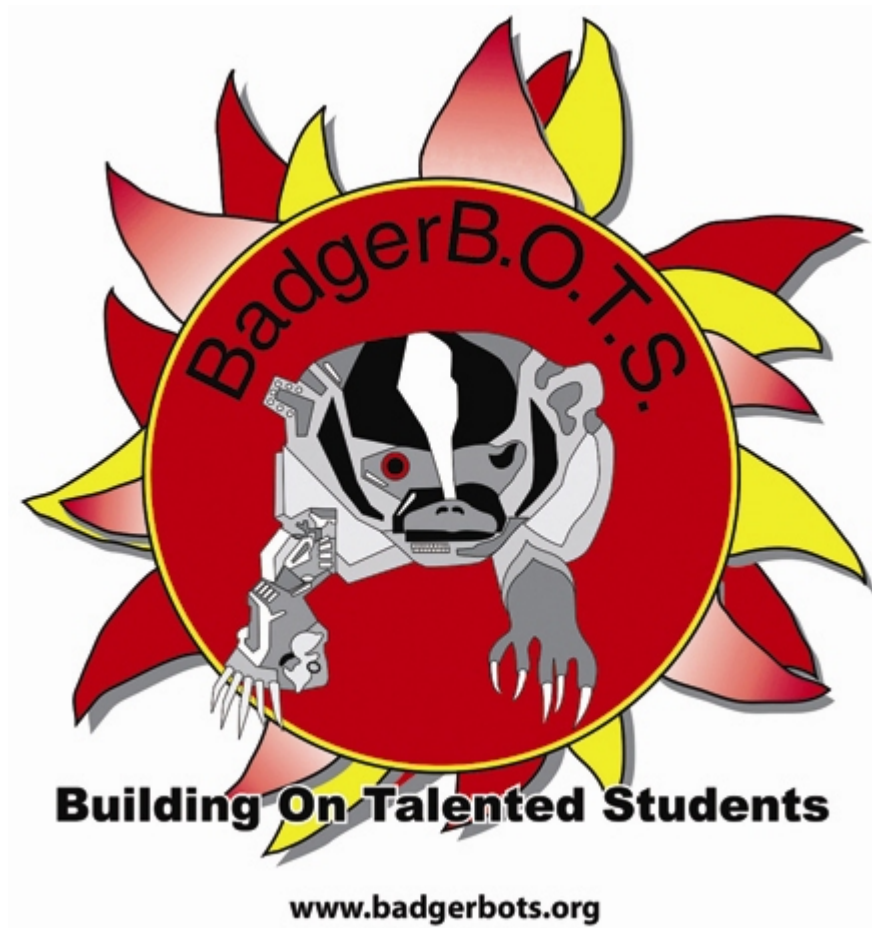


BadgerBOTS

Summer Robotics Day Camp



Parents Handbook

BadgerBOTS Robotics, Memorial High School, 201 S. Gammon Road, Madison, WI 53717
Benjamin J. Senson, Camp Director, 608-770-7367, bsenson@gmail.com



Contact Us:

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, or to report an absence, please contact our camp staff at the following.

Phone (Ben Senson): **608-770-7367 cellular**

Email: bsenson@madison.k12.wi.us

Mailing: Attn: Ben Senson, Memorial High School
201 S. Gammon Road, Madison, WI 53717

Additional Numbers: Memorial H.S. Main Office 608-663-5990

Camp Descriptions:

BadgerBOTS Robotics Day Camp offers four sessions... the annual theme may change from year to year. Our SPACE ADVENTURE takes campers out into space to explore a planetary surface, our PIRATE'S ADVENTURE camp takes their robots onto the high seas, and our KNIGHT'S ADVENTURE takes them back to medieval times. Campers spend the day camp building and programming robots to explore a planetary surface, establish a base camp, save the ship's captain, joust and much more. Depending on the theme for this year, similar challenges will be presented to your campers.

The BadgerBOTS Robotics Day Camp is a ten-day, fun filled, creative, team building, learning experience for children to attend during the summer break. Upper elementary and middle school age children will form into research and development teams to solve difficult challenges by designing, building, programming, and testing robots using the LEGO robotics components. Children will have a great time while they learn about mechanical design, computer programming, project management, and teamwork. Most of their work will be done in teams of two. The experience is enriched with visits to the planetarium to see how robots explore exotic and dangerous environments and possibly to local industry to see robots in action. The high school robotics competition team will also put on a demonstration of advanced challenges as found in the FIRST Robotics Competition. Each daily session will have a light snack with food and a beverage... please be certain to describe any dietary allergies or restrictions on your admissions forms. The camp culminates with a complex mission challenge and graduation celebration, parents are invited to attend.



Class Hours:

Morning Session:

Please drop off your child between 7:50 and 8:00 am each day.

Children must be picked up no later than 12:10 pm.

Afternoon Session:

Please drop off your child between 12:50 and 1:00 pm each day.

Children must be picked up no later than 5:10 pm.

Note that on fieldtrip days our camp schedule might be modified. We will send a note home with this schedule once camp begins.

Fieldtrip One: Scheduled day is pending, planetarium visit should fit regular schedule.

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Absences:

Please call 608-770-7367 after 7 am but before 8:00 am, or between Noon – 1 PM to report an absence.

If you leave a message, clearly state your child's full name. If we do not receive a message, we will try to confirm the absence by phone.

Sign In and Sign Out Procedures:

A parent or guardian, or other authorized individuals must sign each child in and out of the camp every day. The only people that your child can be released to are those listed on your information form. Note: Drop off and pick up people must be at least 16 years of age. If someone other than a parent/guardian will be picking up your child, please provide prior written notice. In an emergency, if no one on your list is able to pick up your child, you must call (608) 770-7367 to authorize someone else to pick up your child or send a signed note with the person picking up the child.

Walking, Biking, or Taking a Bus Home:

If you plan to have your child walk, bike, or ride a bus to and from camp, your child must be at least 11 years of age and you must notify the BadgerBOTics Camp staff in writing prior to the start of the camp session. Please ask for, or download, a Transportation Release Form for this purpose. Campers that are not prompt each day will lose this privilege. Campers must still sign in and out each day.

Late Pick-Up:

After 12:10 or 5:10 pm we will call the people you have authorized to pick-up your child. After 12:15 or 5:15 pm there will be a \$5 minimum charge with an additional \$5 per 5 minutes elapsed since that time. Repeated late pick-ups may result in termination from participation in the camp and a refund will not be given.

Illness or Injury at Camp:

If your child is ill or injured at camp, we will notify you as soon as is possible so that you can pick-up your child. If you are not available, we will call the people authorized to pick up your child. In an emergency, we will call 911 and emergency personnel.

Medications:

Medication will NOT be administered by camp staff. If your child requires medications during the camp session, a parent/guardian must be present to administer the medication.

Transfers, Refunds, and Cancellations:

Transfers to another camp session (morning to afternoon or vice versa) or to another child are allowed if the new session is available and you give written notice (email is preferred) and pay a \$15 administrative fee at least 10 days prior to the start of the sessions. If accepted, transfer requests within 10 days of a session have a \$25 administrative fee. If the transfer is due to our opening an additional session, there is no cost for the transfer.

*All tuition deposits and payments are **non-refundable** beginning 2 weeks prior to the start of the session.*

If a paid substitution from the waiting list can be made at least two weeks prior to the start of the session, you will receive a refund of your tuition less a \$25 administration fee. If a paid substitution from the waiting list is made within two weeks of the start of a session you will receive a refund of your tuition less a \$50 administration fee.

Bringing Stuff to Camp:

T-shirt... Every child receives a BadgerBOTS Camp t-shirt on one of the first days of the session. We recommend that campers wear their camp t-shirt for easy identification and to show camp spirit throughout the two week period. Laundering or hand washing is recommended at a regular interval during this time period. We will take a group photo on one of the first days with nice weather, please bring your t-shirt every day until the group photo is taken.

Do NOT bring... walkmans, mp3 players, video games, Pokemon or other trading card games, rollerblades, skates, toys, other LEGOs, etc. They are not allowed at the camp. Items will be confiscated and returned to the parents at the end of the day.

Valuables and Money... Please leave them at home. Please do NOT bring your own LEGO sets or parts. Please make certain that coats, hats, etc are clearly labeled with the name of your child. Camp staff will not be responsible for any valuables or money that is lost or stolen. To be safe, leave valuables and money at home.

Camp Rules:

Speak for yourself, not for others...

Listen sincerely; you learn more and others will do the same for you...

Give positive feedback and encouragement, no putdowns...

Participate in everything, you will learn so much more...

Show respect – always – you earn respect by giving it to others...

Be responsible for your actions, you want to be treated as a mature person... this is what they do.

Make sure that everyone is having fun!

If you have any question or concerns, please contact us immediately. Our entire staff is involved in the BadgerBOTS Camps because of our passion for the subject and interest in making your child's experience as positive, significant, and inspiring as is possible.



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