

Elmer G Biddick

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GRANT APPLICATION

***Must be received in our office on or before the due dates below**

Due Dates April 15th and October 15th

Date: 04/13/2015

Name of Organization (must match IRS 501(c)(3) designation) Wisconsin Badger Camp, Inc.

Address PO Box 723

City, State, Zip Platteville, WI 53818

Phone 608-348-9689

Person Responsible for the Grant Kayla Leibfried

Position in the Organization Development Director

Organization's Purpose Wisconsin Badger Camp's mission is to serve adults & children with developmental disabilities through quality outdoor recreational experiences. Campers are welcome at WBC regardless of the severity of disability or inability to pay.

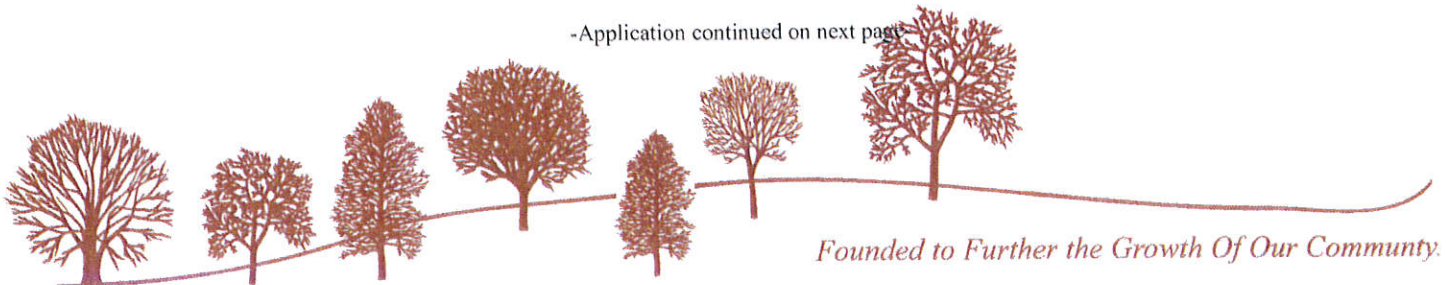
This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ 5,000

Describe the reason for this grant request in the space below:

This grant request is for our campership Program, an ongoing program that provides financial assistance to individuals with developmental disabilities to wish to attend WBC but may not have any or all of the funds to do so.

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Founded to Further the Growth Of Our Community.

Attachments to this grant that we find useful in considering your grant request.

- A. Supporting information.
 - 1. Specific use of grant.
 - 2. Time schedule.
 - 3. Other sources of funding.
 - 4. Describe the effect of postponing your request to another time.
 - 5. Describe who, when, how and where will the effects of this grant be felt.

- B. Your organization's history, activities, services, and composition. (Videos are of limited use.)

Applications are considered in June and December of each year. The corresponding deadlines are April 15th and October 15th. Concise grants that address the needed information are appreciated.

PLEASE SEND THIS APPLICATION TO ELMER G BIDDICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:

Biddick, Inc.
11623 State Road 80
Livingston, WI 53554
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Supporting Information:

1. This grant will go directly to the Campership Program for Grant County campers.
2. 2015 camp season June 7, 2015 – August 14, 2015
3. No confirmed funding for Grant County Camperships at this time.
4. The effect of postponing this request to a different time will require us to solicit funding from other sources or fundraising to support our Grant County campers.
5. Individuals with developmental disabilities ages 3-93 from Grant County will be directly affected by this grant by allowing them to attend our 2015 summer programming regardless of their financial situation. An experience they might not have a change to do otherwise.

Organization Description:

Individuals with developmental disabilities have traveled to southwest Wisconsin for over 45 years to experience high-quality outdoor programming that is tailored to meet their needs. Our camper to staff ratio of 2:1 allows us to provide challenging activities while still focusing on safety. Each summer, over 60 staff members are hired to work closely with campers to provide new experiences and accomplish new goals. Activities such as camping, fishing, swimming, hayrides, and nature study are designed to encourage participation and allow individuals to realize their full potential.

Founded in 1966, Wisconsin Badger Camp was designed to give people of all abilities the same type of opportunities in the outdoors as their peers. Wisconsin Badger Camp strives to limit the boundaries that are sometimes associated with individuals with developmental disabilities. That is why individuals are welcome to camp regardless of age, gender, geographic location, severity of disability, or financial situation.

This past summer Wisconsin Badger Camp hosted 892 individuals with disabilities from 52 counties in Wisconsin and 5 other states. This includes 42 individuals from Grant County. Wisconsin Badger Camp is one of the few places individuals can go to experience outdoor activities regardless of the severity of their disability or financial situation. Each camper participates in programs that help them gain self-confidence, determination, and a stronger understanding of their abilities. These experiences are made possible, in large part, because of the generosity of individuals, civic organizations, businesses, foundations, and communities.

Campership Program Summary:

Individuals and families of those who attend Badger Camp are frequently on a limited and/or fixed income. They often save up money throughout the year to pay for all or part of their camp fee for the following summer. Parents, caregivers, and other family members are sometimes able to support some of this fee. If these options are not possible, the camper can request financial assistance and Badger Camp will turn to the Campership Program to secure the funds necessary to pay the remaining balance of the camp fee.

Our Campership Program is an ongoing initiative that was established to help provide financial assistance to individuals with developmental disabilities that wish to attend the outdoor

recreational programming that Wisconsin Badger Camp provides but could not afford to pay the camp fee. The Campership Program ensures campers the opportunity to attend Wisconsin Badger Camp regardless of whether or not they can afford any or all of the requested camp fee. Campers and families can request full or partial camperships and Wisconsin Badger Camp offers a campership to any individual that requests one. In over 45 years of operation, Wisconsin Badger Camp has never turned a camper away due to their inability to pay

Project Budget:

The number of campers attending Wisconsin Badger Camp from each county or state stays relatively consistent from year to year. Likewise, the amount of financial assistance is proportionate. The amount of the projected assistance needed in 2015 for Grant County residents will stay close to the amount needed in 2014.

County	Number of Campers	Assistance Needed
Grant	42	\$16,000

Other Sources of Support:

Wisconsin Badger Camp works closely with many organizations to provide services to individuals with disabilities. Financial support is given from sources such as The Capital Times Kids Fund, JCI Wisconsin, Ladish Foundation, and the Patrick and Anna M. Cudahy Fund. Other individuals, civic organizations, and businesses also make private contributions throughout the year to help campers attend camp, this year and for future years as well.

The demand of the program and the policy of accepting everyone who wishes to attend results in an annual challenge to secure all of the funds necessary to meet the financial needs of each camper. It is for this reason that Badger Camp actively participates in numerous special event fundraising activities throughout the year, such as the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Christmas Telethon and the Southwest Wisconsin State Employees Golf Outing. Along with special events, Wisconsin Badger Camp actively writes grants to foundations for the Campership Program.

Badger Camp also works with agencies that provide residential care for people with disabilities to give their residents a chance to experience a quality summer vacation. Facilities such as Orchard Manor (Lancaster), Bethesda Lutheran Homes (Watertown), REM Wisconsin, Inc. (Dane & Columbia Counties), CLC, Inc. (Dane County), and Lori Knapp, Inc. (Crawford, Fond du Lac, Richland, & La Crosse Counties) are just a few of the residential facilities with which Badger Camp collaborates resources.

It is important to note that family and caregivers also benefit from the week of vacation and quality programming Wisconsin Badger Camp offers their loved ones. A week of camp gives those parents and caregivers respite and an opportunity to dedicate time to other family members or themselves. Wisconsin Badger Camp is proud that parents and caregivers are confident that Badger Camp offers safe and enjoyable activities to their loved ones during this time of rest and relaxation for themselves.

Project Outcome:

Wisconsin Badger Camp's goal for the Campership Program is to meet every request for financial assistance. In 45 years Wisconsin Badger Camp has never turned a camper away due to their financial situation. The Campership Program provides individuals with developmental disabilities the opportunity to experience quality outdoor recreational activities regardless of their financial situation. In the future the Campership Program will continue to be funded through donations from foundations, grants, special event fundraisers, individuals, and organizations.

The cost to host one camper for a week is over \$900. Because Badger Camp strives to make its services affordable to everyone, we only ask for a camp fee of \$700, if financially possible. We realize that this still may create some financial hardships, which is why we continue the Campership Program. In 2014 Wisconsin Badger Camp provided \$329,825 in financial assistance to campers and their families.

Wisconsin Badger Camp would like to invite the Elmer G Biddick Foundation to join in the effort to give Grant County residents the opportunity to attend camp in 2015 by making a contribution of \$5,000 toward the Wisconsin Badger Camp Campership Program. This gift would help people with disabilities in your community experience many activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, nature study, hayrides, and simply having fun with friends. Thank you for your time and consideration of our request. Support recognition will be noted in the annual newsletter and press releases to local newspapers.

Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury
P. O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date: September 25, 2003

Wisconsin Badger Camp, Inc.
P.O. Box 723
Platteville, WI 53818-0723

Person to Contact:

Jeremy L. Vogelpohl 31-03888
Customer Service Representative

Toll Free Telephone Number:

8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST
877-829-5500

Fax Number:

513-263-3756

Federal Identification Number:

39-1097398

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your request of September 17, 2003 regarding your organization's tax-exempt status.

In October 1970 we issued a determination letter that recognized your organization as exempt from federal income tax. Our records indicate that your organization is currently exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Based on information subsequently submitted, we classified your organization as one that is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because it is an organization described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

This classification was based on the assumption that your organization's operations would continue as stated in the application. If your organization's sources of support, or its character, method of operations, or purposes have changed, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on the exempt status and foundation status of your organization.

Your organization is required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if its gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$20 a day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

All exempt organizations (unless specifically excluded) are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more paid to each employee during a calendar year. Your organization is not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, these organizations are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes.

Donors may deduct contributions to your organization as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to your organization or for its use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

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Your organization is not required to file federal income tax returns unless it is subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If your organization is subject to this tax, it must file an income tax return on the Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your organization's present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

Section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to make your organization's annual return available for public inspection without charge for three years after the due date of the return. The law also requires organizations that received recognition of exemption on July 15, 1987, or later, to make available for public inspection a copy of the exemption application, any supporting documents and the exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. Organizations that received recognition of exemption before July 15, 1987, and had a copy of their exemption application on July 15, 1987, are also required to make available for public inspection a copy of the exemption application, any supporting documents and the exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. For additional information on disclosure requirements, please refer to Internal Revenue Bulletin 1999 - 17.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your organization's exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it with the organization's permanent records.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

This letter affirms your organization's exempt status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John E. Ricketts".

John E. Ricketts, Director, TE/GE
Customer Account Services