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Summer 2016

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Camp Amigo 2016

"Rooted in Love" Ephesians 3:17-19



Camp Amigo was a success, yet again this year! From June 6 to June 8, our community members and staff descended on the beautiful Camp Amigo Centre to build relationships and take part in fun camp activities.

The theme for this year "Rooted in Love", is based off of the passage from Ephesians 3:17-19 which states,

"¹⁷And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

One of our DSPs, Molly, led devotions during the week, and she had everyone think about what has roots around us, and what are they for. She connected this to how everyone can reach out and connect with others around them through love and respect. She intertwined



stories from her past as examples of showing love to one another and having Christ as the compass exemplifying that love.

Camp was filled with love, joy, laughter, and a deep desire to be surrounded by the beauty of God's creation. Though it was a little cooler most of the time, everyone was still able to do all the camp activities they wanted like archery, fishing, boating, and tie-dye. It was wonderful to see community members connecting with other people they may not get to see often. Stories were told, jokes were made, and fun times were had by all. Everyone is already looking forward to next summer! It really is a special place where memories are made that last a lifetime.



Photo Credit: Ashley VanVurst

Camp Reflections From Staff First-Timers

"I really enjoyed spending time with the community members at camp. I feel like the activities really followed the schedule so there wasn't anything unexpected thrown in at the last minute. There were so many activities for everyone to do, and having time to go to the gym when there was nothing going on was awesome for those who were more active.... Everyone was great and friendly and it seems like the community members really enjoyed their time there."

- Zaida Reyes

"It was a wonderful experience, just to see the community member's faces everyday. Most of them were able to do things they don't normally get to do. They relied on staff for some things, but they were really independent most of the time. All of the outdoor activities allowed you to stay active and I really liked that. I got to go fishing with one community member, and he caught 6 while I only caught one. He was so excited to catch more fish than me. A special thing for me was being able to room with my sister for work because we really don't get to spend much time together. A highlight for me was helping to calm down one community member who was having a rough time. I hadn't worked with him much, but I thought I would try to help his staff calm him down and it worked! That was a really amazing experience for me to be a part of."

- Yuri Reyes



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 - Middlebury development
- Volunteer to coordinate volunteers
- Picnic Tables
- Pottery/ceramics tutor
- New Arts and Crafts supplies
- 4-door fuel-efficient car
- Woodchips (for landscaping)
- Volunteers for landscaping work

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