

WELCOME, TYLER LUSCHEN!



We are pleased to introduce the new Camp Manager at Trinity Pines, Tyler Luschen. Tyler grew up in Benson, MN, on a family farm. Following graduation from high school, he enrolled at Dakota State University and received a BS in Computer Network and Security in 2013. Later, he attended Wesley Seminary in Marion, IN, and received a Master of Arts in Ministry Leadership. Tyler started his career in banking working in information technology (IT) but then moved into a position as a Behavior Health Technician working with adolescents and children dealing with mental health issues. Tyler worked his way up at Hy-Vee Supermarket located in Sioux Falls, SD, to Assistant Manager and then Health Market Manager. He served at Linwood Wesleyan Church as Facilities Director. During this time, he married Samantha (Sam), who has a degree in English and Writing. The Luschens have one son, Gideon, who was born in October 2020.

Tyler started his involvement in Christian camping by serving as a Youth Leader/Camp Counselor and Small Group Leader. The Lord laid it on his heart to leave his employment with Hy-Vee Supermarket and move his family to Glen Rose, TX, to work at Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center as Program Coordinator in the spring of 2020. Tyler arrived at Glen Lake in April but, because of COVID and closure of the camp, was furloughed in June 2020. Tyler and Sam have remained in Glen Rose where he worked in the moving business and Sam taught English online.

The Luschens will arrive in Idaho on Saturday, April 10, and begin their ministry at Trinity Pines on April 15. Thanks to the many who participated in the interviews with Tyler. Tyler's skills in leadership, leading teams of people, management, IT, and his passion for camp and working with people, make him a great fit for the position as Camp Manager at Trinity Pines. Not to mention that he is a farm kid from Minnesota and spent plenty of his years growing up in snow and ice! In their visit to Idaho, Tyler felt comfortable with the mounds of snow they found in Cascade. He loves winter sports, ice fishing, and exploring the outdoors. We are anxious for the Trinity Pines family to meet the Luschen family.

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Thanks again this month to those who are helping us chip away at our goal to raise \$65,000 by June to meet the requirement of the matched gift of \$130,000 toward our efforts to pave the interior roads at Trinity Pines. Please refer to the list of investors that have contributed to this project since we initiated the effort in January 2021. We appreciate your support, prayers and investments to make this opportunity happen.

FOR A SMOOTH RIDE:

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

APRIL 2021

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Trinity Pines, your Intermountain District Camp, is making every effort to open for a full summer camping season for children, teens and adults. However, we need your help. The current lack of workforce in Valley County is causing us to reach out to other areas to assist in camp operations.

The Camps Board is sponsoring two **Volunteer Information Luncheons** in May to inform interested adults about the opportunity to minister at the camp this season. We need your help to spread the word about these two events and to help us recruit individuals to serve at the camp.

Thursday, May 6 · 12:00 Noon

Jade Garden (1514 Caldwell Blvd, Nampa)

Friday, May 7 · 12:00 Noon

Great Wall (10398 W Overland Rd., Boise)

We will host these luncheons for volunteers over the age of 18 who might be interested in learning more about camp operations. Our needs at this point are in the area of **food service, programming, and housekeeping**. We will explain lodging options and various lengths of service where volunteers can serve at Trinity Pines.

It would be helpful to have interested individuals RSVP their attendance by calling the Meridian Camp office at 208-888-0988 or by emailing Rick at rick@amgidaho.com. If there are questions, please contact the office in Meridian.

HEALTH GUIDELINES: Please visit the Trinity Pines website at www.tpines.org/health to see the protocols that are in place for camp operations. These will be updated with any changes that we may be aware of as we progress through the summer. All volunteers, staff, campers and guests at Trinity Pines will be asked to sign a waiver of liability related to COVID.



NEW VOICE: If you call the camp, you may be greeted by the friendly voice of Barbara Sherman. Barb started work at Trinity Pines on April 5. She grew up in the Boise Friends Church and later joined the Meridian Friends Church. Barb's dad is a graduate from NNC '59 with a degree in elementary education.

Barb has spent most of her life working in an office environment. She attended Borah High School and then BSU and for a period of time at the University of Idaho in Moscow. Most recently, she worked at the Cascade Public Library as Program Coordinator. In 2020, Barb worked at Trinity Pines in the kitchen while the camp was involved in meals with the Cascade School District. Prior to Trinity Pines, Barb worked at the YMCA Camp in Horsethief on the kitchen staff. Barb lives in the Cascade area. We welcome Barb as part of the Trinity Pines team!

REORGANIZATION OF THE CAMP GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE:

This past year, the Camps Board has been working in cooperation with the District Superintendent and the District Advisory Board to re-structure the operation of the governance body for Trinity Pines. The current Intermountain District Camps Board will be replaced with a new board called the Trinity Pines Board. The members, nominated to the District Nominating Committee, will be voted on at District Assembly and are the following: Matthew Drinnon, Valley Shepherd; Gerron Gibson, Kuna; Brian Higgens, Kuna; David Slonaker, Eagle; and Quinet Bryan, Tree City. Also serving as members of the Camp Board are the District Superintendent, Scott Shaw, or his designee, Brent Deakins (w/ vote); Camp Executive Director, Rick Waitley (w/out vote); and Camp Manager, Tyler Luschen (w/out vote). The Trinity Pines Board will become effective at the close of District Assembly 2021.



PAVE THE WAY

PAVE THE WAY: We are continuing our efforts of engraving and installing pavers at the west entrance to the Conference Center. We recently ordered 13 more engraved pavers and transported to camp 12 engraved pavers for installation. As you enter the Conference Center, you are greeted with a sea of names and inscriptions from across the years and the Intermountain District of individuals, families and churches who have invested in Christian camping. Each paver is engraved and installed at a cost of \$250. Enclosed is a form for you to complete to order your paver today.

QUICK UPDATES:

- Recently, Trinity Pines was gifted a high mileage 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe. It was determined that the camp did not have use of the vehicle and it was sold through the efforts of Rich Vasquez. The camp realized a profit of \$2,200 from the gift.
- Knowing there would be airline costs related to the move in flying Samantha and Gideon from Texas to Idaho and for the truck driver to return to Texas, a Trinity Pines investor stepped forward and offered to cover these costs - Praise the Lord!
- Keep your ear to the ground! We have a surprise coming September 13-16. If you enjoy some good Gospel Music, preaching, and plenty of fellowship, food and stories, then mark these dates on your calendar. More information to come soon.