

Family Recreation Building

Ada, Michigan

data

- family recreation and sports center
- completed: December 2005
- general contractor: Mike Schaap Builders

 **AIA** Grand Valley Building Honor Award recipient

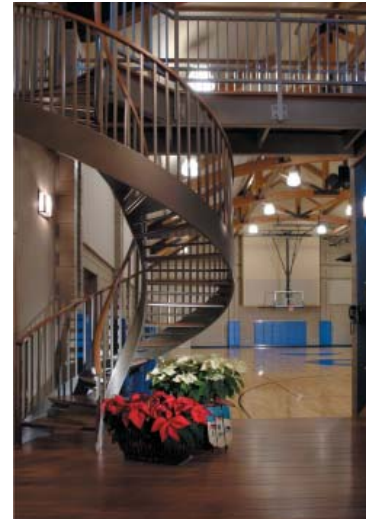


“Beautifully proportioned, the project has a clarity of design elements and details. The massing solution is very clear and simple, in contrast to the house it serves. The exterior palette gave it a strong relationship to American barn traditions and yet the exterior overall solution was fresh and varied.”

~ Jury Comments



lounge



stair to mezzanine



west elevation

summary

This facility accommodates a gym, a pool, bowling, and both interior and exterior entertainment spaces. The gym and pool occupy distinct barn-like structures, which draw inspiration from historic barns in the surrounding area. Expression and detailing of these pieces draws upon agrarian precedent, distilled to simple geometry of both form and detail. The entertainment space is accommodated on a gracious, gently curving patio. Positioning of the building takes advantage of expansive views of the open field and skating pond to the south, while nestling into a secluded spot at the edge of the existing woods.

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gymnasium



pool



exterior patio