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"No place I'd rather be!"

MISSION

The Mission of Wisconsin Badger Camp is to serve people with developmental disabilities by providing quality outdoor recreational experiences.

PURPOSE

Wisconsin Badger Camp is a special place where people with developmental disabilities are able to:

- Build and maintain friendships and social skills through fellowship and outdoor activities.
- Learn through new experiences in a positive and supportive environment.
- Enhance their personal skills, independence and self confidence.
- Have fun while enjoying Wisconsin's spectacular natural resources.

WHO WE ARE

Wisconsin Badger Camp, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization established in 1966. The organization is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors made up of teachers, health care professionals, business owners, parents, and other dedicated individuals. We are funded by individual camper fees, generous individuals, businesses, private foundations and other friends of camp.

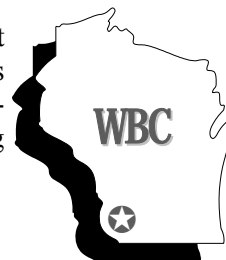
OUR CAMPERS

All individuals with developmental disabilities (ages 3 and up) are welcome regardless of the severity of their disability, race, religion, creed, geographic location, gender, age, or national origin. Our well-trained staff work with campers who have epilepsy, Down's Syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism, use wheelchairs, wear braces, are visually or hearing impaired, or experience other developmental disabilities. Individuals are welcome at camp as long as there is a degree of cognitive delay. A current physical and physicians approval to participate is required.

FACILITIES

Wisconsin Badger Camp is located on 680 beautifully wooded acres in Southwest Wisconsin overlooking the Wisconsin and Mississippi River valleys. Camp's facilities include three dormitory style lodges, Primitive Camp, cabins for camping out, wheelchair-accessible swimming pool, ball field, volleyball court, arts & crafts and nature centers, dining hall, and over 25 miles of trails for hiking.

Wisconsin Badger Camp is located 10 miles south of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.



REGISTRATION

In the future, we plan to have "live" internet registration, and we want your input! On the application, we have included a check box for you to indicate whether you want a **paper** application or an **online** application.

Our camping spots fill rapidly, so send your application in as soon as possible to:

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From June 7-August 21:

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Please review the checklist below prior to mailing your application.

- ⇒ Did you fill out the application completely?
- ⇒ Did you fill out the application in ink?
- ⇒ Did you sign the application or send it to the guardian to be signed?
- ⇒ Did you enclose your registration deposit?
- ⇒ Did you complete the payment section on the back of the application?



PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

We offer a variety of programs in order to accommodate many different interests. Please carefully read through the following descriptions to determine which program suits your needs, interests, and abilities.

MAIN CAMP

ACTIVITIES: Creative programs and positive experiences await each camper. Activities each week include: swimming, camping, hiking, fishing, nature studies, arts & crafts, animal farm, dances, a talent show, Badger Olympics, cookouts, campfire programs, and many other activities. Weekly themes also present great variety and excitement to all camp activities.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Our camper to staff ratio is approximately one adult staff person for every two campers. Most camper groups consist of 2-4 campers per counselor. Full care and well-planned days are provided for each camper's individualized program. Sessions are divided according to age. On site healthcare staff are available 24 hours/day to provide necessary support to campers with medical needs. These programs provide the maximum level of support to campers and are encouraged for first time Badger Camp participants!

MAIN CAMP DATES

Week 1— June 13-18	Adults 18 & older	Week 7— July 25-30	Adults 18 & older
Week 2— June 20-25	Adults 18 & older	Week 8— August 1-6	Adults 18 & older
Week 3— June 27-July 2	Young adults 14-25	Week 9— August 8-13	Children ages 3-13
Week 4— July 4-9	Adults 18 & older	Week 10—August 15-20	Adults 18 & older
Week 5/6—July 11-22	Adults 18 & older		

PRIMITIVE CAMP AND TRAVEL PROGRAM

SPECIAL FEATURES: In addition to the Main Camp programs, Badger Camp offers a Primitive Camp and a Travel Program. These programs offer a variety of choices from horseback riding to a trip down the Mississippi River. They are limited to 6 campers per Travel session and are guided by 2 experienced staff members, and 16 campers per Primitive session. Both Primitive Camp and the Travel Program are designed for those looking for a unique and somewhat more challenging experience.

- Individuals participating in Primitive Camp and the Travel Program should be capable of moderately strenuous physical activity.
- Campers interested in the horseback riding week should not weigh more than 190 lbs. and must bring hard soled shoes or boots to camp.
- Individuals participating in Travel programs do *not* have immediate access to our advanced healthcare team. There will be a First Responder traveling with the group at all times. Campers who have significant medical issues should choose Main Camp or contact our Camp Director.
- Individuals participating in Primitive Camp will be staying in rustic cabins and tents. While outhouses are used at the Primitive Camp site, campers use the shower/bathroom facilities at main camp during the week. Campers involved in Primitive Camp take part in outdoor activities such as outdoor cooking, nature crafts, hiking, hayrides, swimming, etc., as well as activities offered according to the emphasis of the session. Electricity is not available while at Primitive Camp.
- Individuals participating in the Travel Program will be spending most of the week off camp, but will participate in some “all camp” activities such as “Badger Ball”.
- Specific skills are not necessary for fishing, canoeing, or horseback riding. These skills will be taught.
- Campers in the Travel Program should be capable of being unsupervised for short periods of time while in their room with staff on site.
- Camperships are not offered for any of the Travel programs.

Minimum necessary skills to participate in these programs include:

- 1) Minimal assistance with grooming skills (dressing, washing, toileting, showering, etc.)
- 2) Nearly independent eating skills (including minimal special diets).
- 3) Reasonably good coordination and an ability to independently walk or wheel 2 miles per day (with supervision).
- 4) Social skills appropriate for close contact group living environments where minimal staff intervention is required.

2010 PRIMITIVE CAMP SESSIONS

<p><u>Adventure/Canoeing Camp</u> Session 1: June 13-18 Session 6: July 17-22 (<i>Note: This session runs Sat, July 17 through Thurs, July 22</i>)</p>	<p>Are you Adventurous? Spend the week shooting arrows at archery, catching fish in the river, swimming and floating in the pool, and canoeing down the Mississippi! No experience in any of these areas needed, just a willingness to participate! Campers will learn canoeing and other adventure skills at or before the activity! Fee is \$600.</p>
<p><u>Pioneer Days</u> Session 2: June 20-25</p>	<p>Live like a Pioneer! Learn Pioneer cooking skills over the fire. Practice making Pioneer home goods like candles and soap from scratch. Take a leisurely hike and discover the undiscovered. Spend a night or two sleeping under the stars at a campsite you've made! Fee is \$600.</p>
<p><u>Horseback Riding Camp</u> Session 3: June 27-July 2 Session 4: July 4-9</p>	<p>Spend a week with the horses! Campers will learn horseback riding skills and techniques as well as horse care practices. In addition to all the horse activities campers will participate in their favorite Badger Camp activities! Campers will demonstrate their newly learned horsemanship skills at the Badger Camp talent show on Friday! No previous horse experience needed to participate in this session. Badger Camp is requiring participants to pay an additional \$25 fee to help cover the extra cost involved in this program. Fee is \$625.</p>
<p><u>Music Camp</u> Session 5: July 11-16</p>	<p>Do you love music? Campers will make and use a variety of strange and different instruments to make music throughout the week! In addition to all the music activities campers will participate in their favorite Badger Camp activities! Campers will show off their new musical talents in the end of the week talent show for the rest of camp! Fee is \$600.</p>
<p><u>Theater Arts Camp:</u> Session 7: July 25-30</p>	<p>Do you love drama? Campers will participate in a variety of improvisational and drama activities. Campers will learn not only on stage theater skills but behind the scenes like make-up and costume and set-design as well! Campers will assist in writing a skit and will perform it for the end of the week talent show! In addition to all the theater arts activities campers will also participate in their favorite Badger Camp activities. Fee is \$600.</p>

2010 TRAVEL PROGRAM SESSIONS

<p><u>Wisconsin Dells Adventure</u> Session 2: June 20-25</p>	<p>Come and stay in a relaxing cabin and enjoy nightly outdoor movies, swimming at the waterpark, campfires, and camp activities such as candy bar bingo! Explore the Wisconsin Dells area with daily adventures to shows and attractions! Shows and Attractions may include the Ski Show, the Country Music Revue, The Wonder Spot, the Dells Ducks, Canyon Tours, and much, much more! The fun and possibilities on this adventure are endless! Fee is \$785.</p>
<p><u>Packer Amusement Trip</u> Session 3: June 27-July 2</p>	<p>Travel to Green Bay, Wisconsin and stay in a rustic Yurt! Spend a day on Lambeau Field and touring the Hall of Fame! Scream with glee as you ride the carnival rides at Bay Beach and race your friends on the Go Kart track! Enjoy camp activities, swimming, horseshoes, and fishing nightly at the campsite! Fee is \$785.</p>
<p><u>Oshkosh Odyssey</u> Session 4: July 4-9</p>	<p>Enjoy a fun-filled excursion through the towns on Lake Winnebago! Stay in homey cabins in Fond du Lac and enjoy some of the finest camp amenities there is to offer. Take a day trip to the Oshkosh EAA air museum and explore the delight of flight! Spend a day in Ripon at a Clydesdale horse farm and enjoy a show and a carriage ride. Stop in at the Ripin' Good Cookie Factory for an afternoon snack and visit! Fee is \$785.</p>
<p><u>Mall of America Excursion</u> Session 5: July 11-16</p>	<p>Shop till you drop at the Mall of America! Explore the Aquarium, Lego Land and have fun on the Amusement Park rides! Venture into Minnesota's Twin Cities and choose from the endless adventures that await you! Stay in a rustic cabin and enjoy swimming, hiking, campfires and a deluxe game room! Fee is \$785.</p>
<p><u>Under the Big Top Spectacular</u> Session 6: July 17-22 (<i>Note: This session runs Sat, July 17 through Thurs, July 22</i>)</p>	<p>Head to Baraboo, Wisconsin to the Historic Circus World Museum. Fall in love with the circus animals, see the world's largest circus wagon collection and try your hand at circus acts! Complete the day with one of the greatest circus shows under the big top! Explore the bluffs and scenery of Baraboo's natural area. Spend an evening venturing into the Wisconsin Dells for a show. Fee is \$785.</p>
<p><u>Houseboat Voyage</u> Session 7: July 25-30</p>	<p>Explore the wonder that the Mississippi River Valley has to offer... from the river! Stay and live on a houseboat and enjoy endless river recreation! Fish and swim along the river, enjoy beach parties and hunt for treasures along the beach shores! Fee is \$785.</p>
<p><u>Lake Michigan Mania</u> Session 8: August 1-6</p>	<p>Experience all that Lake Michigan has to offer! Stay at the Historic Point Beach State Park on the shores of Lake Michigan in Two Rivers. Explore the sand dunes and endless beaches, visit the Maritime Museum and tour a WWII Submarine! Learn how energy is made at the Nuclear Power Plant and go on a treasure hunt at the Woodland Dunes Nature Preserve! Eat the world's greatest and biggest pizza made on a snow coaster! Fee is \$785.</p>

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Fill out our 2010 Camper Application and return it to Badger Camp. Please fill out the application as completely as possible. If a specific care or behavior plan is in place at their home program, please include a copy of this with their application. If there are portions not filled out, the application may be returned to you without the applicant being registered. All information requested helps our staff to thoroughly care for each camper, continue current behavior management plans, and let them know each camper's personal interests.
2. We are sending the Medical Form with the application. This does not guarantee your admittance to camp, but it should help you in planning your appointments. Have your physician fill this out and sign it. Return it to us at least 3 weeks prior to coming to camp. To help us provide the best medical care, we request that the camp medical form be completed within 6 months of your camp session. Campers **will not** be able to attend camp unless you return the completed **original** medical form to us.
3. Parent/Legal Guardian and Applicant Consent Form: This is found on the last page of the application. This may be copied and the original signature sent at a later date, but must be received at the camp office no later than 3 weeks before attending camp. Failure to sign and return this form with the proper signatures will prohibit camp attendance.
4. Confirmations will be sent out after your application has been reviewed. This process could take up to 10 weeks. If you are requesting a campership, a Campership Aid Form will be included in your confirmation packet.

On or around May 15th you will receive another mailing from Wisconsin Badger Camp. This will include a clothing list that will suggest types and amounts of clothing to bring, a map to help you get to Wisconsin Badger Camp, and registration information.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The actual costs for summer programs at Wisconsin Badger Camp are \$800 per week. This is significantly underwritten through the generosity of our many contributors and year-round fundraising efforts. In addition to these fundraising efforts, the 2010 camp fees are as follows:

- Main Camp is \$600, except for the two-week session which is \$1,200
- Primitive Camp is \$600, except for the Horseback Riding Sessions which is \$625
- Travel Program is \$785

The camp fee is due before attendance to camp. If you foresee difficulty paying the fee in full, please contact our Registrar to set up a payment plan. Camperships are available for those needing financial assistance with any amount of the fee. (No camperships are available for the two week sessions and the Travel Programs). We would appreciate that everyone help us with financial arrangements as much as possible. This may include contacting area organizations for financial help or providing information about an applicant's typical income and expenses.

In order to better serve all individuals wanting to attend camp, we have set the following policy:

- If you received a campership in excess of \$150 for the summer of 2009 and are requesting a campership in excess of \$150 for this year, your registration will not be processed until March 8, 2010 (you are still eligible to attend, but will have a delayed registration). If you are requesting a campership in excess of \$150 for this year and will be requesting a campership in excess of \$150 for the 2011 camp season, you may be subject to delayed registration. Delayed registration for 2011 is scheduled to begin on March 7, 2011.

If you should cancel:

We do understand that for various reasons you may have to cancel. If this should happen, please call as soon as possible so we can give someone on our waiting list a chance to attend. If you cancel:

- BEFORE THREE WEEKS of your scheduled camp session, all but \$25.00 of your payment will be refunded.
- WITHIN THREE WEEKS of the first day of the scheduled session, \$300.00 is non-refundable.
- If a cancellation is made less than 7 days before the start of the camper's session, no portion of the payment is refundable.

Wisconsin Badger Camp, Inc. reserves the right to alter or cancel any scheduled programs. All fees will be returned for programs that have been cancelled by Badger Camp.

