and slowly, social events began to open up around the state. Yes, there have been some consequences - perhaps no more than some had anticipated. In August, when we announced the campaign, **"Survive to Thrive,"** our goal was to bridge the revenue loss that we have experienced in recent months and be ready with staff, safety measures, and improvements to meet the need of campers by January 1 - so that they can FELLOWSHIP.

In late spring, when we were trying to measure all of the factors as to whether or not we should offer a summer camping program, we visited with the CEO of Cascade Medical Center. He remarked to me, "We will do whatever is necessary to try and accommodate the campers you bring to camp." By this time, we had already been in lockdown and experiencing what it was like for our normal routines to be disrupted. He continued on, "If there is ever a time that Trinity Pines is needed in the life of people, it is going to be when this pandemic is behind us. What Trinity Pines has to offer is just the medicine people need: fellowship, belonging, a place to connect, and a place for renewal." I have thought about that conversation many times in recent weeks and reflected on his wisdom and sharing. He is right - we have a mission: "Providing a unique retreat and camp environment that allows for the transforming of lives into the nature and character of Jesus Christ." That mission was there when the pandemic began and that mission will be there when we return to a more normal way of life. Our goal is to be ready. Thanks for your support and prayers for **"Survive to Thrive."** I am confident that God has laid it on the hearts of 100 faithful camp partners to step forward with a pledge of \$1,000 to meet our goal. The mission will survive and so will Trinity Pines.

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Nov 5-7	Mid Point Assessment
Oct 23-25	Calvary Chapel Buhl Women's Retreat
Oct 19-20	IMD Pastors' Prayer Summit
Oct 12-15	Stitch n' Snip Quilters' Fall Retreat #2
Oct 5-8	Stitch n' Snip Quilters' Fall Retreat #1
Oct 1-4	The Rock Ladies' Retreat

TRINITY PINES CALENDAR "AT-A-GLANCE"

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

OCTOBER 2020

VIP ROOMS: Manager Anthony Henry loves to show off the newly remodeled VIP rooms. He asks you to stand at the door, close your eyes and he will lead you into the room and then have you open your eyes. He says the response has been disbelief, amazement and many commendations for the success of the project. Thanks again to everyone who helped to make this project a success.

PAVE THE WAY: Several more pavers went into the West Entrance of the Conference Center this past month. Churches were asked to consider pavers in the name of their church and perhaps the date they were established. Thanks to those who have responded. We are happy to add another with your name and inscription. A paver is \$250. Contact Cindy in the Meridian Camp Office if you need a form or more information: 208-888-0988 or cindy@amgidaho.com.

RV AND COTTAGE RENTALS THIS FALL: The fall in Cascade is beautiful - warm days and cool evenings and soon the colors of the aspens and bushes will begin to enhance the beauty of the area. If you are interested in rentals before Thanksgiving, please contact the camp office at 208-382-6200.

LOOKING FOR A CAMP PICKUP: With the new snowplow, we are looking for a pickup with the following description: Automatic 4x4 one ton with a solid front axle. (Ford, Dodge) Single cab would be best. Estimated costs for those we have seen have been around \$10,000. If you identify one that might work, please contact Anthony at 208-382-6200 ASAP. We have seen a few but they were sold before we got our bid in. If you want to help finance this project, let us know and designate funds toward "snow truck."

A SPECIAL SERVANT: For many years at Victory Cove, on Monday morning, a man by the name of Jonas Lee would show up with a very noisy spray truck and a boom nozzle that could reach to the top of the tall pines on the property. Jonas would carefully spray the bushes and around each cabin. His goal was to eliminate the breeding ground for mosquitos in order to make a more pleasant experience for campers. Jonas always came early and when he left, there was a certain smell in the foliage that remained until the sun burned it off. It did reduce the mosquito population. We learned that Jonas passed away recently at the age of 92. What a true and faithful servant that went about his task making it more pleasant for all of us to enjoy our week at camp. Heaven gained a great servant.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Interested in being a sponsor for Camp Monthly? Trinity Pines Development Director, Kendra Dustin, has been exploring the idea to solicit sponsors for the nearly 1,800 issues of Camp Monthly that are mailed each month, as well as those that go electronically into homes. If you are interested in learning about how you might have your business listed in Camp Monthly and raise awareness of it, please contact Kendra by calling 208-859-6780 or emailing her at kendra@amgidaho.com. One more way you can support Trinity Pines and some of our ongoing expenses in communicating with camp partners.

LOOKING AHEAD

With prayer and anticipation, we share the dates for District Summer Camps in 2021. We know that families like to get these dates on their calendars for planning. Here are the dates for summer camps 2021 as well as other District-sponsored activities at Trinity Pines.

Genesis Girls Camp	June 7-9
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Senior High Camp	June 14-18
4th-6th Grade Boys Camp	June 21-25
4th-6th Grade Girls Camp	July 12-16
Middle School Camp	July 19-23
Men's Retreat	April 9-11
Camp Meeting	August 6-8
Senior Adult Retreat	Sept. 13-16
District Women's Retreat	Sept. 24-26



CONFERENCE CENTER PAINT: Monday, October 5, the paint crew headed by Rod Black, Nampa Grace Bible Church, showed up to begin the enormous task of painting the Conference Center and office. A large boom device was rented to accommodate the high peaks of the building. The plan is to apply two coats of paint, which Rod says, will extend the life of the project by another 7 years. Our hope is for dry weather for the next couple of weeks to allow the project to be completed. Total estimated costs of paint, labor and rental of equipment is \$31,300. If you would like to donate toward this project, mark your donation clearly "Conference Center Paint Project."

SECOND WIND STAFF: This crew is slowly loading up and making plans to head to their homes for the winter. It is always sad to see them depart the camp. However, we have a long list of projects with lines drawn through them and marked "completed." Thank you to those who have volunteered. We pray they have a great winter and will return to Trinity Pines when the snow melts next spring. It appears that Ray and Star Gartman, Nampa First Church, are going to remain for the winter and volunteer to help in the areas needed. Thanks, Gartmans, for hanging out at camp this year.

