



WISCONSIN VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

Confirmation Packet: Badger Camp – July 5-6

Thank you for registering to attend our 2025 Badger 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: 1:15pm-2:15pm at LaBahn Arena Concourse

**Enter from East Campus Mall*

Camp Opening: 2:30pm at the Nicholas Johnson Pavilion (NJP)

Camp Closing: 3:30pm at the Nicholas Johnson Pavilion (NJP)

Saturday July 5th

1:15PM Camper Check-In (*LaBahn Arena*)

2:30PM Camp Opening (*NJP*)

2:35PM Travel to Session

2:45PM On-Court Session

4:45PM Travel to Dinner

5:00PM Dinner

5:45PM Travel to Session

6:00PM On-Court Session

8:00PM Travel to Pickup

8:15PM Camper Pickup (*NJP*)

Sunday July 6th

9:00AM Camper Dropoff (*NJP*)

9:30AM Day 2 Opening (*NJP*)

9:35AM Travel to Session

9:45AM On-Court Session

11:45AM Travel to Lunch

12:00PM Lunch

12:45PM Travel to Session

1:00PM On-Court Session

3:15PM Travel to Closing (*NJP*)

3:30PM Camp Closing (*NJP*)



Spectators: Parents are welcome to stay and watch all on-court aspects of camp. Camp sessions will take place on campus in the [Nicholas Johnson Pavilion](#) (attached to Kohl Center), the [UW Field House](#), and the [Nicholas Recreation Center](#). Due to distances between facilities, campers may take short bus rides to their facilities to maximize court time.

Parking and Entrance Information: Hourly parking is available in Lot 46, one block away from the Kohl Center area. Lot 46 is a short 5 minute walk to the Nicholas Johnson Pavilion. Parking is at the discretion of the attendee as parking may be limited on campus.

Residence Hall/Meals: Campers will have meals on-campus at the [Gordon Avenue Market](#). *Have special dietary needs? Go [HERE](#) for more information.*



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What to Bring: All campers should bring the following items:

Shoes	Socks	Spandex/Shorts
T-Shirts	Kneepads	Gym Bag
Water Bottle	Spending Money for Camp Store (credit only)	

Drop-Off and Pickup: Badger Camp is an all-commuter camp, and campers should be dropped off and picked up at the Nicholas Johnson Pavilion. Our camp staff will check them in at the beginning of each day. After, they will be joining their group to begin and end each day. Camp will begin promptly after drop off in the morning, so please make sure to be on time as many times we will be boarding a bus to start camp to go to our first sessions. Being on time is extremely critical for our camp.

Schedule:	Pickup on July 5 th – 8:15pm (Nicholas Johnson Pavilion)
<i>(Outside of Opening/Closing)</i>	Dropoff on July 6 th – 9:00am (Nicholas Johnson Pavilion)

Late Arrivals/Early Pickup/No Shows: Any campers who will be arriving late, leaving early, or are no longer able to attend must contact us by email at badgercamps@athletics.wisc.edu to coordinate your camper's schedule. This may involve being dropped off/picked up from a facility other than the Nicholas Johnson Pavilion depending on the time/day of camp. Please let us know if your camper will not be coming on any day of camp.

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 required 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



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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 2,200+ 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.

Court Assignments: This is the topic that receives the most questions and phone calls 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. 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 or 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 leadership discussions, film sessions to improve volleyball IQ, goal setting, managing stressful competitive environments, Q&A with the Badgers, etc. We love the feedback we receive 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, 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 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 attend. We are going to do everything we can to help make it a great experience for them!



GO BADGERS!
Kelly