

Intermountain District Camps Board 2009

2008 marked our 9th year at Trinity Pines. The outpouring of support, an increase of 6% in district campers (children and teens), and literally hundreds of stories of changed and renewed lives have added to the excitement of this past year.

We were blessed by having several volunteers at camp throughout the year and especially blessed again this year with members of the ROAM (RVs On A Mission) with us for extended weeks throughout the busy camping season.

Camp Managers Mike and Barb Crevelt and their dedicated team of full-time and part-time employees practice servant leadership to everyone who is a guest at the camp. Local high school students help to staff our food service area, college students from NNU provide valuable leadership in our summer program staff, and many retired couples from our District have helped to improve the environment and experiences for all of our guests.

In September we dedicated River Lodge, adding an additional 48 sleeping beds and one large conference room on the second floor. In addition, we dedicated Peterman Climbing Wall honoring Rev. Don and Ruth Peterman and their family, Randy and Linda Peterman and their three sons. The climbing wall, located in the Challenge Course area, adds one more opportunity for personal growth for our campers.

In October *Share the Dream II* was held and a new campaign announced: **Debt Free in 3**, the goal to eliminate the remaining debt on the conference center and manager's home and to be mortgage debt free in three years. The weeks following that announcement brought some challenging times to our country's economic system. However, our camp partners have remained faithful to the goal of generating funds to retire debt.

The Camps Board of laymen and pastors and the Camp Development Committee are integral parts of the success of Trinity Pines. Many hours in board and committee meetings and extra hours as volunteers to plan, vision, and protect the investment at Trinity Pines is a heavy responsibility for these individuals on our District. Volunteer Camp Directors give careful and prayerful direction to our children and teen camps each summer. They provide the necessary leadership to an army of over 300 volunteers who staff our summer camps.

One of the greatest blessings that we have enjoyed all nine years at Trinity Pines is the fact that we have never been without a construction project (large or small) somewhere on the property. As we embark on our new year of operation for 2009-2010, we are already discussing a new maintenance building, improvements to the Memory Garden, construction of an athletic shed, improvements to the manager's home, and relocation of our Snack Shack. Work continues on the 300-seat amphitheatre in Elk Valley. Hundreds of volunteer and skilled hours are represented in each of these projects.

Trinity Pines has advertised the facility for retreats. I researched the word "retreat" and found some important definitions – regroup, drop back and get a fresh start, lay plans for what is ahead. In the busy life that most of us live each and every day, we need to find time to RETREAT. This allows us to enter the battle and be ready for what comes our way. I am thankful to everyone who has had a hand in making Trinity Pines

happen over the past nine years. Your dreams, sacrificial giving, investment of time, energy and talent, and especially your prayers have allowed us to have a quality facility for everyone to experience a true retreat.

Every year as I write this report I think to myself, “Can it get any better?” The answer – when you are in Kingdom work, you just learn to expect miracle after miracle, and blessing after blessing. Trinity Pines is no exception. Thanks for being part of the team.

Respectfully submitted,
RICK WAITLEY, *Executive Camp Director*