

BADGER BOYS STATE

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I prepare for a week on campus at UW-Eau Claire?

- The attire for the week is casual. Most students bring sports clothing and other summer attire. One pair of long pants is required, but it is also recommended to bring some slacks or pants in case of cooler weather. Layers are a great idea, as the temperature can fluctuate during the day, and you should be prepared in case of cooler temps or rain. There is no requirement for any dress clothing, as your Boys State t-shirt that is issued to you is your “formal wear.”
- The university will provide bedding, although, historically, students have been more satisfied bringing their own blanket, pillow, pillow case, and towel. Laundry facilities are available throughout the week (free of charge); detergent will also be available for students to use (please bring your own detergent if you have special laundry needs).

Can I leave campus while at Badger Boys State?

- No. Once the session begins on Sunday, we operate as a closed campus. We require that students remain on campus until the end of the session the following Saturday.
- Extenuating circumstances will be handled on a case-by-case basis. If there is a need for a student to leave campus for any reason, it will need to be approved by the Director of BBS.

May I leave the session early or arrive late?

- If there is a need for you to arrive late or leave early from the session, please contact the Director of BBS. Prior approval is required and will be reviewed on an individual basis. If you are arriving late, please have your parents contact the Director as early as possible prior to the session.

May parents visit campus during the session?

- Yes. Parents are welcome to attend any evening assembly. The most popular assembly is the Thursday night Inaugural Ceremony.

How much money should I bring?

- This is up to the discretion of the student and their parents. Vending machines are available for snacks and there is a convenience store on the ground floor of the dormitory towers.
- The BBS on-campus retail store sells BBS t-shirts, shorts, ball caps, sweatshirts, and other items; it will be open during the day and during select evening assemblies. You can review merchandise items beforehand by visiting the online storefront below. Note that the merchandise available on campus may differ from what is currently shown on the virtual store.
 - <https://shopbadgerboysstate.com>
 - Note on shipping from our online store: from April 1 – April 30 there is free shipping on orders over \$81, and from May 1 – May 31 you can opt to pick up your order on UW-Eau Claire’s campus (thus, avoiding shipping costs).

Is busing being offered?

- Yes, four bus routes will be offered for the 2024 session. Each bus will take students to UW-Eau Claire’s campus on Sunday, June 9, and return students to their original pick-up point on Saturday, June 15. General details of those routes are below (each with various pick-up points along the way):
 - Route 1: originating between Racine and Kenosha and traveling on I-94 to campus.

- Route 2: originating downtown Milwaukee and traveling on I-94 to campus.
- Route 3: originating between Janesville and Beloit and traveling on I-90/94 to campus.
- Route 4: originating west of Green Bay and traveling on Hwy 29 to campus.
- In the coming weeks, a registration email will be sent to each student who has registered for BBS (including the email of the primary caretaker, i.e., parent or guardian).
- Specific route details and timing will be included in that registration email.
- BBS wants to lower transportation barriers for students attending BBS. If, after receiving the bus registration email (distributed in the coming weeks), you are unable to secure a seat, please contact us via the means below and we will work with you on alternative transportation options.

Any additional questions or information prior to the session can be found at:

- Badger Boys State office: (608) 745-1090 or info@badgerboysstate.org
- General program information: www.badgerboysstate.org
- The Director of Badger Boys State – Bill Cosh: (608) 770-1282 or billcosh@hotmail.com