

## IT IS FEELING GOOD

Each day, I log into the registration for summer camps and my heart picks up a few more beats as I see the numbers continue to climb. We have passed two important milestones: Early Bird in April and now the June 1 deadline for all June camps. In 2019, the last year we offered a full camping program, we camped 839 in the five Intermountain District Camps. As of this morning when I looked, we had passed the 950 mark. The next benchmark is July 1 for the two remaining camps - Jr. High and 4th-6th Grade Girls. Praise the Lord. It looks like we are back to somewhat normal operations. However, this does not address our ongoing challenges with employees, supply chain issues, and volunteers. We have to trust the Lord daily that these demands will be met.

**I have faith that God is not going to give us a field for harvest and not give us enough workers and supplies to meet the challenge - one way or another. That is where I covet your prayers as we move into summer 2023.**

A couple of things that we have noticed:

1. We have many first-time campers in all levels of our camping program.
2. We are seeing more and more that list “unchurched” or another main line denomination. This tells me that kids (children and teens) want to get out and be with friends, in the great outdoors and in a new environment. Bless the parents and guardians who have encouraged campers to attend a summer camp.

Our Camp Directors are working around the clock to adjust numbers and programming to handle the increased counts. The Camps Board has continued to place resources that will help to make the camp experience a memorable one for each student attending. Now, your prayers for each of these campers, staff, volunteers, and camp workers are vital to accomplishing for the Kingdom changed lives. I remember Rev. Chuck Wilkes saying at the start of the Trinity Pines era “Give me a child for a week at summer camp and give me a child with perfect attendance every week at Sunday School throughout the year...” He would then say, “The child at camp will make major transitions that last a lifetime and will look back to that week as being a pivotal time in their Christian development.” I continue to meet teens, adults and folks my age and older who will give testimony to the truth of this statement. Praise the Lord for Christian camping and for the district continuing to provide an environment and a place for children, teens and adults to grow in their walk with Christ.

See you up the hill at camp,

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June 2-5	Camp Hope Kids Camp
June 3-5	Idaho Council of Catholic Women Retreat
June 4	Trinity Pines Board Meeting
June 5-8	IMD Genesis Girls Camp
June 8-10	IMD Genesis Boys Camp
June 10-12	Because Kids Grieve Camp
June 12-17	IMD High School Camp
June 18-24	IMD 4th-6th Grade Boys Camp
June 24-28	S. Idaho Assemblies of God Teen Camp
June 30 - July 3	S. Idaho Assemblies of God Kidz Camp

TRINITY PINES CALENDAR “AT-A-GLANCE”

# CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

JUNE 2022

**LOOKING:** If you know of someone who sharpens knives, that skill is needed in the kitchen. We used to be blessed by a man that would come every year and set up a station and sharpen the kitchen knives. We are in need of this service again. If you know someone, contact Rick at rick@amgidaho.com or 208-888-0988.

**BUS TO CAMP:** A reminder that the camp bus will leave on Monday morning and return on Friday afternoon from Trinity Pines. You must make a reservation to ride the bus. Cost is \$35 one way or roundtrip. The bus will be provided for the following camps:

- 4th-6th Girl's Camp
- 4th-6th Boy's Camp
- 9th-12th Grade Sr. High Camp
- 7th-8th Grade Jr. High Camp

The bus will originate and return to The Village parking lot. Plan to look for the green flag on Monday morning for check in near Mountain West Bank on the southwest corner of the parking lot.

**WORK WEEK:** Thank you to the many people who showed up for Work Week in late May. The Lord provided sunshine, cloud cover, and held off on moisture until most all the tasks were completed. It is always amazing how many different types of people show up to help. Scrubbing, window washing, splitting wood, cleaning chairs and tables, rolling t-shirts, cutting weeds and grass were just a few of the tasks. Many of the larger planters now have beautiful summer flowers. Over 60 people were present to help erect the worship tent on Friday morning. It was the first time that many people had experienced walking on the newly paved roads. Thanks to the staff for having projects laid out so well to make the projects go quickly and efficiently.

**NEWS FROM CASCADE COMMUNITY:** The loss by fire of Watkins Drug Store has had a major impact on the Cascade Community. It is our understanding that some prescriptions are being handled through the local Medical Center. Word this past week was that perhaps Watkins will not rebuild. What a loss to the community.

**HIGHWAY 55:** For those planning to travel to and from Trinity Pines, please be sure to be aware of the lane restrictions in the Smith's Ferry area. It is our understanding that Monday-Friday noon this summer the road will be restrained to only one lane with flaggers at each end. Noon Friday-Sunday there will be no restrictions.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Many lives were blessed through the ministry of Marilyn Swartzentruber while she served at Trinity Pines as Volunteer Coordinator alongside her husband, Bob. Marilyn is very much missed and her life will be celebrated on Saturday, June 11, at 10:00 AM at Karcher Nazarene Church in Nampa. The Swartzentruber Family is planning to construct a gazebo and children's play area honoring Marilyn's love for Trinity Pines.

**NEW SUBDIVISION:** As you enter Cascade headed North, you may notice a new subdivision being built across from the airport. The area is being called River District and is being developed by Cascade residents Phil and Josh Davis. It will include 145 single family dwellings, 11 cottages, 46 townhouses, 64 multi-family dwellings, and 12 acres of commercial property. Also, a small lake, open space, park, etc. This will transform life in Cascade in a tremendous way and will elevate the population going forward.

**MEDICAL CENTER EXPANSION:** On May 17, the Cascade Medical Center had a failed bond for \$19 million in expansion of the current community's medical facility. The vote required was 66% and the supporting votes only rallied 55.75%. The current facility is very crowded, outdated, and does not meet the needs of the current and future community of Cascade. The board will meet in June to determine the best path forward.

**WHAT ABOUT THAT WORSHIP TENT?** Yes, the tent originally belonged to Calvary Chapel Church in Boise. The tent was purchased by Trinity Pines the second year we were at the camp to be used as a place of worship. The tent was first set up on the parking lot at the Conference Center and later move to the current location. Each year volunteers put it up and then the NNU basketball team comes in September to take it down. The tent, carpet, lights, and chairs are all stored in an old school bus. The tent was originally 100' x 60' but at the current time only 80' x 60' is set up. Prior to volunteers and staff learning the techniques of setting up the tent we used to employ a company to come and set the tent up and take it down. It is structured similar to a circus tent. It serves a variety of purposes during the summer. The big difference is that we use manpower to put up the tent and not elephants!



**DISTRICT CAMP MEETING:** Watch for the flyer related to registration information for Intermountain District Camp Meeting, which will take place from August 12-14. Special speakers will be General Superintendent Dr. Filimão M. Chambo and his wife, Samantha. Superintendent Chambo currently serves as chairman of the Board of General Superintendents for the Church of the Nazarene. Special events are being planned for all ages throughout the weekend. Please plan to join us for the entire weekend or just for the Sunday morning service at 10:00 AM.

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**Memorial Service Honoring the Life of Marilyn Swartzentruber**  
Saturday, June 11, 2022 | 10:00 AM | Karcher Nazarene Church

