

FIRE MITIGATION PRIORITY CONTINUES

Randy Peterman, Eagle Nazarene writes: For the past eighteen months Trinity Pines has been working hard on fire prevention issues—something that has gone ignored for a long time. Trinity Pines has retained an expert who has prepared a “Fire Prevention Plan,” and has commenced implementing that plan, to create a more fire-proof environment for the buildings and forest. In fact, in the fall of 2024, Trinity Pines hired a contractor to start the fire proofing process in the areas around the buildings.

The fire prevention efforts will be a priority for the 2025 Work Week. Our goal is to pile the brush and trees that are removed to build and create a more healthy forest. We have had the chance to visit with neighboring camps who started this process 2-3 years ahead of us and they are amazed at the new growth and health of trees on their property.

We are soliciting volunteer labor for the Work Week who can come to help with this effort. The piles of slash that are built will be burned at a later time after the piles have dried with the summer heat. Yes, you are going to notice the piles during the summer of 2025, however, the beauty awaits us as we see our forested acres begin to become healthier with the regrowth of new trees and shrubs.

Rick Waitley
Executive Director

INSURANCE COVERAGE CHALLENGES

This week we were contacted by our insurance carrier in Nampa. The fire insurance covering the camp ended on April 1. The insurance company has been spending weeks trying to secure a new carrier for coverage at Trinity Pines. If you have followed the news, you are aware that coverage in forest areas around the US is becoming more of a challenge. The word received on March 31 is that our insurance carrier has not found any good options. One of the quotes we received was for a \$50,000 premium with a \$50,000 deductible for wildfire. You may remember that our insurance last year went up from below \$20,000 premium to nearly \$30,000 for the coverage. That is the company that dropped us. The insurance carrier is continuing to explore options. We are now faced with taking this highly expensive coverage or go with self-coverage and hope for the best.

NOTE: This is one of the reasons we are pushing for the fire mitigation on our property to reduce some of our risk for loss. Trinity Pines was built in a forested area for obvious reasons. We would not have anticipated that we could come to this situation. This is not a target against Trinity Pines Camp. Personal homeowners and businesses are all facing the same challenges. This is one of those hidden costs that you have to assimilate into your overall operations that are often difficult for rental groups to understand when they are reflected in rental and registration fees.

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	Canyon Hill Naz Women	Apr 11-13
	Treasure Valley S Baptist Women	Apr 11-13
	Bishop Kelly HS Senior Retreat	Apr 13-15
	Pinehurst Quilters	Apr 15-18
	Cascade Easter Sunrise Service	Apr 20
	Mountain Home Naz Men	Apr 24-27
	Riverside Community Men	Apr 25-27

“AT-A-GLANCE” TRINITY PINES CALENDAR

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

APRIL 2025

25th ANNIVERSARY: Believe it or not, Trinity Pines will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year. That translates to mean that campers that were at Sr. High Camp when we opened are now in their late 30' to early 40's. Wow, how time flies. Don Bergland, Nampa First has agreed to chair a committee for the celebration. If you would like to join Don on this committee to explore options and ideas for making the 25th anniversary significant please contact Don at donbergland8588@gmail.com.



NOTE FROM VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS – Steve and Cheryl Haney: We have limited availability for RVs before May 1st (due to snow in the park).

May 21-24 2025 - Camp Work week. We come together with many volunteers to open the camp for the summer. We are a year-round facility, however this time is set aside for moving from winter to summer operation. This is a time of putting away some winter gear and bringing out summer. We also always have some repair work on fences, and painting to get done, as well as general landscaping, and most of the time cutting and storing of firewood.

Summer of 2025: We use volunteers to back fill some of our camp operations including light housekeeping, kitchen help, grounds upkeep, and other odd jobs.

Volunteer projects for the 2025 season...

- We have ½ of a house to complete exterior siding on and paint.
- As part of ongoing fire abatement, we have trees and brush to manage.
- General building upkeep. If staffing allows, we will paint the exterior of at least one of our cottages.

All Season: We have full hookup RV spaces with a shower and laundry facility for our RV helpers. We have limited onsite, pet free, housing for helpers that may not have an RV. All volunteers are welcome to eat in the dining hall when we have groups on site.

End of Season: We normally close the RV park in October depending on weather.

ALWAYS GLAD TO LEARN OF THESE

OPPORTUNITIES: Recently the Holiday Inn in Nampa remodeled and refurbished their facility. Trinity Pines was blessed to receive a few couches, individual upholstered chairs, high stool chairs, end tables, and toilets. The list went on and also included lamps and a few dressers and chase lounge chairs.

BUSY SPRING AT TRINITY PINES: Bogus Basin Cottage and River Lodge have been updated with new tile and carpet, paint touch up, new light fixtures (Bogus), new toilets (Bogus) (from Hotel renovation) and new bath sinks (Bogus). Furniture from the hotel salvage has been spread throughout the cottages. New high-top tables and chairs will be added to the balcony in the Conference Center. Old couches that were by the fireplaces will go up in the corner of the balcony for sitting areas. Newer couches from the hotel will be placed by the fireplace with accent chairs.

ASSISTANT COOK NEEDED: We were informed recently that Marion Inwards will be stepping down from her position as assistant cook for retreat and summer camp weekends so she can care for her mother who is on hospice in Connecticut. Marion has been a great assistant to Joseph. If you know of anyone who might be interested in the position starting ASAP, please contact John at the camp (208-382-6200).

NEEDED: Trinity Pines can use donated TV's but they need to be smart TV's so that communication can be sent to them without wires. These will be placed in the dining room for announcements and promotion of activities at Trinity Pines. If you have access to smart TV's to donate please contact the office in Meridian at 208-888-0988 so we can make arrangement to pick them up from you.

SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR TEAMS: We are very appreciative of our summer camp directors for our children and teen camps. We have some new players this year and solicit your prayers for each of them as they prepare for the 2025 season:

Genesis Camp (1-3 boys and girls)

Scott and Kym Slater	Bethel Nazarene
Sara Ross	Valley Shepherd

Kid's Camp (4th-6th boys and girls)

Connie Blackstock	Ontario First
Heather Pillers	Nampa College (new)
Eddie Wheeler	Ontario (new)
Kaleb Harper	Valley Shepherd

Junior High Camp (7th-8th boys and girls)

Josh Potter	Nampa Bethel
Rich Vasquez	Lakeview
Desiree Ferring	Nampa Bethel
Josh Snook	Baker City

Senior High Camp (9th-12th boys and girls)

Rich Vasquez	Lakeview
Josh Dringenberg	Nampa College
Levi Lewis	Ontario First
Val Soto	Twin Falls Nazarene

LEGOS NEEDED: Genesis Camp 2025 in June has a theme built around Legos. If you have Legos in your home that are no longer being used and you are willing to donate them, please drop them by the District Office or the Meridian Camp Office at 55 SW 5th Ave Suite 100 and we will get them to the directors.

HOW DO YOU LIKE TO READ CAMP

MONTHLY?: We mail nearly 1500 hard copies of Camp Monthly across the district to friends of Trinity Pines. We are happy to continue that process under our AMG bulk permit, which saves us hundreds of dollars each year. However, we also have a large contingency of folks who read Camp Monthly online each month, which costs us nothing. If you would like to switch from hard copy to online, please send a quick note with your email address to office@amgidaho.com and we will make that transition. This will result in a greater savings on postage.

ALWAYS A BLESSING: We had a large amount of 4x8 sheeting donated by the former employer of Ben Bruenings, Maintenance Director. The donation will be used to sheet the farmhouse in preparation for exterior siding.

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