

# WHERE DID SHARE THE DREAM COME FROM?

Sixteen years ago, a selected group of Camps Board members registered to participate in a program sponsored by the Murdock Foundation out of Vancouver, WA. The training included traveling to Vancouver to meet with other camping programs in the Pacific Northwest. The goal of Murdock, was to provide training on how to financially sustain the operation of a camp, secure donors for special projects and hopefully submit and receive a grant from the Murdock Foundation. The Foundation was created upon the premature death of the founder, Jack Murdock, who co-founded Tektronix in Oregon. One of the principle elements of the Foundation is to support faith-based organizations that emphasize youth. Part of the training encouraged the camps represented to hold an annual event to report to your investors on what was accomplished and what was on the horizon. From this training, Share the Dream was birthed and has been an annual event for the past 14 years. The event started as a meal with sponsored tables for guests and held at the Nampa Civic Center. Then the event moved to the Nampa Christian High School and was a catered dinner by the Camp Food Service. It eventually found its way to Valley Shepherd Nazarene Church as a dessert fellowship in late November or early December. However, 2020 brought another dimension to the history - the first ever virtual Share the Dream. If you were unable to join Share the Dream on Thursday, December 3 or are hearing about it for the first time in this newsletter - you can still watch the evening's activities on the Trinity Pines Camp and Conference Center Facebook page or by going to the Trinity Pines website ([www.tpin.es.org](http://www.tpin.es.org)).

Each Share the Dream has had a theme. When it was obvious that Summer Camps were not going to happen, a decision was made to have the emphasis this year is on the value of volunteers at Trinity Pines. In the spring, we had no idea, how many volunteers might leave the security of their homes to serve at Trinity Pines during the pandemic. Also, if volunteers did, would they have the skills to take on some of the projects that were on the drawing board. I guess we are just slow learners and again saw how God had a plan all along: Projects, people, the right skills, financial support of projects and timing. Some of you reading this newsletter fell into one of those categories or you probably know someone that made the investment at Trinity Pines sometime from spring to fall. Share the Dream 14 highlights the power of that investment and what was accomplished. Perhaps, 2020 will go down as the most constructive summer at Trinity Pines. None of this could have been possible without your prayers, financial investments and encouragement on many of these projects. Thanks for being obedient, generous, and faithful.

Rick Waitley  
Executive Director

**W W W . T P I N E S . O R G**

**WE MAKE GREAT MEMORIES**

We believe that camping at Trinity Pines should fill people's hearts with joy. Our desire is to provide an environment filled with amenities that will bring out the kid in everyone and create lasting memories.

**WE STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE**

We believe that Trinity Pines ought to be one of the premier camping facilities in our region characterized by an excellent staff, clean accommodations, healthy food, well-designed and safe venues, and Christ-like service.

**WE CELEBRATE RELATIONSHIPS**

We believe that Trinity Pines is a place that can encourage the growth of the whole person (body, mind, and spirit) through interaction with God and others. Our desire is to create an environment where life-long and life-changing relationships can be developed and nurtured.

**WE ARE CHRISTIAN**

We believe in God's creative and transformational power, affirm the authority of the written word of Scripture and the Living Word Jesus Christ, and seek to live out the love of God that we have all been created in His divine image. We strive to create an environment where people can discover how they might live into their God created potential.

**TRINITY PINES VALUES**

*DURING SHARE THE DREAM, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT SCOTT SHAW SHARED FOUR VALUES THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR TRINITY PINES:*

# CAMP MONTHLY

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## TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

DECEMBER 2020

**GRANT RECEIVED:** It is always rewarding to open the mail and find a check that you had not been anticipating. This happened last week. Kendra Dustin, Camp Development Director, had applied for a grant through the Brandt Foundation in Nampa for funds to support Survive to Thrive. When the envelope arrived that was marked Brandt Foundation, we knew it could be one of two messages, "Thank you for applying but your application was not approved" or "We are pleased to announce that you have received a grant in the amount of \$(?)." The content was the latter and a check for \$10,000 was received from the Brandt Foundation. Praise the Lord.

**PAVE THE WAY:** A highlight in the program for Share the Dream 14 was the paver project at the West Entrance. We are still collecting names, engraving pavers and storing them for spring installation. The frozen ground in Cascade put a temporary hold on further installation of pavers until Spring. A paver would be a great Christmas gift for someone that has fond memories of their years at summer camp on the Intermountain District. Each paver is \$250. You can learn more at the Trinity Pines website or by contacting Cindy in the Meridian Camps office.

**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](mailto:kendra@amgidaho.com). One more way you can support Trinity Pines and some of our ongoing expenses in communicating with camp partners.

**FINANCIALS:** The fiscal year of Trinity Pines is a calendar year, January-December. We have been asked to share some figures with you to give a recap on some funds and flow of money during this challenging time. If you need more details, please contact the Meridian Camp office 208-888-0988 and we will help find answers to your inquiries:

**Second Staff House**

Original Cost: \$225,313  
Original Loan: \$200,000  
Remaining Debt: Less than \$113,000  
Paid down in 2020: More than \$10,000

**Share the Dream 13** - Held in Nov. 2019  
Received through Nov. 30:  
\$99,910 (goal of \$100,000)

**Survive to Thrive** - Aug. - Dec. 2020  
Received through Nov. 30:  
\$84,536 (goal of \$100,000)

**Financial Scholarship**

Support received in 2020: \$3,700  
Note: This fund moves forward each year with any unused balance.

**Smooth Ride Campaign**

Paving interior roads at Trinity Pines  
Received through Nov. 30: \$49,030

## SUMMER CAMPS

We are receiving inquiries about whether summer camp will happen at Trinity Pines in the summer of 2021. If there has been a lesson from 2020, it is that nothing is for sure at this time. We are making plans and preparing for a summer camp season. Materials will be posted online sometime in February and registration information sent to churches. Your prayers are appreciated.

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

**LOOKING BACK:** In our office, the slower pace of COVID has allowed time to sort through files and toss and review records. I found a letter from March 1998 that I had written to members of the Idaho Senate encouraging them to support legislation that would provide the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation with \$1 million dollars to purchase a portion of the land at Victory Cove from the Idaho Department of Lands. Governor Phil Batt supported the proposal. The funds were necessary to allow the transfer of the property into the assets of Ponderosa State Park. The letter stated that on February 10, 1998, an agreement had been signed to purchase 196 acres in Cascade, Idaho for a new camp location. The famous piece of legislation that is so important to Trinity Pines history was House Bill 791. The bill passed both Houses for the appropriation and was signed by Governor Batt. All of this started the ball rolling for the development of Trinity Pines.

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