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April 13, 2018

Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation
Brian Nodolf
11623 State Road 80
Livingston, WI 53554

Dear Mr. Nodolf,

Wisconsin Badger Camp proudly serves individuals with developmental disabilities by providing quality outdoor recreational activities. Last summer Wisconsin Badger Camp provided 892 individuals with the opportunity to experience camping, swimming, singing, dancing, hiking, fishing, and many other activities. All of our campers, including 68 individuals from Grant and Iowa Counties, came to camp regardless of their age, geographic location, severity of a disability, or ability to pay the camp fee.

Wisconsin Badger Camp offers many activities in which campers might not otherwise participate. The excitement of setting up your own tent, cooking your own dinner, canoeing a river, or riding a horse are experiences like no other. Our camper to staff ratio of 2:1 allows us to provide challenging, nature-based activities while still focusing on the safety of our campers. Approximately 60 program staff members are hired each summer and work closely with campers to provide new experiences and accomplish new goals.

The cost to host a camper for one week at Wisconsin Badger Camp is now over \$1,000, though we only request a camp fee of \$800. In 2017, Wisconsin Badger Camp received a greater request for financial assistance from campers than ever before, with 68 Grant and Iowa County campers requesting and receiving \$36,050 in financial assistance to attend camp. The Elmer G. Biddick Foundation can help shape and improve the experience for Grant and Iowa County campers through a grant of \$2,000 to the Campership Program. The Campership Program ensures campers the opportunity to attend Wisconsin Badger Camp regardless of whether or not they can financially support any or all of the requested camp fee.

A grant of \$2,000 to the Campership Program will continue to positively affect the lives of campers from Grant and Iowa Counties who want to attend Wisconsin Badger Camp in 2018. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Brent Bowers
Executive Director
WISCONSIN BADGER CAMP, Inc.



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: April 13, 2018

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

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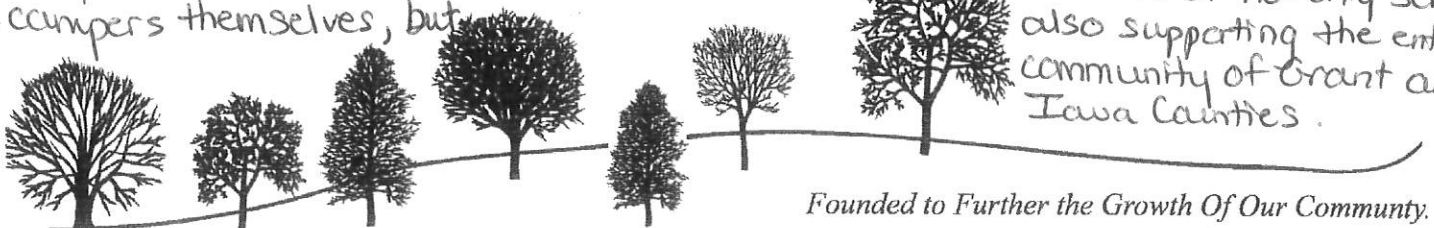
Position in the Organization Development Director

Organization's Purpose Wisconsin Badger Camp's Mission is to serve individuals with developmental disabilities (adults and children) by providing quality outdoor recreational experiences.

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 \$ 2,000

Describe the reason for this grant request in the space below: Wisconsin Badger Camp is requesting this grant in order to financially assist campers from Grant and Iowa Counties through our Campership Program. The Campership Program allows any individual the opportunity to attend Wisconsin Badger Camp regardless of their ability to financially support the camp fee. A contribution by the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation would not only directly support the 68 or more campers from Iowa and Grant Counties, but would also provide an indirect service by providing time off for those who care for these individuals on a regular basis. This grant request carries the dual intention of not only serving the campers themselves, but also supporting the entire community of Grant and Iowa Counties.



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:

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Elmer G. Biddick Grant Application Attachments

A. Supporting Information

1. Specific use of grant.

Wisconsin Badger Camp offers ten-weeks of summer camp programming where campers of all ages take part in sessions dedicated to their specific age group. Eight weeks are available for adults, one week for teens, and one week for children. Well-trained staff, adaptable activities, and accessible program areas allow Badger Camp to offer individualized care. 892 campers attended camp in 2017, including 68 campers from Iowa and Grant Counties.

The cost of hosting an individual at camp for one week is over \$1,000. Badger Camp, through its fundraising efforts, offers anyone an opportunity to attend regardless of their ability to financially support the camp fee. As many campers remain on a fixed or limited income, additional financial assistance through the Campership Program remains vital to support campers. Wisconsin Badger Camp does not receive federal or state funding for its camp programming. Instead Wisconsin Badger Camp relies on private donations from individuals, organizations, service clubs, foundations, and grants for funding to support its Mission. The Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation can help financially support Grant and Iowa County campers who wish to attend camp this year.

2. Time schedule.

Wisconsin Badger Camp's 2018 camp session begins June 10th and will carry through until August 17th. Funding for the Campership Program is secured throughout the year to support campers for the upcoming camping season.

3. Other sources of funding.

Development and fundraising projects take place throughout the year to ensure that sufficient funds are obtained for the Campership Program. The 1966 Event, Valentine's Dance, golf outings and 20/20 raffles are the most successful fundraising events. We are also coordinating a new event for 2018 that includes an ATV/UTV ride in Grant County.

Badger Camp has a full schedule of private grants that it applies for annually. We also actively look to communities where campers reside for funding sources.

Through the financial support of individuals, organizations, and businesses, Badger Camp continues to welcome campers from 55 counties in Wisconsin and six other states.

4. Describe the effect of postponing your request to another time.

If this request were postponed to another time it would force Wisconsin Badger Camp to look for alternative support for campers with financial need that come from Grant and Iowa Counties. If Badger Camp was unable to find such support, we would not be able to offer Camperships for every camper from Grant and Iowa County that requests one. The grant from the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation remains an important funding possibility because it provides Camperships for adults and children with developmental disabilities that live in Iowa and Grant counties.

5. Describe who, when, how and where will the effects of this grant be felt.

Wisconsin Badger Camp exists solely to provide recreational programming to individuals with developmental disabilities. The goal to provide a positive, natural environment where campers learn more about their surroundings and realize their full potential remains constant for Wisconsin Badger Camp. Serving all ages, welcoming all types of disabilities, and providing financial assistance to anyone who asks qualifies Wisconsin Badger Camp as unique among many camps which serve individuals with developmental disabilities.

Badger Camp offers many exciting opportunities that have a positive effect on campers. The thrill of catching a fish, canoeing a river, or riding a horse is a wonderful experience. The camper to staff ratio of 2:1 allows Badger Camp to provide challenging activities while still focusing on safety. The 60 staff members hired each summer work closely with campers to provide new experiences and accomplish new goals with campers.

Each of Wisconsin Badger Camp's weeklong sessions host approximately 80 to 100 individuals. This can be a very exciting time for both parents and campers. Badger Camp offers high quality activities, while constantly holding safety concerns in the highest regard.

The campers from Iowa and Grant counties will feel the effect of this grant from the moment they pack their suitcase to when they hug their counselor goodbye on Friday when they depart.

B. Your organization's history, activities, services, and composition

Founded in 1966 by a group of concerned parents, teachers, and citizens, Wisconsin Badger Camp was designed to give people of all abilities the same types of opportunities in the outdoors as their peers. Badger Camp's Mission is to serve people with developmental disabilities by providing quality outdoor recreational experiences.

The first summer of Badger Camp welcomed 48 campers for a one-week session. The popularity and demand of the program quickly increased, resulting in Badger Camp offering two weeks the following year. Today, Wisconsin Badger Camp offers ten weeks of programming to individuals. One week is dedicated to children. One week is for teens and young adults and eight weeks are for adults. Badger Camp also offers a two-week session for adults looking for an extended retreat.

Our camper to staff ratio of 2:1 allows us to provide challenging activities while still focusing on safety. Approximately 60 staff members hired each summer work closely with campers to provide new experiences and accomplish new goals. Activities such as camping, horseback riding, canoeing, aerobic activity, dancing, music programming, fishing, swimming, hayrides, and nature study are adaptable and designed to encourage participation and allow individuals to realize their full potential.

Wisconsin Badger Camp strives to limit the boundaries that are sometimes associated with individuals with developmental disabilities. That is why individuals are welcome at camp regardless of age, gender, geographic location, severity of a person's disability, or financial situation. For many campers and caregivers it is gratifying to know that there is a place they can leave their worries behind and enjoy a week of fun.

Badger Camp focuses on providing unique and specialized programs for each individual that attends camp. Horseback riding, swimming, canoeing, music, and arts and crafts are just a few of the many well-designed programming elements that give Badger Camp its unique appeal. Adaptable programs such as these allow each camper an opportunity to experience something new and extraordinary for him or herself.

Wisconsin Badger Camp employs six full-time staff, and a volunteer Board of Directors. Please see the organizational flow chart for a more detailed explanation of the organization's composition.



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Employer Identification Number: 39-1097398
Person to Contact: Mr. McQueen
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your July 09, 2015, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in October 1970.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your 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.

Please refer to our website www.irs.gov/eo for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.