



2021 ANNUAL ADVENTURE REPORT

2021: AN ADVENTURE IN GROWTH FOR AMNICON



SUMMER GROUP TRIPS

37 groups experienced Grace through creation & community in the wild, our most in 8 years.



RENTAL GUESTS

More people came to Amnicon for rest and renewal than have in nearly 20 years.



DONORS

Individuals and families gave more in support of our mission than have in at least 10 years.

WE ARE CELEBRATING A YEAR OF GROWTH BECAUSE:

- Through the hard work of adaptability, we have become stronger over the past two years of disruption
- We are establishing the foundation for a financially sustainable future
- We have given more opportunities for people to experience "Grace Beyond their Comfort Zone"

*"God showed up in every beautiful sunrise, every slow-going canoe trip, every meaningful conversation."
~ 2021 High School Camper*

To All of Amnicon,

Writing a year-end letter feels uniquely challenging these days. I want to convey energy & excitement while holding the exhaustion we all feel. I want to convey the hope & optimism I have for the future while acknowledging the frustration & fear in our lives. I want all of you to understand how profoundly Amnicon has moved with grace & grit through this year while not undermining that it has been challenging & draining.

That said, this is ultimately a letter of profound celebration for all we have done, been, accomplished, & created this year. 2021 has offered a stunning contrast to the urgency of the previous year. It turns out we've become professionals at adaptation & experts in pandemic operations. Our talented staff continue to guide us into our mission to equip people to experience grace beyond their comfort zone through adventure-centered programming, life in Christian community, & access to wild places in God's creation.

The board of directors recently voted to approve a balanced budget for 2022. This year we celebrate: the Red Clay Collective as a means for creating sustained giving. A Siebert Foundation grant to support new networking & programming opportunities. Our busiest summer trip season in years. The Welcome Center. A donation for three new year-round cabins. Solar Panels for sustainability & many Lodge improvements.

It feels so good to say, "Thank you!" You all have made this work possible. We ask for your continued prayers for our good work & your continued support as we strive to become The Standard for outdoor ministry in the 21st century. We need your physical, faithful, & financial support because we will continue to grow, stretch, & expand as we live as God's hands & feet in the world.

Be brave. Be Kind.

Sara Kay Larson Woodruff, Chair—Amnicon Board of Directors

2021 CAPITAL PROJECTS

We were fortunate to complete several notable improvement projects this past year. The **Fellowship Hall** was remodeled with a new ceiling, new lighting and new flooring. Volunteers completed painting the **new siding on the Lodge**, giving it a fresh new look. A new lighted **Welcome Center** at the end of the driveway greets guests as they arrive for their visit. All of these projects help to create a more inviting and welcoming experience.

In addition to these major projects, staff and volunteers completed many less noticeable but equally important tasks throughout our site this year. We give thanks for all those who continue to give their time and talents to care for Amnicon.



SOLAR @ AMNICON:



2021 was the first year of operation for our solar panel system.

Our average electrical cost from 2018-20 was \$4,431/year.

Our electrical cost in 2021 was \$1,520—a 65% reduction!

Questions or comments about anything in this report? Don't hesitate to reach out: jesse.weiss@amnicon.org.

2021 DONORS—THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



**MONTHLY DONORS
COMING TOGETHER
TO MAKE A BIG
IMPACT FOR
AMNICON**

**Collective
Members:
23 Households**

**Collective Monthly
Giving: \$1,145**

**Collective Yearly
Giving: \$13,740**



2021 VOLUNTEERS

Emilie Anderson
Michelle Alvord
Gaelyn Beal
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2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Operating Income vs. Expense

INCOME	2020	2021
Program/Rental	\$88,055	\$189,247
Donations	\$121,122	\$165,558
TOTAL INCOME	\$209,177	\$354,805
EXPENSE		
Staffing	\$188,399	\$221,204
Operational	\$163,717	\$199,196
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$352,116	\$420,400
PROFIT (LOSS)	(\$142,939)	(\$65,595)

Year-End Balance Sheet

CURRENT ASSETS	
Bank Accounts (Operating)	\$76,772
Operating Reserve	\$39,797
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$16,752
NET ASSETS (Operating)	\$99,817
Capital Projects Reserve	\$100,100



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2022

We're excited to continue our momentum from 2021 into 2022 with a few exciting plans and initiatives.

NEW CABIN CONSTRUCTION

The popularity of our unique Hermitage/Personal Retreat Cabins has grown immensely and it is clear we have the demand for more space. We are excited to announce that we have been blessed with a significant donation to build three more retreat cabins. These cabins will be similar to our current Hermitage cabins, but will be a bit bigger and will hold a family comfortably. We will begin construction in the spring with hopes of having them finished and available to rent in early September.

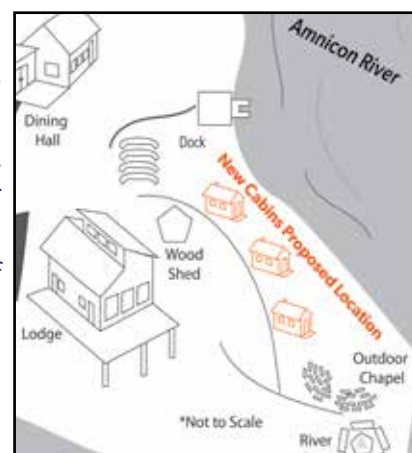
OUTDOOR LEADERS INTERNSHIP

We're excited to announce a new leadership opportunity through Amnicon: the Outdoor Leaders Internship. Four young adults will participate in a year-round intentional community and leadership-building experience while living at Amnicon. Interns will focus their time on wilderness adventure leadership, program development, hospitality, and more.

Thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the Seibert Lutheran Foundation and a \$25,000 matching gift, we will be able to develop this program and provide meaningful compensation for our interns.

A BALANCED BUDGET IN 2022

Amnicon has struggled with financial sustainability for many years while relying on a reserve fund to make up for yearly losses. It has been nearly 15 years since we finished a year without a financial loss. The Amnicon Board of Directors has approved a balanced budget for 2022. This is a goal that will challenge us as an organization and as a community, but now is the time to strive to re-establish a sustainable ministry. With our program growth in 2021, the addition of our new cabins and the return of group retreat rentals that have been limited throughout the pandemic, we are hopeful 2022 will be banner year for revenue. Meeting this vital goal will also rely on all those in our community of supporters. You know the importance our Grace-focused wilderness ministry in the lives of both youth and adults. Your generous giving in 2022 will not just support our mission this year, but help lay a new foundation for the future of Amnicon.



AMNICON LEADERSHIP

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