

Packs & Paddles Benefit Fundraiser 2021



KIDS NEED CAMP



This statement has never rang more true than in the midst of our ongoing pandemic. We have been grateful to be able to provide kids with safe community and exciting outdoor adventure in the midst of so much disappointment and isolation.

In summer 2021, Amnicon was grateful to welcome more participants into Grace-filled adventure than we have in nearly ten years. More kids found safe-space. More kids grew in new and renewed relationships. More kids were accepted as and claimed as capable and loveable children of God.

This also means we welcomed more kids in need of financial support so they could have the much needed Amnicon experience. Your bids and donations through Packs & Paddles go directly to our Campership Fund to provide these needed camper scholarships.

Thank you for your help in making Amnicon adventure possible.



PACKS & PADDLES SCHEDULE

SEPT 17 - 6:00 PM: ONLINE AUCTION OPEN FOR BIDDING

SEPT 19 - 4:00 PM: PACKS & PADDLES IN-PERSON BEGINS

- 4:30 PM: GOLDEN RAFFLE TICKET SALES END
- 5:00 PM: GOLDEN RAFFLE DRAWING
- 5:00 PM: PREMIUM AUCTION ITEMS OPEN FOR BIDDING
- 5:45 PM: PREMIUM AUCTION ITEMS CLOSE
- 6:00 PM: STANDARD AUCTION ITEMS CLOSE
- 6:00 PM: FUND-A-CAMPER PADDLE RAISE
- 6:30 PM: PACKS & PADDLES WRAP-UP & PAYMENTS

**CAN'T BE THERE IN-PERSON? PACKS & PADDLES
WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

www.facebook.com/CampAmnicon

ONLINE AUCTION INSTRUCTIONS

- [Follow this link to our 2021 Packs & Paddles Online Auction](#)
- Underneath the Packs & Paddles Logo, click REGISTER TO BID to create an account. Enter the requested info including your email and phone number. You may choose whether to receive auction updates through email or text message.
- There are two types of items:
 1. PREMIUM AUCTION ITEMS – these are our typical Live Auction Items; bidding on these items will be open from 5:00 to 5:45 pm on Sept 19.
 2. STANDARD AUCTION ITEMS – these are our typical Silent Auction Items; bidding will close on these items at 6:00 pm on Sept. 19.
- To place a bid:
 1. Select the item you wish to bid on and click PLACE BID. There will be a minimum amount listed you must bid in order to raise the bid (i.e. you can't raise the bid by only \$1).
 2. Our auction is set up for AUTO BIDDING – meaning you can enter in the max amount you wish to pay and your bid will automatically increase if someone else bids up to your max amount. (i.e. if you place a \$75 bid on item listed at \$25, you will be the high bidder at \$30 – if someone then bids \$50, you will automatically be the high bidder at \$55; this will continue until your max bid is reached.)
 3. Our auction is also set for POPCORN BIDDING to prevent last second “stealing” on an item - if a bid is placed during the last 5 minutes of the auction, the closing time will be automatically extended for an additional 5 minutes from the time the last bid was placed. The item will close once all bidding activity has stopped.
- Invoices will be automatically sent to you once all the auction items have closed. You can either pay directly with a credit card or pay with a check by mailing it to Amnicon.
- If you win a physical item, we will...
 1. ...mail it to you if the postage is less than \$5.00.
 2. ...safely deliver it to your doorstep if you live in the Twin Cities or the Twin Ports
 3. ...mail it to you if you live outside the Twin Cities or Twin Ports, but ask you to pay for shipping if it is more than \$5.
 4. ...get it to you within two weeks.
 5. ...not hold on to it until “the next time we see you.” We don't know when that will be and we don't have much storage space!

Questions on how to bid? Email us at info@amnicon.org

NEW THIS YEAR AT PACKS & PADDLES:

We will be using the Online Auction format IN-PERSON at the event for all bidding and Fund-A-Camper Donations, utilizing your smartphone. If you don't have a smartphone or don't feel comfortable using it for bidding, you will be assigned a “Bidding Buddy” to help you bid. You may register before the event on the auction home page or you may register at the event. Even with the online auction, you still have the option to pay with cash or check at Packs & Paddles.

PREMIUM AUCTION ITEMS



Bidding Open from 5:00 - 5:45 pm on Sunday, Sept. 19

Duluth Getaway

Est. Value - \$650



Stay in Canal Park and enjoy the best that Duluth has to offer! Includes a \$500 gift card to Canal Park Lodge, \$25 gift card to OMC Smokehaus, \$35 gift card to Duluth Grille, and passes to the Great Lakes Aquarium.



GEAR UP FOR ADVENTURE

Retail Value - \$800

Get ready for adventure with this package of exciting outdoor gear. Package includes:
Duluth Pack Laptop Scoutmaster Pack - Made with durable 15-ounce canvas, this pack easily protects all your gear and features a padded sleeve so you can safely carry your laptop wherever you go. Retail \$240

Kammok Mantis UL Hammock Tent - Sleep off the ground in a silky soft hammock enclosed in a mesh canopy for ultimate insect protection. Lighter than your tent and easy setup in 60 seconds. Retail \$259

Canyon Coolers Nomad 30 - A 30-quart lightweight cooler. Features watertight seams, ice retention for days, & plenty of gear loops for all of your extra necessities Retail \$229

GoalZero Lighthouse 600 Lantern - Packed with unique features, the Lighthouse even doubles as a power hub for charging phones and small USB devices. Retail \$70

PREMIUM AUCTION ITEMS



Trapp Family Lodge - Stowe, Vt

Est. Value - \$1000



The Hills Are Alive With The Sound of Music in Stowe, Vermont for Three Days & Two Nights at the Trapp Family Lodge

Trapp Family Lodge is a unique mountain resort featuring Austrian-inspired architecture and cozy European-style accommodations, stunning mountain views, old-world comforts, and impeccable service, along with fun-filled adventures and activities for every season. Overlooking the classic New England village of Stowe, Vermont, this resort is a 2,500-acre mecca for outdoor and nature enthusiasts, as well as the original home of the von Trapp family.

In the early 1940s, the von Trapp family toured the United States as the Trapp Family Singers before eventually settling in Stowe, Vermont on an enchanted farm with sweeping mountain vistas reminiscent of their beloved Austria. Nestled in the mountains, Trapp Family Lodge offers an abundance of charm and whimsy in its Austrian-style alpine lodge. Visitors can enjoy outdoor recreation year-round, as well as cultural activities and exciting events.

Your getaway for two includes:

- 3 days/2 nights deluxe accommodations (all room-related taxes included)
- (1) \$150 gift card toward your choice of seasonal activities

Accommodations donated exclusively to Amnicon by the Trapp Family. Expires 9/30/2022. Holidays and fall foliage dates excluded.



The Infamous Girl Scout Cookies

Est. Value - Too Good to Count

Why would you bid on this? Because you get to take home FOUR boxes of your favorite cookies and you get the joy of stopping someone else from getting them! These have been a long-standing tradition at Packs & Paddles. Too good not to bid on!

THE GOLDEN RAFFLE

TICKETS: \$50 EACH

Only 100 of our precious Golden Raffle tickets will be sold.

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

(Purchase deadline is Sunday, Sept. 19th @ 4:30pm or whenever tickets are sold out)

THE GRAND PRIZE

Your choice of one Live Auction Item.

ADDITIONAL PRIZES

1. Mystery Gift Basket Est. Value - \$50
2. The 2021 Golden Prize (Est. Value - Worth its weight in gold!)

DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 19 - 5:00 pm
AT PACKS & PADDLES & [LIVE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

FUND-A-CAMPER PADDLE RAISE



SEPT. 19 - 6:00 pm AT PACKS & PADDLES & [LIVE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

Fund-a-Camper is a very special and direct opportunity to support the campers that come to Amnicon (especially if you don't want to accumulate any more stuff!). Through Fund-a-Camper, you are invited to give a gift to Amnicon's Campership Fund at a level that is right for you. Your gift will help everyone experience Amnicon, regardless of their financial ability.

Instructions:

In-person at Packs & Paddles - On your mobile device, use the Paddle Raise Feature under the Donate Tab at the top of your screen or find your Bidding Buddy to help you give.

At Home on your computer - Click the "MAKE A DONATION" Button under the "Total Raised" number in the upper right hand corner.

A special thank you to all who donated towards our auction! This would not be possible without your generosity. Thank you!



Strong Communities and
Profound Faith Experiences
in the **Wilderness**



THANK YOU TO ALL FOR YOUR FLEXIBILITY,
GENEROSITY, & ENCOURAGEMENT
THROUGH THESE UNIQUE TIMES.

VOYAGEUR'S CLUB: ADVENTURES FOR ADULTS



October 1-3: Fall Colors Canoe Trip on the
Namekagon

January 21-23: Intro to Winter Camping at
Amnicon

\$150/person

MORE INFO: AMNICON.ORG/EVENTS

THE RED CLAY COLLECTIVE: JOIN TODAY!

The Red Clay Collective is a community of monthly donors who come together in small ways to make a big impact for Amnicon.

By committing to a regular, recurring monthly donation you will help keep us grounded, knowing we will have consistent and committed support throughout the year. Your small monthly gift won't seem like much, but it will help provide a foundation on which we build a sustainable and thriving ministry through which people can experience grace beyond their comfort zone.

Join the RCC at Packs & Paddles with a minimum commitment of \$10/month for a year and we'll take up to \$120 off of your auction total! Plus you'll take home this cool mug!



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