



# WISCONSIN VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

## Confirmation Packet: All-Skills Camp - June 12-13 (GRADES 7-8)

Thank you for registering to attend our 2025 Bucky All-Skills Volleyball Camp! We look forward to hosting you in Madison this year! Please refer to this confirmation packet if you have any questions.

### Overall Camp Information

Check-In: 9:30am-9:55am at Gate C of the UW Field House

Camp Opening/Start: 10:00am at the UW Field House

Camp Check-Out/Closing: 3:25pm-3:30pm at the UW Field House

#### Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup>

9:30am-9:55am

10:00am-10:05am

10:05am-12:25pm

12:25pm-1:15pm

1:15pm-3:30pm

3:30pm

Camper Check-In (*Field House*)

Camp Opening (*Field House*)

Training Session

Lunch (Camper Brought)

Training Session

Camper Checkout (*Field House*)

#### Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>

9:30am-9:55am

10:00am-12:25pm

12:25pm-1:15pm

1:15pm-3:25pm

3:25pm

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Camper Check-In (*Field House*)

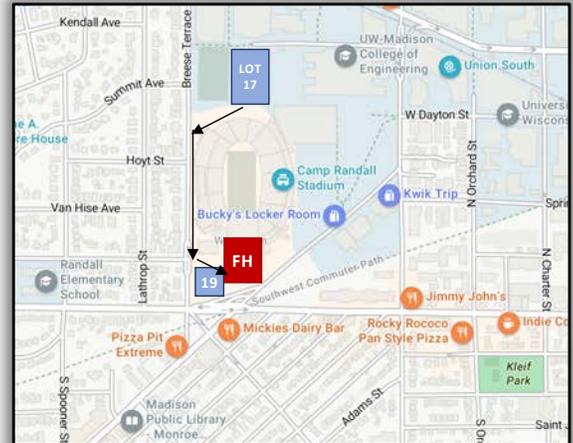
Training Session

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Camp Closing (*Field House*)

Camper Checkout (*Field House*)



**IMPORTANT:** Campers and their parent(s) must officially check-in/check-out for each day of camp. To do so, our staff will have individuals at Gate C that all campers must see before starting and ending camp. If leaving early or arriving late, please contact Badger Sports Camps prior to camp to make arrangements. Camper safety is important to our staff, so please make sure to come inside the Field House for drop-off and pick-up.

**What to Bring:** All campers should bring the following items: athletic attire (gym shoes, shirt, and shorts), kneepads, a refillable water bottle, and their lunch. Lunch is not provided at the All-Skills camp, so campers will need to bring their lunch with them to camp. Campers will be eating their lunch on-campus near the facility of their morning and afternoon training sessions, however, we ask campers to bring their food with them and not have food delivered.

**Spectators:** Parents are welcome to stay and watch all on-court aspects of camp. Camp sessions will take place on campus in the [UW Field House](#) and the [Nicholas Recreation Center](#).

**Parking and Entrance Information:** Hourly parking is available in Lot 17, one block away from the Field House. Lot 17 is a short 8-10 minute walk to the Field House. Parking is at the discretion of the attendee.

**Camp Store:** A camp store will be open during check-in and check-out for campers and their families to purchase Wisconsin Volleyball apparel and volleyball-related gear! Credit cards are preferred for purchase.

For registration, account information, or if you will no longer be able to attend, please contact us directly at Badger Sports Camps at [badgercamps@athletics.wisc.edu](mailto:badgercamps@athletics.wisc.edu)



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Campers & Parents,

Thank you for signing up for our Wisconsin Volleyball Camps this summer. We are excited and looking forward to this - and hopefully you are as well! This is quite an endeavor. Over the course of two months, we will have approximately 2,300+ campers from 20+ states and other parts of the world. We will have more than 95 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 be 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 as a player and individual. Our coaches will push them to work hard and encourage them to get out of their comfort zone, while maintaining a positive and supportive approach. I hope you understand why we feel this is the best approach for a 2-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 detailed packet that includes 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. Based on their summer schedules, we additionally have some of the Badger Volleyball players work the camps as well while they are in school. We know campers love having them around, and unfortunately not every court will have a current player on it.

**Court Assignments:** This is the topic that receives the most questions prior to and 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. For our All-Skills camp, we will be organizing the campers by age/grade and then their experience level. We 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 evaluation in order to find out every campers' abilities. What we are trying to do, is to give every camper the best opportunity to learn new things. I encourage you and your camper to commit themselves to 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 do not take requests regarding court assignments.



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**Safety First:** We will have many staffers that will be coaching with us, 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 camps to assist with minor injuries or illnesses.

**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 allow your daughter/son to attend. We are going to do everything we can to help make it a great experience for them!

GO BADGERS!

Kelly

