

WHAT A RIDE - SUMMER 2021

We knew it would be a challenge but not sure we knew how many interesting twists and turns the three months would provide. We had a lot of new staff, a strong response of volunteers to help fill in the labor shortage, supply chain issues for necessary items for operation, the hottest summer on record (thank heavens for AC in the Conference Center) and smoke from fires. In the back of our minds was the above average cleaning and sanitization to avoid an outbreak of COVID and to keep guests healthy and safe. We have seen tremendous increases in costs for food and food service supplies, consumable products in housekeeping and items for repairs and construction. While we had some knowledge of these items, we were surprised along the way with some of the new challenges we faced.

When it was all said and done, the summer was a huge success:

- Nearly 850 campers in Intermountain District Summer Camps - after a year of not being in operation
- 120 new stakes in Stake Garden showing commitment to Christ or call to Christian Service
- A strong response to the need for weekly volunteers to help in camp operations
- A fairly full camp with lesser numbers but at least guest groups feeling comfortable in returning
- We were blessed with four excellent college interns
- Some great progress on work projects (more details inside) - thanks to many volunteers with excellent skills

You have heard Superintendent Scott Shaw refer to being out of sync in our cycle of camping and that is exactly what happened when we took nearly a year off from guests at camp. It reminded me of when I was teaching school and how challenging it was to re-open operations after just a three month summer break - but this was a full year.

We are launching a campaign with this Camp Monthly called **"Crossing the Finish Line."** While our rentals were smaller in size and our summer camper registrations were less than in 2019 (over 1100), we still had many ongoing expenses related to camp operations. Salaries, utilities, insurance, maintenance (carpet cleaning, sanitation supplies, etc), program expenses for summer camps and financial assistance for campers who needed that little extra. The goal of each Share the Dream is \$100,000. We are only a quarter of the way toward our goal. **"Crossing the Finish Line"** is a campaign to recruit 75 Camp Partners at \$1,000 each to help us reach our goal before December 31, 2021.

If we can accomplish our goal of \$75,000 through the Crossing the Finish Line campaign, we will be well on our way of meeting financial obligations for the camp year that will be completed on December 31. Be sure any funds you may send specifically for this campaign are clearly marked "Crossing the Finish Line". Enclosed is a donation card for your use in helping us launch this campaign.

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Sept 3-6	New Creation Community Fall RV Retreat
Sept 4-6	NNU Freshmen Retreat
Sept 7-10	NW Church Leaders
Sept 10-12	NNU Basketball Team Service Project
Sept 10-12	Calvary Chapel Caldwell Women's Retreat
Sept 13-16	Liberty Quartet - Mountaintop Retreat
Sept 17-19	Calvary Chapel TV Women's Retreat
Sept 17-19	Boise State Choir Retreat
Sept 19-21	The Journey Women's Retreat
Sept 21-24	Pinehurst Quilters Club
Sept 24-26	IMD Women's Retreat
Sept 27-29	IMD Pastors Team Retreat
Sept 30 - Oct 3	Disciples Together

TRINITY PINES CALENDAR "AT-A-GLANCE"

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

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SEPTEMBER 2021

During summer 2021, we accomplished some great projects:

Giant Swing: The Giant Swing is a popular challenge course activity but access to the swing was challenging and somewhat dangerous. Volunteers built a series of new steps and a new launch platform for the swing.

Additional Apartments: With the success of the two apartments above Mountain Lodge, we decided to continue the momentum and build two more above River Lodge. Volunteers did the majority of the work. The carpets are being laid as I write Camp Monthly and we will have them ready for volunteers and guest use in just a couple of weeks.

Replacement Conference Center Carpet: We had complaints about the condition of the carpet in the first floor conference room. Thanks to the efforts of David Long, Karcher, and his sons, the donated carpet squares were sorted and installed in the area. It gave new life to the meeting space.

Renovation of the Barn: Roger Pipkin, Nampa First, had led the charge on the interior remodel and organization of the barn - one of the two buildings left on the property since purchase. The barn is the hub of repair and construction projects and holds a number of pieces of power tools and equipment. The second level loft has been used for storage through the years. The sturdy old structure just needed some interior care to make it a safer more usable space.

NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS: Bob and Marilyn Swartzentruber are going to step back from the role of Volunteer Coordinators and have been working through the summer to train and equip Steve and Cheryl Haney, Euclid, for this position. Steve is a former Camps Board member and Cheryl a licensed minister and formerly a chaplain in a Boise hospital.

NEEDS AT CAMP: It seems we always have equipment needs at camp:

Utility Trailer: We have appreciated the use of a utility trailer from Steve and Carol Loder while they have been employed at Trinity Pines. The Loders are officially retiring this fall and the trailer will be going with them to AZ. We are looking for inside dimensions 6ft wide by 14-16ft long, single axle with a ramp to load.

Generators: We have experienced electrical challenges this summer due to the heat and the growth of customers in the Cascade area. We are searching for two portable generators (75,000 watts) as a backup precaution should we have an extended electrical outage.

Tilt Skillet: In the kitchen, we are searching for a tilt skillet. The space we have for the unit is 6' in length and 3' wide. With so many restaurants and food establishments going out of business there may be some opportunities. Keep your ear to the ground and let Rick know if you hear of one (208-888-0988).

SHARE THE DREAM: Grab your calendar and mark down the date of Thursday, December 2 for the Share the Dream event at 6:30 PM at Valley Shepherd. The event will include a dessert fellowship, reports on Trinity Pines programs, projects and future. This is a great event to invite friends to join you for the evening. More information in future Camp Monthly mailings.

TRINITY PINES BOARD: The Trinity Pines Board has continued their effort in re-organization of the governance structure. Recently, the following were elected as officers: Chairman, Brian Higgins, Kuna; Vice-Chairman, Gerron Gibson, Kuna; and Secretary, Quinet Bryan, Boise Tree City. Elected as Chairman of the Property/Development Committee was David Slonaker, Eagle, and chairman of the Program/Development Committee, Matthew Drinnon, Valley Shepherd. The board also approved a new policy/procedure document for Board Operations as well as for the newly formed Trinity Pines Program/Development Committee.

FINALLY: The board approved a new agreement with Zply, the local data provider for increased connectivity at the Conference Center. Throughout the summer, we experienced a number of challenges related to internet service for computers and phones. Many of you complained about dropped calls and many more have expressed your dissatisfaction of not being able to communicate using electronic devices while being a guest. Work on the project will happen this fall.

PAVE THE WAY: We continue to receive inquiries about Pave the Way. Again, we will be heading into weather where we will be unable to install pavers. Recently volunteers and staff at Trinity Pines opened up another whole section in the pathway leading to the west entrance for more pavers. Enclosed is a flier if you would like to honor the legacy of your family and Christian Camping on the Intermountain District.

NEW EXCLUSIVE USE NUMBER: The Trinity Pines board has established a policy for exclusive use of Trinity Pines. A group will need to have 200 guests for exclusive use. This was responding to a request from camp management to help guest groups have a target number that would allow them exclusive use of the facility in both winter and summer rentals.

NEW FURNACE FOR THE MANAGER'S HOME: We have limped along for the summer with AC in the Manager's home knowing that we were faced with installation of a new heat pump unit. The HVAC supply is limited and it was difficult to even get bids in the Cascade area for the project. We secured a bid out of Kuna and will be proceeding with installation hopefully prior to change in weather conditions.

FOOD SERVICE VOLUNTEERS: We are still looking for volunteers to work in the kitchen the weekend of the District Women's Retreat - September 24-26. If you are available, contact our Meridian office by calling 208-888-0988 or emailing Rick at rick@amgidaho.com. We can provide housing for your weekend stay and would appreciate help on Friday evening - Sunday lunch.