

# SURVIVE to Thrive



The summer of 2020 will go down in the history books as an unusual summer! There were signs everywhere at Trinity Pines that the summer was different. No sleeping bags, single socks or Bibles left behind in sleeping areas. No plugged toilets, no broken arrows at archery and no smelly garbage containers from trash build up from the massive amount of food that was prepared. You did not have to be at the camp for very long before you realized that the missing element was GUESTS. The serenity of the camp allowed for forest animals to wander down onto the camp grounds. Bathrooms remained clean, lawns were green and showed no sign of activity abuse and shelves in the snack shack remained well stocked with shirts, hats and stuffed animals.

When it became apparent that there would be no camp season because of COVID, steps were put into place to maintain and SURVIVE the season. In this Camp Monthly, you will read about many of the improvements that have been made while taking advantage of not working having to work around campers. However, you definitely felt that Trinity Pines was in survival mode of operations. Financially, this has been an unbelievable hit to the bottom line of camp finances - **I have to be boldly honest here.** While we have had a bare bone staff in place, we have survived in many areas because of our faithful crew of volunteers. Monthly expenses such as electrical, city services, salaries, insurance, fuel, etc. have continued to roll into the monthly costs of sustaining the camp - with or without guests - we have had to SURVIVE during this COVID environment.

We are people of faith and we have to look to the future believing that at some time we will return to operations of the camp. Guests will arrive, activities will take place and the needs of people will be met. At some point in the future, we will THRIVE again.

I am challenging 100 of our faithful camp partners to join in a new campaign we have titled **SURVIVE TO THRIVE**. Our goal is to generate **100** investors who will give **\$1000** between now and December 31, 2020 toward the future THRIVING of our camp. We need this special campaign to be above and beyond our faithful investors who give each month to camp operations and sustainability. Payments may be made in one lump sum or in installments. The goal of this campaign is to support the loss of revenue we have experienced in recent months and into the fall to maintain and build our stability for the future. The careful planning by the Camps Board has provided some bridge funding during this challenging time but I hope that your response to **Survive to Thrive** will help us carry forward into 2021 and beyond. Please prayerfully consider your participation and adding your name and investment to the **Survive to Thrive** campaign. There are many who receive Camp Monthly who are faithful prayer warriors. Please add the **Survive to Thrive** campaign to your prayer list and allow God to speak to the hearts of our Intermountain District Camp family.

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**CASCADE FOOD PANTRY:** Each month, Trinity Pines takes our camp truck, driven by Steve and Carol Loder, and pulls the Cascade Food Pantry enclosed trailer to Boise to secure food from the Idaho Food Bank. Items are hauled back to Cascade, re-packaged and distributed through the Pantry to nearly 150 households in the area. Trinity Pines continues to invest in the community.

**MORE IN THE COMMUNITY:** A couple of years ago, Intermountain District summer camps sponsored a book drive for the Cascade Elementary School. The goal was to stock the shelves with books as a mission outreach from Nazarene Summer Camps. The books have been stored at the camp because Cascade School District lost their librarian due to budget cuts. A parent volunteer stepped forward and offered to operate the library as her gift to the school and now the books will be available to children this fall.

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**BUNKHOUSES:** The bunkhouses at Trinity Pines received a new coat of paint. Visitors upon returning to Trinity Pines will notice that the bunkhouses have been painted, trimmed and decks treated with stain for the protection from the weather. When the seven bunkhouses were completed, the weather did not cooperate and we decided to wait until weather permitted for painting. Last summer the spring was wet, we had a busy season for the bunkhouses, and help was not available in the fall - so summer 2020 gave us that opportunity. Special thanks to Rod Black, Grace Bible in Nampa, for helping us purchase the paint at a tremendous discount.

**UPDATED SNOW REMOVAL:** While the temperatures have been in triple digits in the Treasure Valley, we must remember that, someday, mountain snow will return and we will need to remove it from roads and pathways for guests. The snow plow we have been using has presented some challenges. The watchful eye of Manager Anthony Henry located a snowplow that would fit our existing equipment (with some slight modifications) in Pocatello. Steve and Carol Loder headed to Pocatello and brought the nearly new plow back to Cascade. The seller, when learning that it was for a Christian Camp blessed us by lowering the price - thanks be to God for the generosity of people.

**VIP ROOMS NEARING COMPLETION:** The extensive remodel and refurbishing of the two VIP rooms is nearing completion. Many hours of volunteer labor has been invested to complete the project which started in the spring. Since we have not had guests, the upstairs conference room looked like a lumber company, paint store and second-hand used furniture store. Slowly, supplies and materials were moved. The rooms truly are designed now for special use. We are not sure the VIP title will remain - we may try and find a new name that better represents the guests' suites.

**WATCH NETFLIX:** A special new movie will be released in 2020 entitled, *A Week Away - The Musical*. It is a film bringing the power of summer camp to the big screen. The film is a partnership between Christian Camp & Conference Association (CCCA) and the Power of Camp campaign. Several years ago, the two producers of the film visited a National CCCA convention in Phoenix and spent time visiting with camp directors. They said, "We left so excited to be able to tell a story and represent an experience like camp." Christian music artists, Amy Grant and Steven Curtis Chapman, make cameo appearances in the film. The movie follows the teenager Will Quinn who has some trouble with the law, is in and out of foster homes and his latest crime leads him to either juvenile detention or assigned to attend a summer camp. Will reluctantly agrees to the camp. The result of Will's experience is that he is accepted by the other campers and learns that God loves and forgives him no matter what. Watch Netflix for the release of the film. Visit [www.AWeekAway.com](http://www.AWeekAway.com) or follow @AWeekAwayMovie on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram to learn more.

**FALL MAY LOOK DIFFERENT - SO WHY NOT CAMP?** Yes, it appears that the school year may be different, some in class, rotating schedules, some online and later starting dates. You may or may not have a tent or an RV, but you can call Trinity Pines (208-382-6200) and talk with Serena or Anthony about renting a cottage for your family to enjoy some time away. The remainder of August and all of September are beautiful times to be in the mountains. You would need to provide all of your own food and follow necessary protocols that might be in place related to camp operations. Still, you could get away, hike a trail, smell the mountain air, read a good book and enjoy times as a family before we head into the winter months and adjustments to a new school year. Call today and book some time at Trinity Pines.

## CAMP DIRECTORS DID IT AGAIN!

When it became apparent that summer camps would not happen at Trinity Pines, our team of Camp Directors went to work to communicate with campers from the 2019 season. Soon large envelopes were going out the door of our office addressed to 2019 campers with personal messages from the respective Directors:

**Genesis Campers** were mailed pillow cases that read "I Dream of Trinity Pines" along with some activities and games they could play at home with family and friends, all centered on a camp theme.

**Girls Campers** were mailed special craft kits and a friendship bracelet to allow them to build a special bracelet of their own.

**Boys Campers** were mailed a Ninja cut out mask project that they could color and have as a memory of their summer camp.

**Middle and High School Campers** were provided with a 30-day Camp Devotional book from "Our Daily Bread."

Thanks, Directors, for being creative and for doing your part to stay connected to our campers.

**BUNKBEDS:** Trinity Pines inherited 12 new wooden bunkbeds from the Nampa Job Corp site. Thanks to Bob Nichols, who is an employee of Job Corp. The project had been a special activity to teach skills in construction to the Job Corp residents. The beds were to go to a non-profit and that deal fell through so Trinity Pines became the benefactor and now have 12 new wooden beds in our inventory.

**NEW PEOPLE MOVER:** Thanks to the watchful eye, skills and talents of Randy Jahn, Deer Flat Church, Trinity Pines now has a new people mover. Randy and Marilyn donated the people mover as a gift in memory of Arlen Gingrich, Nampa, who passed away after a battle with cancer. The people mover is easier to mount, has a luggage compartment and will be a great asset for transporting guests at the camp. Thanks, Randy and Marilyn.

**SENIOR VOLUNTEERS:** Trinity Pines would not be where they are today if it was not for Senior Volunteers who come and live at Trinity Pines, spring - fall, and complete hundreds of tasks. Some are big and others very small and might not even be noticed. There is everything from curtains, laundry, food service, lawns, cleaning, painting and weed eating just to name a few. It goes way beyond that list and demonstrates the love that they show the camp to maintain and support camp operations. I recently was reading an article in CCCA magazine and discovered a new name for this army of faithful volunteers - **Second Wind Staff**. Yep, going forward I say they are no longer Senior Volunteers but have been promoted to **Second Wind Staff** status. God has need for people who are seasoned in life and can assist in making things happen. Special thanks to all of you.