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KAYLA that the grant request would
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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: 4/12/2016

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

Address P.O. 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

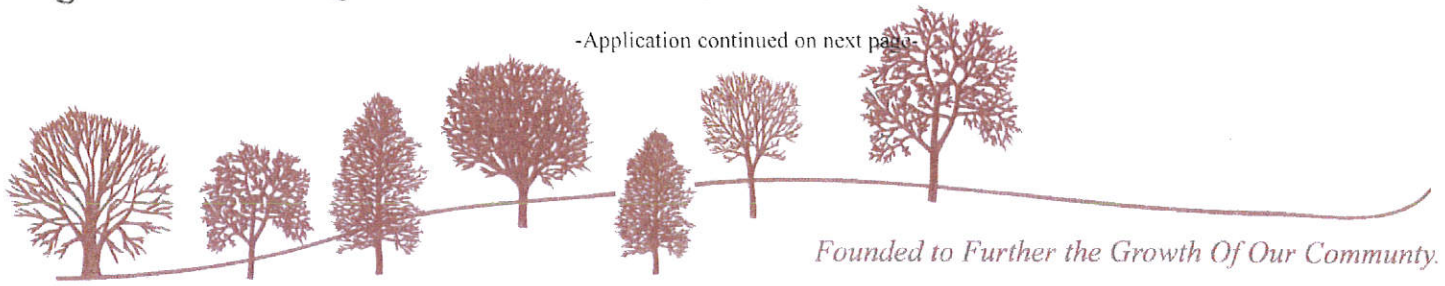
Organization's Purpose Wisconsin Badger Camp's mission is to serve adults & children with developmental disabilities through quality outdoor recreational activities. Campers are welcome regardless of the severity of their disability or inability to pay

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 \$ 3,000

Describe the reason for this grant request in the space below:
This grant request is for our Campership Program, an ongoing initiative that provides financial assistance to individuals with developmental disabilities who wish to attend Badger Camp but do not have any or all of the funds to do so. This request will benefit Iowa & Grant county campers.

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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:

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Supporting Information:

1. This grant will go directly to the Campership Program for Grant & Iowa County campers.
2. 2016 camp season is from June 12, 2016 – August 20, 2016.
3. No confirmed funding for Grant or Iowa 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 2016 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 50+ 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 64 individuals from Grant and Iowa 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 2016 for Grant and Iowa County residents will stay close to the amount needed in 2015.

County	Number of Campers	Assistance Needed
<i>Grant</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>\$19,850</i>
<i>Iowa</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>\$6,875</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>\$26,725</i>

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 50 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 \$1,000. 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 2015 Wisconsin Badger Camp provided over \$304,000 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 2016 by making a contribution of \$3,000 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.