

FIRE MITIGATION AND PROTECTING OUR INVESTMENT

Large equipment moved into Trinity Pines around the first of October to begin a process of establishing some fire protection for buildings on the property. The months of July, August and into September sent a clear message, with the camp frequently filled with smoke and ash, that fires were very present in the area. The effort has been led by Randy Peterman, Eagle Nazarene who contacted a consultant that specializes in fire mitigation plans. The plan emphasized creating fire barriers away from buildings that would slow any approaching fire in hopes of using some time to have fire suppression equipment on site. The plan is extensive and divided the camp into areas where the removal of trees and brush would take place. This includes the conference center, lodges, bunkhouses and the cottage area. The plan is not to remove the ground cover or to strip the land but to reduce the fuel load that could keep the fire away from structures. We recognize that many fires start by lightning which often hits a tree and ignites a fire. That is a whole new problem, but at least the reduction of fuel load will help to protect a fire that might start and begin moving across property. The cost of the fire mitigation procedure is being funded through a donor gift.

Rick Waitley
Executive Director

VALLEY COUNTY PROPERTY TAX: Thanks for reminding us that you would like to know what is happening with the Valley County Property Tax situation. We are waiting to schedule a court date for a hearing before a District Judge where our attorney will present the position of Trinity Pines in appealing the allocation of property taxes on the camp.

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Oct 4-6 Sterry Memorial Presbyterian Women's Retreat
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Oct 6-8 Timberline HS Student Leadership Retreat B
Oct 11-13 S ID Assemblies of God Women's Retreat
Oct 16-20 Claudson's Sew & Soak Quilt Retreat
Oct 18-20 Euclid Nazarene Board Retreat
Oct 21-23 IMD Pastor's Team Retreat
Oct 23-27 Nampa Modern Quilt Guild Retreat
Oct 29 Cascade Aquatic & Recreation Center Fundraising Dinner
Oct 31- Nov 2 IMD Mid-Point Assessment
Nov 7-10 Formation Foundation Men's Retreat
Nov 12 Game Changer Fundraising Dinner
Nov 15-17 NNU Spiritual Deepening Retreat
Nov 22-24 Interns Retreat
Dec 5-7 Bishop Kelly High School Junior Winter Retreat

"AT-A-GLANCE" TRINITY PINES CALENDAR

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

OCTOBER 2024

SUMMER INTERNS: If you have a graduating senior from high school in your home or a college student looking for work in the summer of 2025, we are happy to visit with them about an internship at Trinity Pines. Coordinator intern, Tyler Luschen is available to visit with anyone interested in the program and provide more details as to compensation, responsibilities and opportunities. Contact Tyler by calling 208-382-6200 or by email at tyler@tpines.org. You can also find more information at tpines.org/apply.

SUMMER CAMPS 2025: Please be sure you grab your calendar and get the dates for 2025 Camps and Retreats recorded.

Genesis Camp: June 9-13

June 9-11 - Girls

June 11-13 - Boys

4th-6th Grade Camp: June 23-27

Junior High Camp: July 14-18

Senior High Camp: June 16-20

Men's Retreat: April 4-6

Women's Retreat: September 26-28

Camp Meeting: August 8-10

SHARE THE DREAM: Thursday, November 21 you will want to be at Valley Shepherd to celebrate the 18th annual Share the Dream event. It will be an evening of recognition, looking back and visioning for the future. The event starts at 6:30 pm and will include a dessert fellowship during intermission. Reservations for the evening can be made by calling Sydney at 208-888-0988 or by emailing to office@amgidaho.com. This is a wonderful evening to bring guests and those not familiar with Trinity Pines to learn more about the mission and vision for the camp.

MEMORIALS: Trinity Pines has been blessed through the years by financial gifts given in memory of friends and family who have passed. These memorial gifts are carefully recorded and tracked for future projects that might be planned at Trinity Pines. A walk around Trinity Pines property indicates signs and information about projects that memorialize individuals. We are blessed to have these generous gifts that provide a living memorial honoring the life of a loved one. If you want more information related to memorials at Trinity Pines please contact Rick Waitley at 208-888-0988.

HISTORY OF VICTORY COVE: Thanks to many individuals who have dropped off memorabilia from their days at Victory Cove. These items are being placed in the Victory Cove cabin at the south end of the property as a remembrance of our prior years of camping on the Intermountain District. Items that you feel might help tell the story of our history can be left at the District Office in Nampa or at the Trinity Pines office in Meridian. If you have questions about this project contact the Meridian Office at 208-888-0988.

RESULTS OF THE SUMMER CAMPING

PROGRAM: We often talk about achievements at Trinity Pines. This has included new structures, planted trees and new programs for guests and campers to enjoy. But at the end of the day, one of our greatest achievements are the lives impacted for Christ and the nudging of the Lord on the life of a camper. Tyler Luschen, Program and Guest Service Director sent us the following statistics:

Genesis

Accepted Christ for the first time – 16

High School

Recommitments - 7

Accepted Christ for the first time - 4

Call to Ministry - 3

Kids Camp

Recommitments - 1

Accepted Christ for the first time - 10

Junior High

Recommitments - 30

Accepted Christ for the first time - 11

Call to Ministry – 3

Summary

Recommitments - 38

Accepted Christ for the first time - 41

Call to Ministry – 6

CHRISTMAS ON CABARTON: Be watching for specific dates of when the 2nd Annual Christmas on Cabarton will take place. The decorations and events planned are bigger and better than what happened last year. We anticipate the lights to be in place and other décor to be up and lighting up the side of the mountain sometime at the end of November or first of December, just in time to add a visit and be able to drive through the camp as part of your holiday celebration. Thanks to those who have donated time and finances to the expansion and growth of Christmas on Cabarton.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY:

Tyler Luschen, staff member at Trinity Pines, will be serving as Assistant Basketball Coach for Cascade High School again this season. Along with that responsibility, Tyler is planning to get his CDL license to be able to drive bus for the School District when necessary. It is important that Trinity Pines be vested into the community where we exist.

REMINDER: At Share the Dream last year, several of our camp partners made pledges for the coming year. We want to remind you to continue to make payment toward the pledge obligation to help us meet program and operational costs of the camp. Be sure your check is marked "Share the Dream" so we can have it recorded in the correct location of the budget. Thanks to those who have already completed their pledges made in the fall of 2023.

WIFI EXPANSION: The Trinity Pines Board has approved additional WiFi expansion at Trinity Pines to help with the connectivity of our operations and guests. The expansion will take place on the south end of the camp ground and will help with point of sale communication in the camp store, along with improvements in the staff house and the RV area. Also, a special thanks to Nampa First Church who recently donated some used power poles that will help in our efforts to continue to provide some additional lighting on the parking lot near the conference center.



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