

YOU MAY BE THE LINK

Dear Camp Partners,

I am sure many of you can identify with this situation. I sat in church on Sunday and looked over at the teen section and thought, "I don't know if I could call even five of those kids by their first name." That seemed strange given that it was just a few years ago that our girls were active members in that group. During those years, we knew all of the teens. They were at our house, at camps and retreats, and we did church together as one big family.

So who are those "strangers" that sit in that section? The one thing I can be sure of is that they are the same type of people who sat with our daughters a few years ago... they just look and dress different! What they have in common are the struggles, challenges, opportunities, availability of sin, and a life filled with choices - often seeking one important factor in life: love and acceptance. I wondered if these kids will find their way to Trinity Pines this summer. I know how significant that week away was for our girls. They returned on Friday evenings exhausted, maybe a little sunburned, and too tired to really share much. But in the days that followed, they talked about new friends, chapel services, special music, and many of their adventures with their cabin family. I am sure the stories were adapted for our ears. We heard enough to know the investment of time and financial resources had paid dividends.

As I sat through Sunday morning's service, I wondered if someone beyond their youth pastor or Sunday School teacher had come along side any of these teens and said something like, "I hope your summer includes camp at Trinity Pines!" As I was leaving the service, I noticed a new family with three elementary age children. I quickly found camp brochures and gave them to the parents welcoming them to the fellowship, but then bridging our conversation to say, "I hope you might consider sending your kids to summer camp in Cascade." They seemed shocked to learn that a church had such a ministry.

So next Sunday, remember you might be that LINK to a child or teen experiencing summer camp. The opportunities are endless as to what can happen to a camper who spends a week in Cascade. Look for new faces and those unfamiliar teenagers who you might not know and encourage them to spend a week at Trinity Pines. You could be the person who makes the difference, not just for a lifetime but for eternity.

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IMD Discipleship Retreat	May 16-20
SDMI SPARK Coordinator Setup	May 15-19
DUO Group	May 10-11
Kuna Nazarene Staff Retreat	Apr 29-May 1
Canyon Hill Nazarene Ladies' Retreat	Apr 26-28
Pinehurst Quilt Club	Apr 23-26
IMD Men's Retreat	Apr 12-14
Treasure Valley So. Baptist Ladies Retreat	Apr 5-7
Youth Confirmation Retreat	Apr 5-7
Huckleberry Patches Quilting Retreat	Apr 1-4

TRINITY PINES CALENDAR "AT-A-GLANCE"

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

APRIL 2019

STAFF TRAINING: Manager Anthony Henry believes training is very important for a quality and uplifted staff. Most recently, Luke has been in Oregon training on Challenge Courses and Anthony will be going to a certification course later this month. Carla and Chris attended a Christian Chefs International Annual Conference at Cannon Beach. (We anticipate seeing some new baked items from their experience!) They have also attended Food Shows in Idaho to learn about other new products. The entire staff attended the Northern Rockies Sectional Meeting in Montana. Anthony was voted president-elect of the Section, which is made up of 19 member camps. Congratulations, Anthony!

NOW IS THE TIME: Please help us spread the word for summer college staff interns and also for adult volunteers to help with many projects at camp. Applications are available online or you can contact the Cascade or Meridian Camp Office for details.

An army of volunteers is needed at children's summer camps (specifically the 4th-6th Grade Boys' and Girls' Camps). This can be a rewarding and inspirational week as you see the investment in young people. If you are available, please contact our camps office in Meridian for an application.

WORK WEEK

Work Week is coming May 23-26. Trinity Pines will provide the housing and meals for those who attend. You can participate for an afternoon, a day or two, or the entire weekend. However, you must make reservations through Trinity Pines Camp by calling 208-382-6200. Watch for details in next month's Camp Monthly, at District Assembly, and on the website and social media. We need all hands on deck to have the camp ready for the summer camps and activities!

BACKGROUND CHECKS: Did you know that the Camps Board has established a new policy to have background checks completed for each volunteer annually? In the past, this has not been the case and there have been no problems, but many camps and retreat locations hold to this standard. So, while it is more paperwork, we believe it is one more assurance of the quality of individuals that we have who work with children and youth at summer camps sponsored by the district. This applies to all of our volunteers over the age of 15.

MEMORIALS: Yes, Trinity Pines receives many memorials each year. Often times, when loved ones pass away, families do not know what to list as a memorial option. Through the years, Trinity Pines has built many facilities, purchased equipment, and enhanced programs through memorial funds. Please keep Trinity Pines in mind when you are faced with a decision about a memorial gift to honor someone's life. Memorials can be sent to the Meridian Camp Office at 55 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 100.

NEEDED AT CAMP: We are looking for an ATV or second UTV (4WD preferred), a good quality chainsaw for debris cleanup, and dinner spoons for the kitchen. Contact the Meridian Camp Office at 208-888-0988.

BASIC SUMMER CAMP FACTS:

- Individuals register for the camp based on the grade they will enter in the fall of 2019.
- No, you do not have to be Nazarene to attend a Trinity Pines summer camp.
- Yes, financial assistance is available for campers; however, registration and deposit must be made before you can apply.
- Genesis campers in grades 1-2 must have someone age 18+ accompany them to camp.
- PLEASE do not send packages to campers during their week at camp. We welcome letters from home, but packages present challenges for the Cascade post office and camp personnel.
- Housing has some limits (number of campers per building). We do our best to keep friends and churches together when at all possible.
- New shirts and souvenirs are added each year to the camp store. Be sure you stop by Jubilation Station and see what is new this season!

IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD

The 2019 Summer Camp registration is **NOW OPEN** at www.tpines.org/summer-camps.

April 15: Early Bird Deadline - this will save you \$\$\$ to register by this date!

June 1: Registration Deadline for Sr. High and Genesis Camps

June 15: Registration Deadline for Girls and Boys Camps

July 1: Registration Deadline for Jr. High Camp

NEW POLICY FOR 2019: No registrations, including walk-ons, will be accepted after these extended dates to ensure appropriate staffing, food, and supplies for campers who have met the deadline.

MATTRESS PROJECT: The Camps Board made the decision to place the complete order for the 100 mattresses in the cottages; there was a quantity savings for us. However, we did not have all of the funds in-hand at the time of the purchase and are continuing to solicit financial support for the project (see enclosed form). The feedback has been positive as guests have experienced the comfort of the new mattresses. Thanks for your continued support to eliminate this outstanding balance of nearly \$10,000.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

We hope you will stop by the District Camp Booth during Intermountain District Assembly and say hello! We will have brochures and materials there for you to take back to your family, friends, and church. Plus, we enjoy seeing camp partners from across the region. Of course, we will have candy to make your visit even sweeter. The formal camp presentation will be on Thursday afternoon when we introduce the summer camp directors and highlight a few items from this past year and what is ahead.