

WHY SHARE THE DREAM?

Eighteen years ago the leaders of Trinity Pines camp board participated in a training sponsored by the Murdock Foundation out of Vancouver, Washington. At that time, they challenged every camp in the training to host an annual event where “you told your story.” When our leaders returned, we sat down and discussed a number of ideas and themes. The title we came up with was Share the Dream. That was in the early stages of Trinity Pines and we were excited to share the dream for the future of the camp. That goal has never changed, we still get excited to tell that story and share it with our camp partners.

Thursday November 21 will be the evening set aside for this event. The evening starts at 6:30 PM at Valley Shepherd Nazarene Church in Meridian. During the evening event, we will feature inductees into the Founder’s Club, report on projects completed at Trinity Pines this past year, highlight projects into the future, report statistical information, attendance, life changing moments, testimonies from those involved and goals for the future. There is no charge for the event but we do like to have RSVP’s so we have a count for food. NOTE: you can make reservations by calling the Meridian camp office at 208-888-0988 or emailing office@amgidaho.com. The goal for fundraising this year will be \$125,000 toward camp operations, camper financial support and sustainability. There will be a special Dessert Fellowship (gluten free and non-sweet items available). This is a great time to invite friends and people not as familiar with Trinity Pines to learn about the camp.

Rick Waitley
Executive Director

Join us for Share the Dream!

When: Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 PM
Where: Valley Shepherd Nazarene Church in Meridian
Cost: FREE
RSVP: Email office@amgidaho.com or call 208-888-0988

SPECIAL THANKS: Last week Matthew Drinnon, Chairman of the Camp Program/Development Committee joined me as we met with the children and teen camp directors to complete an evaluation of the 2024 summer camp season. What a blessing as these vested leaders in summer camps offered their suggestions, critiques and vision for improving the camp experience. We greatly appreciate their dedication and passion for helping children and teens strengthen their walk with Jesus.

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“AT-A-GLANCE” TRINITY PINES CALENDAR

CAMP MONTHLY

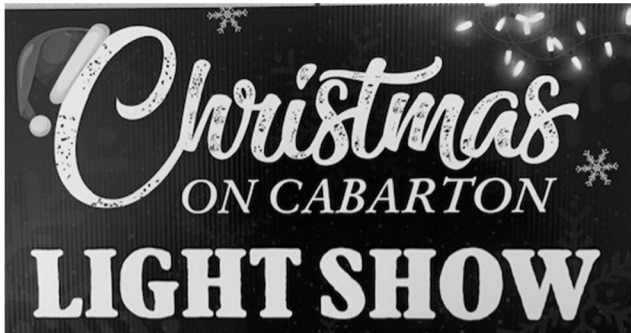
TRINITY PINES CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO NOVEMBER 2024

CORRECTION: In the October Camp Monthly the wrong date was given for the 2025 District Women's Retreat. The event will be held September 19-21 in 2025. Ladies please be sure you have this correct date on your calendar.

CHRISTMAS ON CABARTON: Plans are full steam ahead for the Christmas on Cabarton event at Trinity Pines. Posters have been mailed to all churches in Valley County and hung up at many businesses in Cascade. Here is a note from Manager John Theien to all Intermountain District Churches:

*Greetings from Trinity Pines,
We are launching our annual Christmas on Cabarton celebration. We are set for the last two weekend nights of November 23 & 24 and November 30 & December 1, from 6-9 pm. We have invited our local communities to come celebrate Emmanuel coming to earth, with our illuminated drive through camp, offering a craft for kids, warm drinks & a snack for families. To remember that amazing night where God became a man so we can know Him. Volunteers are needed all four evenings to greet our guests, help serve snacks or giving directions to our guests. Housing is available if you wish to stay. Limited numbers, so call Lois at camp if you're willing to serve at 208-382-6200.
John and Lois Theien, Camp Administrator*



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. Intern Coordinator, 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.

GOLDEN BELL CAMP FIRE: We were notified on October 28th that a wildfire had broken out in the area of our Colorado District church camp - Golden Bell. The fire moved quickly through dry and old timber. In the end, the swimming pool was drained dry by the local fire department protecting and saving the lodge. The fire came very close and ended up burning just over 100 acres of property owned by Golden Bell. No structures were lost or lives threatened. Praise the Lord. Thanks for the prayers of many. Golden Bell has been the camp where many folks on the Intermountain District had camp experiences.

FIRE MITIGATION: In October, large machines and crews of folks moved into Trinity Pines to begin a fire mitigation process for the property. Dick Vandenberg, who has logged the property at Trinity Pines twice, is the contractor on site. The goal is to remove debris, small trees and shrubs from areas around major structures. This will not prevent lightning from striking a specific tree and starting a fire, but it does help to remove fuel from the forest floor that allows a fire to continue to burn and will increase the opportunity to fight the fire before it reaches a facility. The first area that was completed was around staff housing on the north end of the property. Work this past week was completed around the cottages. The remaining area concentrates on the lodges and the conference center. The fire at Golden Bell was a wake up call for sure. As guests at the camp, you will immediately note that the forest around the buildings is more open and free of undergrowth. This allows healthy strong trees to receive moisture and nutrients while less than desirable trees and brush were removed. Yes, you can tell the land has been disturbed but not destroyed or devastated. The winter and spring rains will help to regrow the vegetation. I view the situation to be similar to when we have gone into the forest to build a structure and impacted the vegetation in the area with construction activities. By now, most all of the terrain around buildings on camp look like the buildings have been there forever and natural vegetation has grown back and replenished the property around the buildings. This is an insurance policy that we will be very pleased with should there ever be a ground fire that threatens the camp. The project is being funded through a donor.

PROPERTY TAX: We continue to wait for a date before the District Court. There has been some recent development and court cases in Idaho with similar (not direct) relationship to our situation in Valley County. Our attorney is encouraged. Valley County has some elections on November 5 which involve County Commissioners which could change the outlook of how these future taxes on non-profits might be made. Please continue to pray for God's hand in this situation.

CHURCH CAMP AMBASSADOR: It is our desire to have a Camp Ambassador in each of the Intermountain District churches. The task is easy, you identify a person and provide the Meridian camp office with the name and the email address. We will periodically send information to the Ambassadors that we hope they are passing along to the local congregation, in church bulletins and newsletters. If you do not have one in your church, contact Sydney Knight in the Meridian camp office 208-888-0988 or office@amgidaho.com and provide us the information.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING: December 31 will be here quicker than we realize. If you made pledges of financial support at Share the Dream 2023, we hope you will honor your pledge and bring it current. This is also a great time to consider year-end giving to Trinity Pines. Your gift helps to continue growth, development and operations at the camp. If you are interested in donating to a specific project, please be sure to clearly identify that project on your donation.