

Amigo Centre  
Report to IN-MI Mennonite Conference  
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God's transformative power continues to be evident in the work and ministry of Amigo Centre. Our mission is to facilitate the work of the Church, encourage commitment to Jesus Christ and help people become who God wants them to be.

In 2018 Amigo Centre served 304 children through summer camp. This was only down by 7 campers from 2017 and we saw considerable growth in our Trailblazer camp. Our theme, Sustainably Rooted, was based on Psalm 1:3. Campers used the symbol of trees to draw comparisons to their own spiritual lives such as prayer as life giving water and roots as community.

Scrapbooking and Quilting retreats continue to be a strong program for Amigo Centre. In 2018 we had 317 registrations over five weekends. Road Scholar programming was also strong. We hosted 86 people over five weeks. We are working with Road Scholar to develop an intergenerational program for grandparents and their grandchildren.

Outdoor and Environmental Education slowed a little in 2018 as schools continue to shift schedules. We are seeing our numbers moving upwards this year with new schools seeking openings in May.

Amigo Park continues to be a place of connection for many families and churches. There continues to be minor upgrades done to the campground facilities. This year we are working on a new addition to the pavilion on the "island." This space will allow us to host larger groups and include a deck for enjoying the lake view.

2018 was a year for facility investment. In February of 2018 the building housing our wood boiler burned down. This change in facility infrastructure allowed us to upgrade water heaters, furnaces and other systems to lower the staff time needed for heating buildings and improve efficiency. In October of 2018 a new standing seam metal roof was installed on the Retreat Center.

God is at work on Perrin Lake just as he is in your congregations and through IN-MI Mennonite Conference. We are excited to be your partner in connecting people with God, Creation and each other.

Submitted by Matthew Ropp, Executive Director

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