

GREAT RETURN IN CAMPERS

The Lord has blessed us with a great return in campers for the summer. In 2021 (a rebound year with no camps in 2020) the Intermountain District had a total of 839 campers. Following the July 1 deadline for registration this year, we are at 1,025. That is an increase of 186 campers. I was listening to a talk radio program the other day and the commentator identified some of the challenges being faced in America: **single parent homes, no father figure present** in many homes, **no example of a marriage relationship, country getting further and further away from God, breakdown of the education system,** and **lack of examples of leaders.** I believe Trinity Pines has offered our campers, no matter the age, answers and examples to many of these ills:

HOME LIFE: Trinity Pines is a secure and safe place for a week. The directors, leaders, volunteers, and staff all demonstrate wholesome mature adults, many in stable marriage relationships. I observed, in a recent visit, volunteers walking about holding hands as they walked across the camp. What a great example of a love between two people. I sat down on the deck of Jubilation Station and visited with two men who were leading recreation at Boy's Camp. I thought as I finished my conversation - what an example of mature, male leadership they both displayed in what we talked about.

GETTING CLOSE TO GOD: You only need to walk by the amphitheater or worship tent to know that campers are moving closer to God. Their singing, the messages they hear, altars with campers and cabin leaders kneeling and praying together make for a tremendous atmosphere of worship. Then if you need further proof, take a stroll through Stake Garden and see the number of stakes that are labeled "2022" and are noted with phrases such as *called into obedience with God, called into ministry, called to be a missionary* or just a desire to deepen their walk with Christ.

EDUCATION/EXAMPLE LEADERS: My heart is always motivated when I see small groups of students sitting with a cabin leader with their Bibles open and they are exchanging ideas and questions. We are blessed by so many volunteers who give up a portion of their summer to invest in one of our camps. This is not unique to just Nazarene Camps; I was at Trinity Pines while the place was packed out with Assembly of God teens and then children. You could sense the spirit in the leaders that was transferred to campers and elevated in each service as they sang and praised God together.

Yes, the world has its challenges. But for one week, over 1,000 students stepped into a world of peace, security, safety, encouragement, love, and blessing. Was every camper impacted? Probably not. But there were some that have testified to this. Thank you, parents, grandparents, those who provided financial assistance, Sunday school teachers, pastors, and churches who encouraged children and teens to attend camp. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

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Rocky Mountain HS Cross Country	July 5-8
Camp Hope Teen Summit	July 7-10
Heritage Bible Church Teen Camp	July 7-10
IMD Jr. High Camp	July 11-15
Calvary Homedale RV Retreat	July 14-17
Mission Aviation Fellowship (Challenge Course)	July 15
IMD Girls Camp	July 18-22
Royal Rangers Tent Camp	July 21-24
Iglesia Damasco RV Camp	July 21-23
Rise Inc. (formerly Community Partners)	July 22-27
Western Elite Academy (Challenge Course)	July 25
Wesleyan Family Camp	July 27-31

TRINITY PINES CALENDAR "AT-A-GLANCE"

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

JULY 2022

CAMP ARMY: Trinity Pines has been challenged all summer by lack of hired help. We have some large groups still on the calendar into the fall and we're calling for a Camp Army of volunteers to assist in the area of food service and housekeeping. We have some Fridays and Sundays that we have the entire camp to clean and only a few hours to accomplish the task. The requirements are:

- 3 couples or 6 adults also older teens (able bodied and good workers)
- Plan to arrive by 9am on Friday morning for instructions. As sleeping areas empty out with campers leaving; teams will be assigned to clean areas.
- Goal to have the camp cleaned by 4:00 when the next guest group starts to arrive.
- Friday evening, Saturday, and Saturday evening - housing and meals will be provided.
- Sunday morning, we will repeat the same process as Friday, and you are free to leave after the camp is cleaned for Monday's guests or you can remain Sunday night and go home on Monday.

We have three weekends we call **DEMAND WEEKENDS** where we could use your help.

- Friday, July 15 - Sunday, July 17**
- Friday, July 22 - Sunday, July 24**
- Sunday, July 31 - Monday, August 1**



DISTRICT CAMP MEETING AT THE CAMPGROUND: District Superintendent Scott and Vicki Shaw are anxious to host you for the weekend for the 2022 District Camp Meeting at Trinity Pines. Brochures and registration information has been mailed to all churches. If you do not have this information, please contact our office in Meridian by calling 208-888-0988 and we will be happy to send you a registration form. You will be blessed and encouraged by the messages from Dr. Filimao M. and Samantha Chambo, General Superintendent. Come for the entire weekend, just for the day, or join us for a great day of worship on Sunday. Individual meals can be purchased but we appreciate knowing that you are planning to attend.

LOST AND FOUND: If you have lost and found items left at camp this summer please contact Trinity Pines by calling 208-382-6200 and they will let you know if your item might be in the lost and found box.

WE NEED DINNER FORKS: Our dinner forks at camp seem to have legs and walk away from time to time. If you have extra silverware - especially forks to donate please drop them by the Meridian office or the District Office in Nampa and we will get them to camp. This is the perfect place to get rid of those forks that don't match your set.

RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT: We are needing some rubber balls for playing various games on the athletic fields. We are also looking to upgrade our archery equipment. If you need more details, please reach out to Tyler Luschen, Camp Manager, at 208-382-6200.



4TH OF JULY CASCADE PARADE: Trinity Pines participated in Cascade Chamber's 4th of July parade and was named "Best Themed" float! It was a great weekend for everyone. Parade highlights also included an A10 flyover from Gowen Field and Governor Little made an appearance in the parade.

VICTORY COVE CABIN ON THE MOVE: The Victory Cove cabin secured out of McCall will soon be moved to a new location at the entrance to the RV park. The cabin will be restored to be a welcome station and check in point for the RV park as well as a museum of items from the history of camping on the Intermountain District. If you have items to donate that represent your years at Victory Cove, please place your name on the item and drop them by the District Office in Nampa or the Meridian Camp office.

MATTRESS PROJECT: Enclosed is the latest list for the mattress replacement project. We are only 12 mattresses away (\$300 each) or \$3,600 from meeting the goal of the project. We are receiving many nice compliments about the new mattresses. Please be sure to mark your donation as "Mattress Project."

WOOD: This spring, Trinity Pines logged several trees off the property to keep our forest lands healthy and rid of old and diseased trees. We have several slash piles in various locations around the camp. In these piles are some excellent wood for cutting to be used for heating and fireplaces. If you are interested in working through a slash pile and cut up what you can use please contact and make advanced arrangements with AJ Theien, Director of Maintenance at the camp. AJ can be reached by email at andrew@tpines.org or by calling the camp 208-382-6200.

SHARE THE DREAM: Be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday, December 1 for the 16th Annual Share the Dream event to be held at Valley Shepherd Nazarene Church starting at 6:00pm. More information to follow. This is a great evening to celebrate what is happening at Trinity Pines.