

PRAISE THE LORD - MORE PAVING AHEAD

Kendra Dustin, Trinity Pines Grant Writer, received a phone call at 5:30 PM on Thursday, February 24, from the Murdock Foundation informing her that they had agreed to fund the entire request of the grant - \$300,000. What a blessing! This is the largest grant that Trinity Pines has ever received and will help us complete (we hope) the paving of the remaining interior roads. When I say “we hope” it is because we are seeing constant rising costs for materials. If you have purchased anything recently from Lowe’s or Home Depot you will know what I mean. \$50,000 of the grant is for what they term a contingency fund should prices and bids continue to increase.

We are working with the contractor but anticipate that the paving most likely will be done in the fall of the year when the ground is good and dry from the summer. Spring can make the terrain in Cascade a little spongy and we want a good, strong base for the road before new pavement is rolled out.

Thanks to many of you reading this Camp Monthly who helped us reach the first goal and obligation to receive the large donation of \$160,000 toward the initial paving which was also around \$250,000. The roads that were paved have been much easier to plow for snow this winter. We know it will make navigation on the grounds this spring much easier than trying to dodge mud bogs and potholes full of water.

Kendra reported that this grant to Murdock was the most comprehensive ever requested with many more details and reports needed for their review committee. Many thanks to Kendra, Gerron Gibson (financials), along with Terry Martin and Cindy Pusey, who helped pull together so much of the information that was needed.

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Mar 4-6	Vineyard Boise - Teen Retreat
Mar 6-8	Gear Up Idaho - Idaho Dept. of Education
Mar 9-13	Claudsen's Sew & Soak - Quilt Retreat
Mar 18-20	Cloverdale Church of God Men's Retreat
Mar 25-26	Linder Road Church Men's Retreat
Apr 1-3	Calvary Chapel TV Men's Retreat
Apr 4-6	Discovery Church Prayer Summit
Apr 8-10	IMD Men's Retreat
Apr 17	Cascade Community Sunrise Service
Apr 19-22	Pinehurst Quilt Club
Apr 22-24	Canyon Hill Church of the Nazarene

TRINITY PINES CALENDAR "AT-A-GLANCE"

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

MARCH 2022

BUS TRANSPORTATION TO CAMP: This summer the Intermountain District will be offering a bus for the following camps:

- Boy's Camp
- Girl's Camp
- Middle School Camp
- Sr. High Camp

The bus will leave The Village parking lot in Meridian (Eagle and Fairview) on Monday mornings and will return to the same location on Friday afternoons. Details related to pricing, specific times of departure and how you register will be in future Camp Monthly publications. There is limited seating. We are contracting again with Big Sky Busing Company (same as 2019).

SYMPATHY EXTENDED: We received word over the weekend that Linda Elwood, former District Office Secretary, had passed away. Linda was very faithful to her projects related to camp and for a number of years handled all of the bookkeeping for the camp program. She was very detailed in her work and took great pride in the accomplishments and roles she played for Intermountain District Camping.

LOSS OF CASCADE DRUG STORE: We were saddened to hear of the early morning fire that destroyed Watkins Drug on Main Street in Cascade. This has been a go-to location for many of our campers' needs and for other necessary items for camp operations. The fire was a result of an electrical problem. The Watkins plan to rebuild the drug store. In the meantime, community residents will be forced to travel to McCall for drug store related needs.

WE LISTENED: You requested that we put posters back up in the local Nazarene churches to advertise Intermountain District summer camps and retreats. Appropriate numbers of posters were mailed to churches in early February. If you need more posters or did not receive your posters, please feel free to contact our office at 208-888-0988 and we will get some to you.



MEN'S RETREAT: Join men from around the Intermountain District for a weekend retreat, April 8-10! Our speaker will be Dr. Mark Fuller, Pastor of Leadership Development at Grove City (Ohio) Church of the Nazarene, with the theme, *Neglected God*. Online registration is available at www.tpines.org/mens-retreat.

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE: It is a real juggling act to try and schedule the six summer camps we offer. No matter when we place them in the calendar, we get complaints and comments that we were not sensitive. Here are some basic guidelines we try to use:

- We start with Genesis Camp in early June since it is the easiest camp to train summer interns and volunteers - numbers are a little smaller and they don't do water or challenge course activities.
- We work to have Sr. High early in June to allow for that age of camper to secure a summer job after camp if they desire and yet still have a camp experience.
- You have made it very clear that you do not want any camps over the 4th of July. We are fortunate to have the Assembly of God Churches that love that time and have a 10-day back-to-back camp for several ages during that period.
- We cannot have Sr. High and Middle School Camps too close because the same staff (youth pastors and NNU travel groups) tend to work both camps. Pastors frown on staff being out for two weeks.
- We are unsuccessful in trying to get all of our camps away from year-round school schedules.
- Middle School Camp has to be early enough to avoid fall sports practice.
- Genesis Camp is early because teachers and parents have told us that it is not critical that children that age are in school the final week. But there is no consistency of when schools get out for the summer so we are always in conflict somewhere.

It is not just kids' camps that present the challenge. We try to work with Easter which floats anywhere from 4-5 weeks each year and then work in Palm Sunday and even more conflicts. With Women's Retreat we try to avoid the start of hunting season each fall because of dads being away for hunting trips and unable to supervise children so mom can go to the retreat.

We are not trying to intentionally irritate anyone with the schedule. Please pray for Barb and Tyler in the Camp office as they perform the juggling act with the calendar.

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: Remember, **April 15** is Early Bird Registration Deadline. Watch the website and social media as to when the registration becomes ready to receive your information. When the registration is open, if you have complications, please contact the Camp Office in Cascade for assistance - 208-382-6200.

NEW MATTRESSES START TO ARRIVE: We are excited to have the new mattresses start to arrive at camp. It appears we are facing yet another supply chain issue and they are going to come in small quantities as they become available. Reports from those who have slept on them have been very positive. Thanks to everyone who supported this special project.