

Tentative Day by Day Schedule:

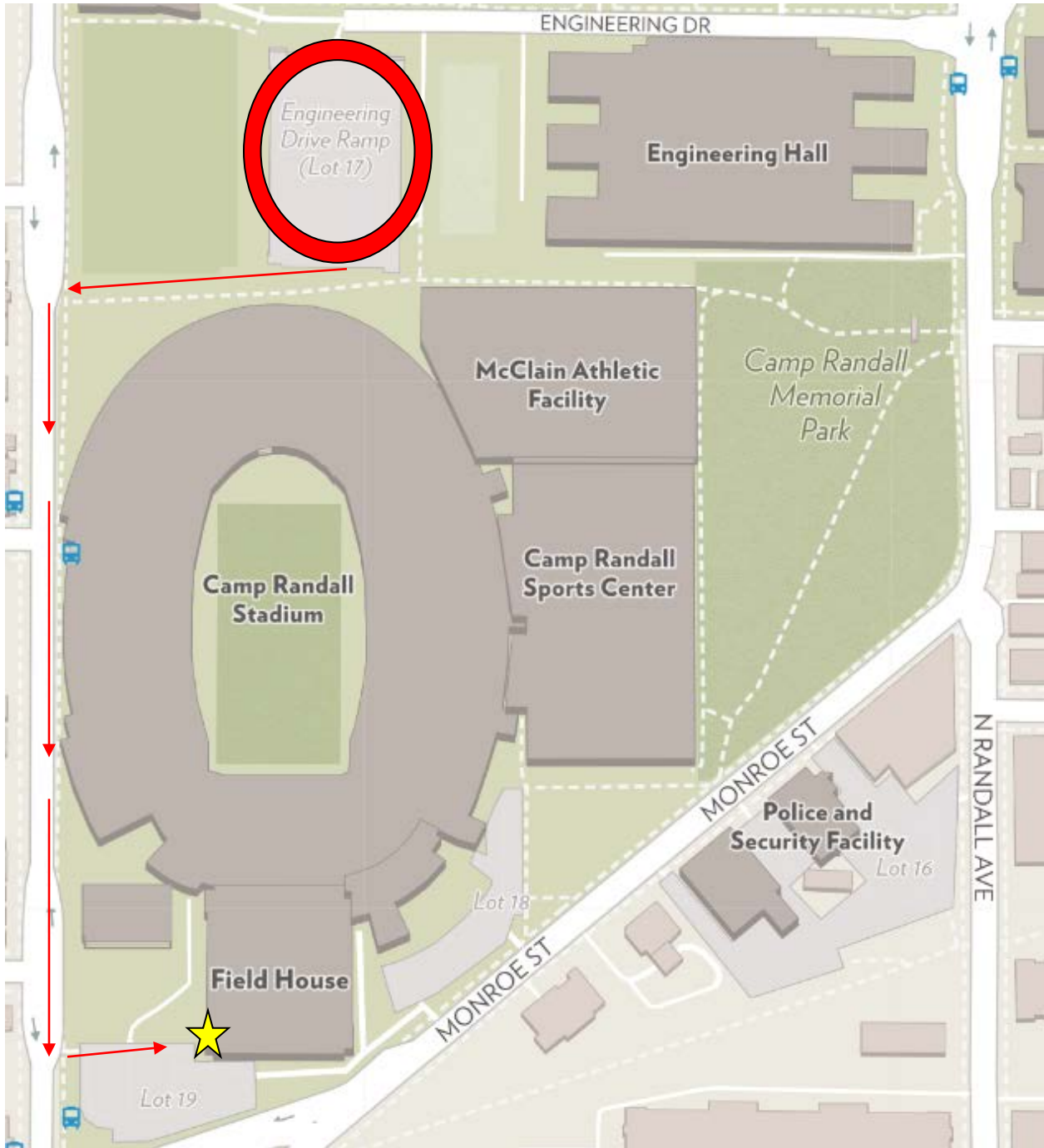
Monday, July 17, Schedule

3:45PM – 4:15PM
4:15PM – 4:20PM
4:20PM – 4:30PM
4:30PM – 6:30PM
6:30PM – 6:45PM
6:45PM

All Campers Check-In
Camp Opening (Field House)
Travel to courts
Practice Session (various courts)
Travel to Field House
Camp Closing

What to bring:

- Shoes
- Socks
- Spandex/Shorts
- T-shirts
- Kneepads
- Bag to carry gear to Gym
- Extra T-Shirts and Socks
- Water bottle
- Any Medications
- Snacks
- Spending money (Camp Store)



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WISCONSIN VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

Letter from Coach Sheffield

Campers & Parents,

Thank you for signing up for Badger Volleyball Camps this summer. We are so excited and looking forward to this - and hopefully you are as well! This is quite an endeavor. Over the course of three weeks, we will have approximately 1,900 campers from 23 states and other parts of the world. We will have more than 80 coaches from across the country to help teach "The Badger Way."

It is extremely important to me that this is a great experience. Although with a group this large I understand that 100% satisfaction is unlikely, it doesn't mean we aren't striving to get there. Every year we are trying to find ways to make things better. Below are a few things that I'd like to touch on so that you have an understanding of my philosophy.

Camp Philosophy: This is what I tell our coaches: This is not high school season and this is not a club team. This is a camp experience! We are going to teach what we know, with the understanding that skill development can take much longer than the time the campers will be here on campus. Our goal is for every camper to be safe, have fun, and learn a few things that they can carry forward with them. Our coaches will work them hard and encourage them to get out of their comfort zone, but we will be positive and supportive with our approach. I hope you understand why we feel this is the best approach for a 1-3 day camp.

Coaching: We hire coaches from all over the country. These coaches are other college coaches, club coaches, high school coaches, and current and former Badger Volleyball players. Before being hired, we complete background checks on every coach. We have also sent out a 15-page packet two months ago that details the techniques, progressions, drills, and goals for our camps to every coach. Prior to every camp we have a camp meeting with all coaches to make sure everyone is on the same page with how we want to teach the game, and so everyone understands that safety and fun are the two main priorities. We then have demonstrations prior to most sessions so that not only do the campers know what we will be doing, but so that the coaches can also see how I (or a member of my staff) teach the skills. We have the Badger Volleyball players work the camps as well while they are in summer school. We know campers love having them around, and unfortunately not every court will have a current player on it. If your camper's favorite player isn't on their court, please encourage them to sit down and have a meal with them – I'm sure both will love it!

Court Assignments: This is the thing we get the most phone calls about during camp. Everybody is looking for something different. Some campers want to be with campers of similar skill. Others want to be with campers of the same age. Others want to make sure they are with campers from their club team, and yet others want to make sure that they are with friends, roommates, and siblings. We try and get campers with similar age and similar abilities, but we also understand that someone is going to be the oldest/youngest and someone is going to be more/less experienced than everyone else on their court. We also understand that in order to get every camper to be on courts with similar skill, it would take a few sessions of testing and skill evaluation in order to find out every campers abilities. If there is someone grossly out of place, we will ask the camper if they wish to be placed with a different group. This may take a couple of sessions to figure out, but again, we are not looking to move a camper who may be a little bit better than the next camper, or move the camper who is not quite as good as the one next to them. What we *are* trying to do, is to give every camper the best opportunity to learn new things. I hope if you receive a phone call from your son/daughter regarding this that you will encourage them to lose themselves in improving and having fun rather than comparing themselves to the person next to them – again this is camp, not a team. Because this is our philosophy, I hope you understand that we are no longer going to take any phone calls regarding court assignments.



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On-court/off-court sessions: A few years ago we made the decision to incorporate some off-court sessions for our multi-day camps, and it was one of the best decisions we've ever made! These sessions may include film sessions to improve volleyball IQ, leadership discussions, goal setting, managing stressful competitive environments, Q&A with the Badgers, etc. We love the feedback we are getting regarding these sessions and feel they really enhance the learning and overall experience at camp.

Safety first: There are certain rules that are non-negotiable. Behaviors such as sneaking out of the dorms, or other things at that level, will not be tolerated and will be immediate cause for removal from camp. We have not had this happen in the past, but we want to make sure the consequences of such behavior are clear in advance. We have many staffers that will be staying in the dorms, managing the bus and practice schedule, and organizing where campers should be. Attendance is taken constantly to make sure that everyone is accounted for at all times. We also hire Health Services staff in each of our facilities to assist with minor injuries or illnesses. Although not a "safety first" issue, the food the campers will be eating, well, I can't imagine a camp offering better dining anywhere than at our Gordon Dining and Event Center!

Year-to-year improvement: This is something that is very important to us. We really try to find ways to get better every year. After each camp we send a survey to each family. I encourage you and your camper to give us your feedback. We look through every one and try to see what we are doing right and things we could be doing better. We also take a close look at our evaluations on our coaches. Coaches who don't receive great evaluations are not invited back for the following year.

I hope this letter helps you better understand our approach to camp. Thanks again for choosing the Wisconsin Volleyball Summer Camps. I appreciate the time and money you are spending in order to let your daughter/son attend. We are going to do everything we can to help make it a great experience for them!

GO BADGERS!

Kelly





Badger Sports Camps prides itself on providing a safest camp environment, which is accomplished by adhering to all camp guidelines and regulations. Before attending your respective camp, please take time to review the important rules and expectations listed below. Any questions or concerns with the following information can be directed towards Camp Administration by email: badgercamps@athletics.wisc.edu.

Camper Expectations

- Campers should notify a camp counselor as soon as any problem or concern arises. Counselors will be available to help at all times. **Campers will also have the option to text their issue, current location, and the word "CAMP" to 69050.** Camp Administration will reply.
- Participate in all sessions and meals during camp. Only the camp director will be able to grant permission to be excused from camp activity.
- For the best well-rounded camp experience, follow the camp schedule and report on time for all sessions.
- Before coming to camp, label all personal belongings, especially equipment. While at camp, always lock the door when leaving your dorm room unattended (residential camps). Badger Sports Camps is not responsible for any lost or stolen.

Behavioral Expectations

- Campers will avoid using any profane or inappropriate language during camp, written or verbal.
- Campers will not harass, bully, or intimidate other campers/staff. Hazing is strictly prohibited.
- Campers should notify camp staff of any known late arrivals or early dismissals from camp prior to the session start date.
- Due to limited parking availability, campers having a vehicle at camp is discouraged. Campers needing to park a vehicle for the duration of camp should contact Transportation Services (608-263-6666) at least 2 weeks prior to the session start date in order to purchase a valid parking pass. Vehicle keys must be handed to the Camp Director. Badger Sports Camps is not responsible for any parking tickets you receive during camp.
- Campers will not possess/consume any illegal substances (drugs, alcohol, etc.) while at camp. Nor will campers bring any dangerous objects (lethal weapons, lighters, fireworks, etc.) to camp.
- Campers will not damage or steal the University's, or any other campers', personal property while attending camp. This includes tampering with any safety/security equipment (ex: fire alarms).
- Campers will not permit any unauthorized or unknown individuals into the camp dorm building.

While unacceptable conduct is not anticipated, if camp staff has reason to believe a violation of any camp rule or expectation has occurred, this could result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from camp. Refunds will not be issued if campers are dismissed for disciplinary reasons.