



# WISCONSIN VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

## Confirmation Packet: Badger Experience Camp – July 7-9

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

### **Camp Check-In and Skills Testing Information**

Check-In: Monday, July 7, from 9:30am-12:45pm

*Part 1:* Official Check-In at [Sellery Hall](#) - 821 W. Johnson Street, Madison, WI 53706

*Part 2:* Skills Testing after Part 1 across the street at [Nicholas Recreation Center](#) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

After campers check-in at Sellery Hall, they will proceed directly to the Nicholas Recreation Center to perform a short 15 minute skills testing. After completing both items, campers will then have time to put their gear in the dorms if they are a resident camper.

With the amount of campers that attend our Badger Camps we are suggesting campers with the following grades to check-in during the time frames listed below. You are welcome to check-in any time in the overall check-in window, however, we are trying to limit the congestion of the check-in.

***Entering Grades 8-9 in Fall '25 – Preferred check-in time of 9:30am – 11:00am***

***Entering Grades 10-12 in Fall '25 – Preferred check-in time of 11:00am – 12:30pm***

A few years ago we made an adjustment to our check-in process to streamline and improve the process of getting campers into groups that fit their level of play without taking sessions away from camp. To do so, we will be holding our testing/evaluation portion of our camp as a part of your check-in process. Please come prepared for volleyball activities when arriving for check-in. You will only need your volleyball gear to check-in and you can grab your bags for the dorms after you complete the process. The overall process should take approximately 25 minutes total so please give yourself enough time to complete this and getting into your room (resident campers). We ask all campers to please start arriving at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Nicholas Recreation Center by 2:00pm for our opening at 2:15pm as we will be getting the campers into their groups as they arrive for the camp opening. Campers will be with their families until arriving for the camp opening.

### **Camp Opening**

Monday, July 7, 2:15pm in the [Nicholas Recreation Center](#) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

*\*Reminder, lunch is not provided on Day 1 of Camp. First camper meal will be dinner on Day 1.*

### **Camp Closing and Check-Out**

Wednesday, July 9, 4:00pm at the Nicholas Recreation Center – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Check-Out will occur directly after the Closing. For Resident campers, you will check-out from Sellery Hall from 4:15pm-5:15pm after the closing. ***You must return your keys*** during check-out or you will be charged a lost key fee. Commuter campers will be dismissed directly from the closing.

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



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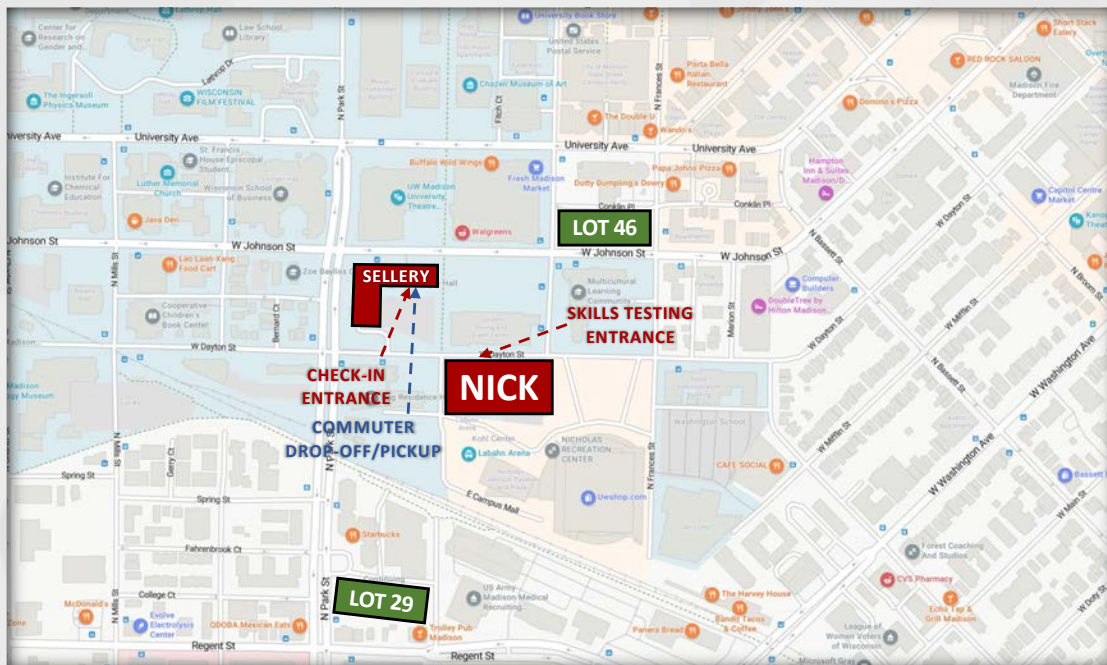
**Spectators:** Parents and/or guardians are welcome to watch all on-court aspects of camp, however, due to the facilities used during camp and the limited viewing space, please be aware at some locations this may not be feasible. All on-court aspects of camp will take place at the following facilities: the UW Field House, the Nicholas Johnson Pavilion, the Nicholas Recreation Center, Madison West HS, and Hamilton MS. Please be aware that campers will be bused between facilities throughout camp to maximize on-court time.

**Parking:** We are recommending families pay to park in one of the on-campus parking garages or city parking garages during check-in/check-out. There is a small “drop off zone” for cars to unload camper gear outside Sellery Hall, however, spaces are extremely limited. Parking is at the discretion of the attendee as parking may be limited on campus so please plan accordingly. More information on parking can be found here:

<https://transportation.wisc.edu/>

**Drop-Off and Pickup:** Commuter campers should be dropped off and picked up at Sellery Hall. A camp staff member will check them in/out each day. After, they will be joining their group to begin and end each day. Camp will begin shortly 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.

Commuter Schedule:                      Pickup on July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> – 8:30pm (Sellery Hall)  
(Outside of Opening/Closing)       Dropoff on July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:30am (Sellery Hall)



**Camp Store:** A camp store will be open during check-in, at nights in the dorms, and at check-out for campers and their families to purchase Wisconsin Volleyball apparel and volleyball-related gear! The camp store will only accept credit cards.



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## **What to Bring:**

All campers should bring the following items:

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| Shoes                    | Personal Hygiene Supplies                           |
| Socks                    | Toiletries, Towels, Soap                            |
| Spandex/Shorts           | Shower Sandals                                      |
| T-Shirts                 | Any Medications                                     |
| Kneepads                 | Alarm Clock   |
| Gym Bag                  | Snacks  |
| Extra T-Shirts and Socks | Blanket for Dorm Room (rooms can get cold at night) |
| Water Bottle             | Spending Money for Camp Store (credit only)         |
| Sweatshirt for Dorms     |   |

Linens and pillows are provided by Housing services, however, we do recommend bringing your own pillow with a blanket for some comforts from home. Housing will place the linens at the end of each bed for the camper. With the summer temperatures outside and air conditioning in each individual room, rooms can become colder during the night.

**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](mailto:badgercamps@athletics.wisc.edu) to coordinate your camper's schedule. This may involve being dropped off/picked up from a facility other than Sellery Hall depending on the time/day of camp. Please let us know if your camper will not be coming on any day of camp.

**Cancellation Policy:** Our cancellation/refund policy can be found at <http://www.uwcamps.com/faq.aspx>.

*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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## PLANNED CAMP SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, JULY 7

9:30AM—12:45PM Check-In/Skills Evaluation (*Start: 9:30AM Grades 8-9      11:00AM Grades 10-12*)  
\*Official start: 2:15PM, be in Nicholas Recreation Center by 2:00PM (campers with families until opening)  
2:15PM Official Camp Opening and Groupings (Nicholas Recreation Center – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)  
2:30PM Travel to Session  
2:45PM On-Court Session  
4:45PM Travel to Dinner  
5:00PM Dinner  
6:00PM Travel to Session  
6:15PM On-Court Session  
8:15PM Travel to Dorms/Pickup  
8:30PM Dorm Meeting/Commuter Pickup (at Sellery Hall)  
10:00PM Lights Out

### TUESDAY, JULY 8 (WAVE SCHEDULE)

#### **Red Wave**

7:00AM Breakfast for Resident Campers  
7:30AM Commuter Dropoff (at Sellery Hall)  
7:45AM Travel to Session  
8:00AM On-Court Session  
10:00AM Travel to Off-Court Session  
10:15AM Walk to Off-Court Session  
10:30AM Off-Court Session  
11:15AM Lunch  
12:30PM Travel to On-Court Session  
12:45PM On-Court Session  
2:45PM Travel to Off-Court Session  
3:00PM Walk to Off-Court Session  
3:15PM Off-Court Session  
5:00PM Dinner  
6:00PM Travel to On-Court Session  
6:15PM On-Court Session  
8:15PM Travel to Dorms/Pickup  
8:30PM Dorms/Commuter Pickup (at Sellery Hall)  
10:00PM Lights Out

#### **White Wave**

8:00AM Breakfast  
8:30AM Travel to Off-Court Session  
8:45AM Off-Court Session  
9:30AM Walk to Bus  
9:45AM Travel to On-Court Session  
10:00AM On-Court Session  
12:00PM Travel to Lunch  
12:15PM Lunch  
1:30PM Off-Court Session  
2:15PM Walk to Bus  
2:30PM Travel to On-Court Session  
2:45PM On-Court Session  
4:45PM Travel to Dinner  
5:00PM Dinner  
6:00PM Travel to On-Court Session  
6:15PM On-Court Session  
8:15PM Travel to Dorms/Pickup  
8:30PM Dorms  
10:00PM Lights Out

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 (WAVE SCHEDULE IN AM)

#### **Red Wave**

7:00AM Breakfast for Resident Campers  
7:30AM Commuter Dropoff (at Sellery Hall)  
7:45AM Travel to Session  
8:00AM On-Court Session  
10:00AM Travel to Off-Court Session  
10:15AM Walk to Off-Court Session  
10:30AM Off-Court Session  
11:15AM Lunch

#### **White Wave**

8:00AM Breakfast  
8:30AM Travel to Off-Court Session  
8:45AM Off-Court Session  
9:30AM Walk to Bus  
9:45AM Travel to On-Court Session  
10:00AM On-Court Session  
12:00PM Travel to Lunch  
12:15PM Lunch

#### *\*Camp Back Together*

1:15PM Travel to On-Court Session  
1:30PM On-Court Session  
3:45PM Travel to Camp Closing  
4:00PM Camp Closing (Nicholas Recreation Center)  
4:15PM Dorm Check-Out



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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 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 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 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 attend. We are going to do everything we can to help make it a great experience for them!



GO BADGERS!  
Kelly