

Confirmation Packet: Overnight Team Camp - July 11-13

Thank you for registering to attend our 2025 Overnight Team 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

Friday, July 11, from 12:00pm-1:30pm <u>Sellery Hall</u> - 821 W. Johnson Street, Madison, WI 53706

### **Camp Opening**

Friday, July 11, 2:30pm in the <u>Nicholas Recreation Center</u> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor \*Reminder, lunch is not provided on Day 1 of Camp. First meal will be dinner on Day 1.

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

Sunday, July 13, 4:00pm at the Nicholas Recreation Center – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Check-Out will occur directly after the Closing at the Nicholas Recreation Center. Campers will be dismissed from the camp closing and resident campers must check-out of their rooms at Sellery Hall. All keys must be returned prior to departure.

**Early Arrival (on July 10**<sup>th</sup>): If your program has paid for the early arrival, we please ask that your teams arrive to the front desk of Sellery Hall between the hours of 5:30pm-9:00pm on that day. You will be checking into your camp rooms only at this time so please be aware you will still need to officially check into camp at 12:00pm on the next day. No meals are provided with the early arrival.

Late Departure (on July 14<sup>th</sup>): If your program has paid for a late departure, we please ask that you check out of your room and front desk of Sellery Hall between 8:00am-9:30am.

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

**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 <a href="UW Field House">UW Field House</a>, the <a href="Camp Randall Sports Center">Camp Randall Sports Center</a>, the <a href="Nicholas Recreation Center">Nicholas Recreation Center</a>, <a href="Bakke Recreation & Wellbeing Center">Bakke Recreation & Wellbeing Center</a>, and <a href="Madison West HS">Madison</a> West HS. Please be aware that campers will be bused between facilities throughout camp to maximize camp session times.

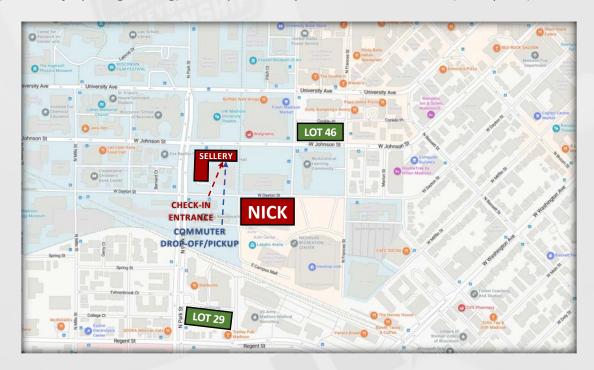
<u>Parking</u>: We are recommending families pay to park in one of the on-campus parking garages or city parking garages during check-in/check-out. There is a small "drop off zone" for cars to unload camper gear outside Sellery Hall, however, spaces are extremely limited. Parking is at the discretion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



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<u>Drop-Off and Pickup</u>: 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> – 8:30pm (Sellery Hall) (Outside of Opening/Closing) Dropoff on July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:30am (Sellery Hall)



<u>Late Arrivals/Early Pickup/No Shows</u>: Any campers who will be arriving late, leaving early, or are no longer able to attend must contact us by email at <u>badgercamps@athletics.wisc.edu</u> 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.

<u>Camp Store:</u> 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 accept credit cards only.



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## What to Bring:

All campers should bring the following items:

Sweatshirt for Dorms

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)

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.

Team Camp Theme Days: Over the past years, we started a t-shirt theme for each day of camp to bring all of the teams attending together individually and with our camp. This idea has been a huge hit and we'd like to continue it at this year's camp! Below is the day by day themes so that your team (and your captains) can coordinate together on what they'd like to wear for the days of camp. We don't intend this to add any additional costs, so please do not feel that you need to purchase anything additional/specific for camp. We wanted to make sure to provide broad themes that would be easily done by all team members without the need to feel that they have to add to their camp fees.

- **Day 1**: Wisconsin Camp Shirt (each player will receive a camp shirt at check-in)
- **Day 2**: Badger Color Day (each team can pick a Badger color that the whole team wears; this could be Red, White, Black, or Grey)
- Day 3: Team/School Color Day (this is our competition day, so time to show your school pride!)

Cancellation Policy: Our cancelation/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 <a href="mailto:badgercamps@athletics.wisc.edu">badgercamps@athletics.wisc.edu</a>.



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### PLANNED CAMP SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAY, JULY 11

10:45AM HS Coaches Meeting (HS Coach only, if able to attend)

12:00PM Check-In (at Sellery Hall)

2:30PM Official Camp Opening (at Nicholas Recreation Center – 3rd Floor)

2:40PM 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

### SATURDAY, JULY 12 (WAVE SCHEDULE IN AM/AFTERNOON)

#### 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

\*Full Camp Back Together

6:00PM Travel to Session

6:15PM On-Court Session

8:15PM Travel to Dorms/Pickup

8:30PM Dorms/Commuter Pickup

10:00PM Lights Out

## **SUNDAY, JULY 13**

7:00AM Breakfast for Resident Campers

7:30AM Commuter Dropoff (at Sellery Hall)

7:45AM Meet with Team

8:00AM Camp Meeting

8:15AM Travel to Session

8:30AM Competition Session

11:00AM Travel to Lunch

11:15AM Lunch

12:30PM Travel to Session

12:45PM Competition Session

3:45PM Travel to Closing

4:00PM Closing (Nicholas Recreation Center)

4:15PM Dorm Check-Out for Resident Campers

#### 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



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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.

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!



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**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