



Pinerock Camp & Retreat Center

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Blessed Above All Things

Fall Greetings from Pinerock,

I trust all is well with you as the temps begin falling and the hot summer fades away. The weather is beautiful sunny days, cool nights here in Prescott. Think about planning your next visit!

Although he's not on our list of favorite sports personalities, he did say something once that had a ring of truth.

We're speaking of professional boxer, Mike Tyson. He was being interviewed by a sports reporter prior to an upcoming boxing match. The reporter was sharing with Tyson that his opponent was telling people about how he was going to beat him.

Tyson looked at the reporter and responded...

“Sure...everyone has a plan...until they get punched in the face!”

We're guessing most of you understand the truth of that statement...especially following the outbreak of Covid-19.

As most of us began 2020 we all had plans of some kind. And then Covid-19, which, at the time, was unknown to most of us, punched us in the face. Phrases like "social distancing" and "shelter in place" may have been found in manuals, but not in our street vocabulary. But that's all changed. Over the past several months, millions of people have been hunkered and bunkered in apartments, houses, huts, and cabins. Schools have closed, churches have shut down, vacations have been canceled, businesses have closed their doors, thousands have lost jobs...the list could go on and on.

The same is true for Camp Pinerock. At the beginning of 2020 the camp was fully booked. Since then most groups have canceled. We have cut back to a bare minimum staff. However, the costs of maintaining the camp have not subsided.

We are writing because we need your help in two areas:

First...we are asking you to PRAY.

Please add Camp Pinerock to your daily prayer list.

Pray specifically for our staff, the ongoing needs of maintaining the camp and keeping it a vital part of the ministry of the Arizona District Church of the Nazarene.

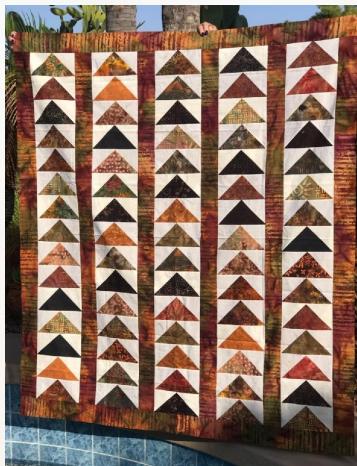
As many of you know Camp Pinerock has been in existence for 76 years. It began as a part of the vision of then District Superintendent Dr. M. L. Mann. Thousands of

Upcoming Groups

- Oct 2-5 – Advanced Coding
- Oct 9-10 – Christ Anglican Family Group
- Oct 23-25 – Glendale Naz Women’s Group St. Bernadette Youth
- Oct 29-Nov 1 – Nancy’s Quilting
- Nov 6-8 – TLC Men’s Group & Peoria Nazarene Young Adults
- Nov 13-15 – 2 Rivers Men’s Group
- Nov 16-19 – WLAD Pastor’s Retreat
- Weekend availability for groups. Call the Guest Relations to reserve your spot 928.445.8357.

Advance the Mission

Pinerock desires to provide an opportunity for each individual who comes here to have a life-changing experience. We strive to provide a peaceful campus in a relaxed mountain setting so that all our guests have the opportunity for spiritual enrichment, program support, educational training, as well as moral and social development.



Acts 24:3
“All of us are always grateful for what you have done.”

Thank you to Mom's Hope for allowing Pinerock to host their yearly retreat.



Who Wants a Handmade Quilt?

A Quilting Group that visits the campground twice a year has donated a handmade quilt to Pinerock. The quilt is up for Raffle. Tickets are being sold through January 31, then a call will be placed to the winning ticket holder on February 1, 2021.

Tickets:
1 Ticket for \$1
5 Tickets for \$3
7 Tickets for \$5
13 Tickets for \$10
20 Tickets for \$15
30 Tickets for \$20

Tickets may be purchased at the Camp Office or purchase by credit card, savings or checking at arizonadistrict.org/giving/, select Pinerock Quilt Raffle from the 'select a designation' dropdown.

Thank you for Supporting Pinerock!!

Thank you Gary and Kathy Widger for the many hours of Volunteer Time these past few months. The campground looks great because of the care you offered. Looking forward to seeing you next summer.

Aspirations for 2021

During the next year we are planning to...
Revamp High Ropes, Zipline and Low Ropes.
Add window air conditioners to Spruce, Whitten and Juniper.
Stripping and resealing of outdoor tables and benches.
Countertop Ice Dispenser.
Gather new or gently used queen/king size quilts and pillow shams for cabins.
Continue painting of cabins and dorm rooms.
USB outlets for dorm rooms.
Purchase a newer Backhoe Tractor.
Please call the Pinerock camp office if you would like to partner with Pinerock towards one of these projects.





individuals, children, youth and adults, have been drawn closer to the Lord as a result of the ministry of Camp Pinerock. We are committed to doing our best to make sure that continues to happen.

We are reminded of the prayer Jehoshaphat prayed when facing an overwhelming challenge (2 Chronicles 20:12)...

"We are powerless...we do not know what to do, but we are looking to you for help."

That is our prayer. We are asking each of you to stand with us in praying that prayer for Camp Pinerock.

Second...as God may direct, **GIVE**.

If God were to lay on your heart to give to Camp Pinerock we would so appreciate those gifts. Take note here of our First request and please make this a matter of prayer.

We don't want you to give even one dollar from your tithe to Camp Pinerock. That needs to go to your Local Church.

Any gifts, above your tithe, would be very much appreciated and are greatly needed. Keep this in mind...

Give No More and No Less Than God Directs

There are two ways to give:

1. One is through the District website, www.arizonadistrict.org/giving, and the Arizona District Giving via Stewardship Technology donation button. Please select *Pinerock Camp and Retreat Center Donation* from the 'select a designation' dropdown. Available giving options are via checking, savings, or credit card.

2. Any gifts given by written check should be sent to:

Arizona Nazarene District Office
2420 West Ray Road, Suite 1
Chandler Arizona 85224

Make a note on the check that the gift is for Camp Pinerock.

In London's British Museum, there's an old mariner's map that was drawn in 1525 that outlines the North American coastline. There are notations about where reefs might be and where the best harbors could be found.

Certain sections are nearly blank except for a few notations that read...

"Here Be Giants" "Here Be Dragons"

In other words...***"BE AFRAID!"***

Before the map got to the museum, however, it belonged to British explorer, Sir John Franklin in the 1800's. John Franklin was a believer. He was frustrated by the fear shown by the ancient mariners. So he drew a line through the inscriptions that once read... *"Here Be Giants"* and *"Hear Be Dragons"*. In their place he wrote in large letters over them...

"HERE BE GOD!"

None of us know, for certain, what tomorrow holds...for us as individuals, for our churches, or for Camp Pinerock.

But as the old song says...***"we do know WHO holds tomorrow."***

And because of that we say today...

***Come What May
Camp Pinerock Is Here To Stay
To The Glory Of God!***

Thank you for helping us make that happen.

Rich and Trish Stoffan
Camp Pinerock.