

BUNKHOUSE REMODEL PROJECT

For years, Trinity Pines supplemented summer housing by using tents on wood platforms located across from the cottages. Eventually, the elements of the weather took the toll on the tents and we had to get rid of them. The decision was to build seven bunkhouses near the lodges to replace the tents. Each bunkhouse accommodates 12 campers. From the inception, they were referred to as seasonal (June - August) and they would be very rudimentary in construction.

Since using the bunkhouses we have received many comments: *Too hot... Too cold... Basically, poor conditions.* The Trinity Pines Board has launched a campaign to finish out the bunkhouses. Enclosed is a list of the estimated cost for each bunkhouse (\$8,000) to bring them up to standards for occupancy. These improvements will allow the bunkhouses to be used with a longer season - we estimate from April through October which will help in our housing needs. As part of the project, Trinity Pines will be applying for a construction grant through the Murdock Foundation to build a new restroom facility in the lodge area. Currently, the bunkhouses use the restrooms in the lodges, which already have high demand based upon the 48 campers in each bunkhouse. The restroom facility is proposed to be two stories with staff housing on the second level. The building will be centrally located in the lodge area.

Since Trinity Pines opened in 2000, we have not appealed to local churches after the completion of the five cottages. Thanks to the churches who built a cottage on their own or cooperated with another church or two to build a cottage.

We are asking you, our Camp Partners, to share this request and need with your local church board and pastor and see what your church could do. The board feels the \$8,000 figure is very reachable for many churches on the Intermountain District. If two churches go together, that is \$4,000 each; four churches is \$2,000 per church, and so on. Let us know if your church is planning to participate and the level of participation. The remodel funds raised for the bunkhouses will be used toward the necessary match in the request to Murdock. We are hoping for nearly \$60,000. If you need a more formal presentation about the bunkhouse project, let me know, and we would be happy to present to your congregation or church board about the project. Plans are to start construction this winter to be ready for campers in the spring. We are planning on volunteer help for the project.

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Bethel Church of the Nazarene	Dec. 27-29
Nicholson Family Getaway	Jan. 13-16
Classical Conversations Homeschool Group	Jan. 20-22
Stonehill Men's Winter Retreat	Jan. 20-22
NYI '23	Jan. 27-29

TRINITY PINES CALENDAR "AT-A-GLANCE"

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

DECEMBER 2022

REMODEL OF THE BASEMENT IN MANAGER'S HOME:

We are soliciting help to remodel the basement of the manager's home to create a living space for a couple. This will likely be for the new Food Service Director we anticipate hiring in early January. We are appealing for volunteer help with the project. A new kitchenette will be built, a new ceiling installed, and new flooring in some areas. The project includes some purchase of appliances and a new entrance from the second level on the exterior of the building. If you are available to volunteer, please contact John Theien, Camp Administrator, at john@tpines.org or 208-382-6200 to find out the schedule for work on this project.

ANOTHER PACKAGE ABOUT TO ARRIVE: We are excited for the birth of baby Luschen #2 to join big brother, Gideon. Tyler and Samantha anticipate the arrival of their second son prior to Christmas. Congratulations!

ARCHERY NEEDS: On our wish list is upgrading our bows for \$800 and our target/backstop curtain for \$2,000.

WINTER IS ON THE WAY: AJ Theien, Maintenance & Facilities Director, has the snow plows mounted and equipment and materials in place for winter weather. One day last week, nearly 11 inches of snow fell, resulting in Bishop Kelly High School cancelling their scheduled event and moving it to January when they hope the roads are a little more acceptable for driving.

PAVING SHORTFALL: We have appealed to the Murdock Foundation for additional funds for the paving project based upon increased costs in materials related to the petroleum industry. Once we receive their response, and hopefully a check, we will let you know the amount of our shortfall. The paved roads are a blessing and we appreciate everyone's help in getting this project over the finish line. We had been told by the contractor that prices of materials were increasing and had a number of different estimates over the past nine months as we have worked to complete the project.

SUMMER CAMPS: Below is a list of the summer camp directors and the dates for summer camps being sponsored by the Intermountain District. The Early Bird details and rates will be announced later this month. We appreciate the directors who have stepped forth to help administer and lead our summer camps.

Genesis Girls Camp: June 5-7

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Directors: Kym & Scott Slater, Sara Ross

4th-6th Grade Kids Camp: June 12-16

Directors: Grady Harmon, Jayson Martindale, Melissa Duggan, & Connie Blastock

Sr. High (9th-12th) Camp: June 19-23

Directors: Scott Davis, Josh Dringenberg
Rich Vasquez, Levi Lewis

Jr. High (7th-8th Grade) Camp: July 17-21

Directors: Val Soto, Josh Potter,
Misty Kalbfleisch

16TH ANNUAL SHARE THE DREAM: Thanks to the 160 attendees who joined us on Thursday, December 1, for the 16th Annual Share the Dream event. If you were unable to attend and would like a copy of the report distributed, call our office in Meridian and we will mail you one. Enclosed you will find a list of those inducted into the Founders' Club. Congratulations to all of those who were recognized.

VIDEOS AT SHARE THE DREAM: If you missed Share the Dream then you missed seeing three wonderful videos related to camp operations. You will be encouraged, inspired and motivated as you view these videos. Visit the Trinity Pines website to see the three videos www.tpines.org/share-the-dream.

NEW TABLES FOR THE DINING HALL: At Share the Dream, we shared the goal of securing 25 new tables for the dining hall. We have continued to receive complaints about the condition of the current tables. These tables were purchased when we were at Victory Cove. We appealed for 25 tables and secured funding and pledges for 22. Each new table costs \$400. If you would like to help us reach our goal for the three remaining tables please send an email to rick@amgidaho.com or call the Meridian office at 208-888-0988.

SCHMIDT VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD: The volunteers at Trinity Pines are vital to the success of our camp operations during this difficult employment time. Pat and Kathy Oliver, Nyssa Nazarene, were recognized and awarded the Schmidt Volunteer Service Award. Marv Schmidt, for whom the award is named, was present to congratulate the Olivers.

FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR HONORED: Carla Thompson, Food Service Director, informed the board of her retirement effective the end of 2022 or when we could secure a replacement. Carla was honored at Share the Dream with a cutting board that displayed a picture of Rainbow Bridge located near Smith's Ferry. Carla will be transitioning from the kitchen to the office in a new role. Carla is the longest-term employee at Trinity Pines and will be a great help to Lois Theien, Office Manager, in understanding many of our groups and contracts.

RECRUITMENT OF SUMMER INTERNS: Experiencing ministry to campers is a top priority for individuals who might work on summer staff at Trinity Pines. It is a paid position and will be led and directed by Tyler Luschen as the Program and Guest Services Director. Applications are available on the Trinity Pines website or by contacting Tyler at 208-382-6200 or tyler@tpines.org.

END OF YEAR GIVING: If you want to invest in Trinity Pines operations in 2022, please be sure your check arrives in our Meridian office prior to December 31 or is postmarked by that time in order to give credit in the calendar year. We greatly appreciate every gift that is received. If you are identifying a special project, please be sure to note that on the check.

This is our final communication for 2022. I hope each of you have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. May your homes and lives be blessed with the love of Christ, the true reason for this season. See you in 2023 as we begin a new camping year at Trinity Pines.