

2026 Sp

April 17-19, 2026

# SPRING GAMES



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# Agenda

- UWO Campus
- Tournament Central
- Dining / Concessions
- Housing
- Basketball Skills Competition
- 3v3 Basketball Competition
- Team Basketball Competition
- Swim Competition
- Health Activities
- Athlete Leader Activation Stations
- Opening Ceremony, Victory Village, Dance, Souvenirs
- Staying Safe



# Spring Games Logistics

<https://specialolympicswisconsin.org/springgames/>



# Volunteers Needed!

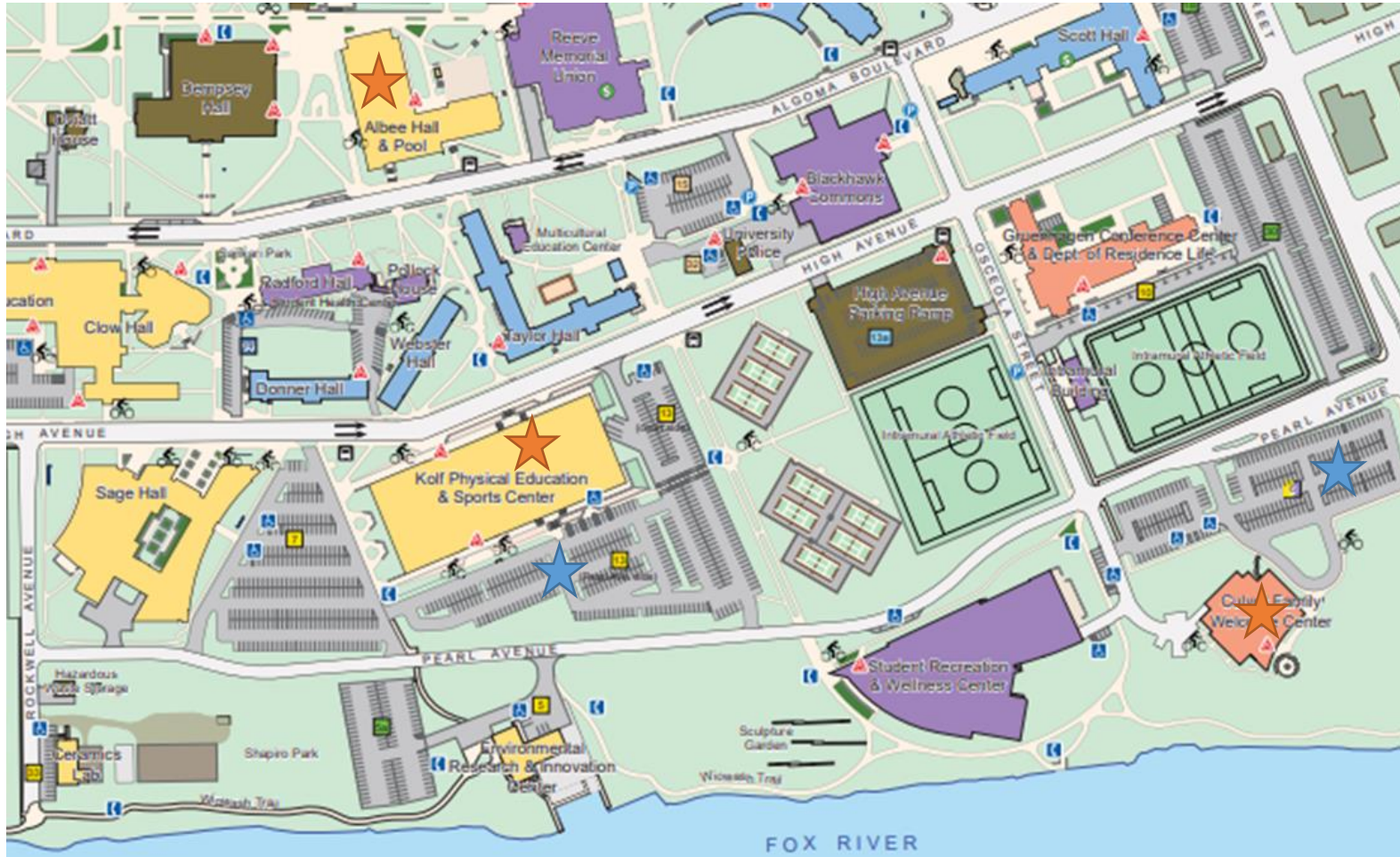
- We still need volunteers for all shifts over the weekend, if you or someone you know is able to help out, please have them register or they can walk up to the volunteer desk on the day. We will take volunteers for less time than the full shift where needed.
- Big needs:
  - Friday: Basketball Skills Volunteers & 3-on-3 Table Officials
  - Saturday & Sunday – Swim Volunteers

# Coaches Bags

- As part of our ongoing efforts for Coaches Appreciation, coaches bags have been purchased for ALL coaches who were certified at on 12/31/2025.
- Dave will have a spreadsheet with the total for each program, you can collect these at tournament central over the weekend.
- There will be extras.
- We will place a new order of bags after Spring Games for coaches who we still need to get bags for.

# UWO Campus Map

-  Facility
-  Parking





# Tournament Central

- Location: Upper Kolf
- Phone Number: (608) 442-5662
- Hours:
  - Friday, April 17: 2pm – 9:00pm
  - Saturday, April 18: 7:00am – 5:00pm
  - Sunday, April 19: 7:30am – 2:00pm
- Scratches @ Tournament Central





# Dining

All meals will take place at Blackhawk Commons besides Sunday Lunch (Kolf).

- Friday Dinner: 4:30pm – 6:30pm
- Saturday Breakfast: 6:30am – 8:30am
- Saturday Lunch: 10:30am – 1:30pm
- Saturday Dinner: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
- Sunday Breakfast: 6:30am – 8:30am
- Sunday Add-On Lunch @ Kolf
  - Kolf: 10:45am

## Meal Pass

- All delegates will receive meal cards at Tournament Central. Meal cards must be swiped to enter the Blackhawk dining area.
- For programs who have ordered the Sunday lunch add-on, you will be able to collect these from Tournament Central.

# Dining



- Remember that there will be many people to serve and a limited number of tables and chairs. Please encourage athletes to leave the dining room as soon as they finish eating. Be sure trays are removed from the tables when you are finished.
- It is requested that the groups not competing in the early morning events give priority to the groups that will be competing. For example, if your group does not compete until 9:00 a.m., do not plan to eat breakfast at 6:30 a.m.
- If you have a dietary restriction, inform the servers in line so they can make appropriate accommodations.



# Concessions

- Location: Upper Kolf
- Hours:
  - Friday, April 17 from 4:30pm – 9:00pm
  - Saturday, April 18 from 8:30am – 5:00pm
  - Sunday, April 19 from 8:00am – 2:00pm



# Questions?



# Spring Games Competition



# Basketball Skills Competition

- Location: Kolf Sports Center – Upper Level Fieldhouse
- Schedule: Friday, April 17
  - 5:45pm – Staging Begins (starts at Division 1 – wait until your division is called)
  - 6:00pm – Level 1 Competition Begins (Division 1 through Division 35)
  - Following Level 1 – Level 2 Competition Begins (Division 36 through Division 54)
- Awards to be presented immediately following the completion of each division by Court 4

# 3-on-3 Basketball Competition



- Location: Kolf Sports Center – Lower Level Gymnasium (Courts 5 & 6)
- Schedule: Friday, April 17 from 6:00pm to 9:30pm
- Three-team division will play each team once, playing two games in total
- Four-team divisions will play a round robin, playing three games
- Awards to be presented following the end of competition in the lobby outside of Lower Kolf



# Team Basketball

- Location: Kolf Sports Center (Courts 1-4 upstairs; Courts 5-6 downstairs)
- Arrive at your court 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time
  - Venue opens at 7:00 am on Saturday & Sunday
- Awards will begin after the conclusion of each division on Sunday next to upper Kolf Court 1

# Team Basketball



## Uniform Reminders:

- All players on a team must wear uniforms matching in cut, color, and style with legal numbers on the front and back
- Undershirts may be worn by some or all of the players, but must be identical in color & style if worn.
- Arm sleeves, knee sleeves or lower leg sleeves, may be worn. All undergarments/sleeves:
  - Must be black, white, beige, or the predominant color of the jersey. They can not be multi-colored.
  - Must be identical by team if worn
  - If a player wears an undergarment that extends below the bottom of the shorts. The undergarment must be black, white beige or the predominant color of the jersey. Compression must end at the knee
- Must wear flat rubber sole athletic shoes
- Full length tights will require special needs form



# Team Basketball



- **Full Court Press is allowed**
- Strongly encouraged to have a quick conversation with the opposing coaches and officials before your games on pressing and if they plan on pressing.
- Thank your officials
  - All licensed Wisconsin or Illinois basketball officials
  - Have a discussion with your officials before the game – may make modifications for lower ability teams



# Swimming

- Location: Albee Hall + Pool
- (schedule next slide)
- Team Camp/Awards/Pre-staging/Bathrooms upstairs in gym
- Competition/Warm-up/Staging/Spectator seating/Locker

Rooms downstairs in pool

- Heats have already been combined (A + B) divisions separated by 1 empty lane and awarded separately

- 25m races start from bulkhead (except 25m backstroke)
- Athletes CAN dive from bulkhead
- No starting blocks
- Please note that the Diving Well is available for Warm Ups



# Swimming

## Saturday, April 18

- 11:30am – 12:15pm (Warmups)
- 11:45am (Coaches Meeting)
- 12:30pm – 4:00pm

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

|         |                          |                 |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 11:30am | Warm-ups                 |                 |
| 12:30pm | 4x50m Medley Relay       | Divisions 1     |
|         | 100m Free                | Divisions 2-5   |
|         | 25m Free                 | Divisions 6-13  |
|         | 100m IM                  | Divisions 14-15 |
|         | 50m Backstroke           | Divisions 16-20 |
|         | 25m Butterfly            | Divisions 21-22 |
|         | 4x50m Free Relay         | Divisions 23-25 |
|         | 400m Free                | Divisions 26-27 |
|         | 4x25m Unified Free Relay | Divisions       |
|         | 15m Unassisted           | Divisions 28    |



# Swimming

Sunday, April 19



- 8:30am – 8:50am (Warmups)

## SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

- 9:00am – 12:00am

8:30am Warm-ups

|        |                    |                 |
|--------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 9:00am | 4x25m Medley Relay | Divisions 29    |
|        | 100m Breaststroke  | Divisions 30-31 |
|        | 100m Butterfly     | Divisions 32    |
|        | 100m Backstroke    | Divisions 33-35 |
|        | 50m Free           | Divisions 36-48 |
|        | 25m Breaststroke   | Divisions 49-50 |
|        | 200m Free          | Divisions 51-52 |
|        | 4x25m Free Relay   | Divisions 53-54 |
|        | 50m Breaststroke   | Divisions 55-57 |
|        | 50m Butterfly      | Divisions 58-60 |
|        | 25m Backstroke     | Divisions 61-65 |
|        | 4x100m Free Relay  | Divisions 66    |

# Questions?



# Spring Games Activities & Events



# Health Activities at Spring Games



**Performance Station:** 15-30 mins (not including wait times). Athletes compete at their best by connecting fitness to athletic performance. Athletes receive education in nutrition, hydration, physical activity and mental toughness. With improved overall fitness, everyone can improve his or her performance in sport and health, culminating in a better quality of life.

**When:** *Friday*, April 17, 2026 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

**Where:** *Kolf Sports Center (Upper Level)*

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# Health Activities at Spring Games



Saturday, April 18

All athletes with a current SOWI medical on file are invited to the screenings, even if they are not competing at Spring Games.



## FUNfitness

**When:** 10:00 am to 3:30 pm  
**Where:** Kolf Sports Center  
(Upper Level, Court 1)



## Healthy Hearing

**When:** 10:00 am to 3:30 pm  
**Where:** Kolf Sports Center  
(Lower Level, Rm 158)



## Special Smiles

**When:** 10:00 am to 3:30 pm  
**Where:** Kolf Sports Center  
(Upper Level)

Remote screen in Albee from  
12:30 pm – 3:30 pm



## Strong Minds

**When:** 10:00 am to 3:30 pm  
**Where:** Kolf Sports Center  
(Lower Level, Rm 135)

Remote screen in Albee from  
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm



## Mobile Audiology Clinic (MAC)

Athletes with a need identified during the Healthy Hearing screen will be referred for further testing, earwax removal and/or hearing aid check & cleaning. Anyone is welcome to come to the MAC to be screened. Located outside Kolf.

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# Health Activities at Spring Games

*FREE gift for athletes that attend 3 of the 5 Health Activities!*

Health coupons available for each athlete

- Coaches' pick-up packets
- Extras at health check-out stations

Turn in signed coupon at Tournament Central (Upper Level of Kolf) to pick out a free gift

# Athlete Leader Activation Station



- Existing and potential Athlete Leaders
- Update information and photo
- Learn about new classes and positions
- Sign the referee Thank you cards
- Friday – 5:30pm – 8:30pm
- Saturday – 10am – 4pm
- Kolf (Upper Gym)



# Sportsmanship Award



- Athlete to Athlete
- Your Team Captain picks athlete on the **other** team
- Present at end of each game when shaking hands
- These are in the coaches packets for 3-on-3 & Team Basketball



# Opening Ceremony



- 4:30pm – 4:45pm – LETR Torch Run & Cauldron Lighting (outside of Kolf)
- 5:00pm – 5:30pm – Opening Ceremonies in Upper Kolf



# Victory Village



Victory Village will be located in the Upper Kolf on Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 11:00am – 1:00pm.



# Dance

- Saturday, April 18 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- Culver Family Welcome Center
- Theme: Fire & Ice



# Souvenirs



- Schedule:

- Friday, April 17 from 3:00pm – 9:00pm @ Upper Kolf
- Saturday, April 18 from 7:00am – 4:00pm @ Upper Kolf
- Saturday, April 18 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm @ Culver Family Welcome Center
- Sunday, April 19 from 7:00am – 2:00pm @ Upper Kolf



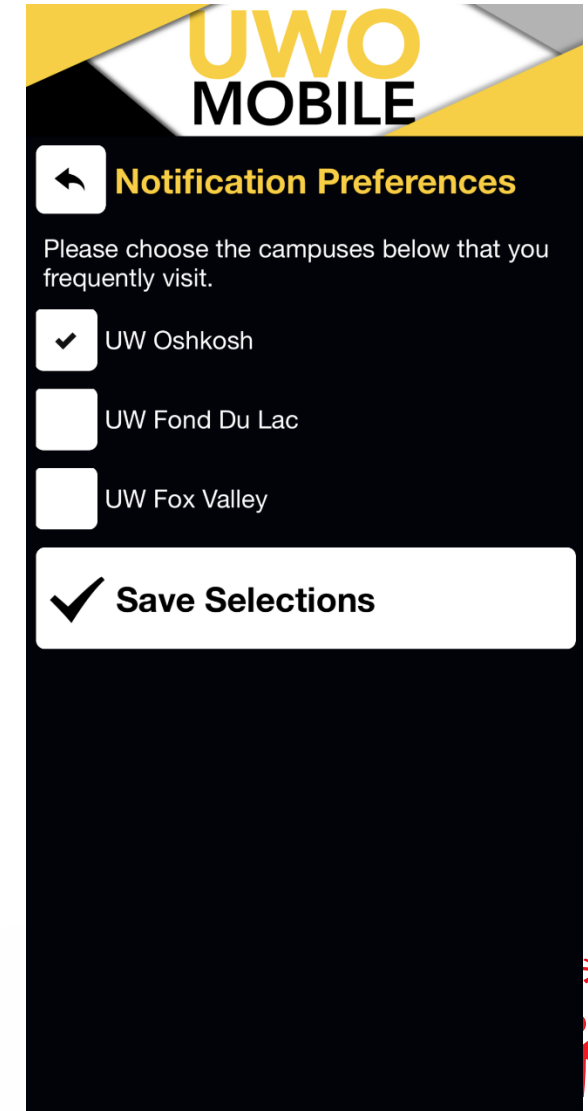
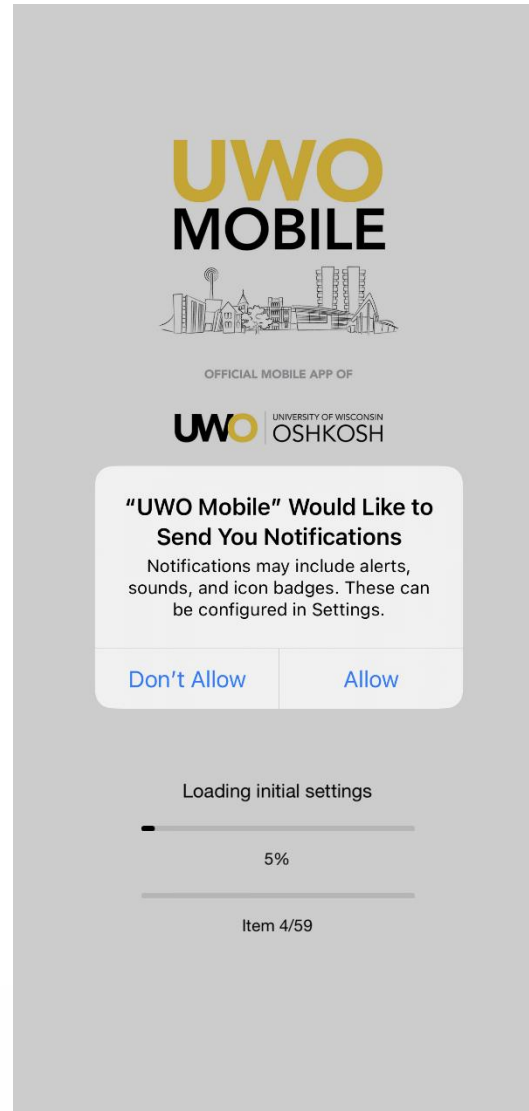
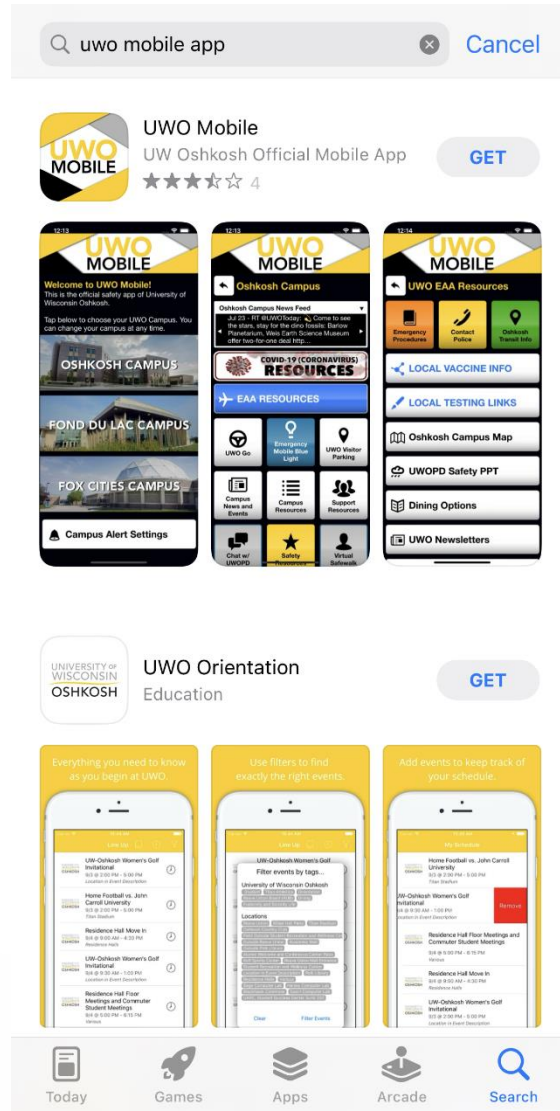
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# Staying Safe

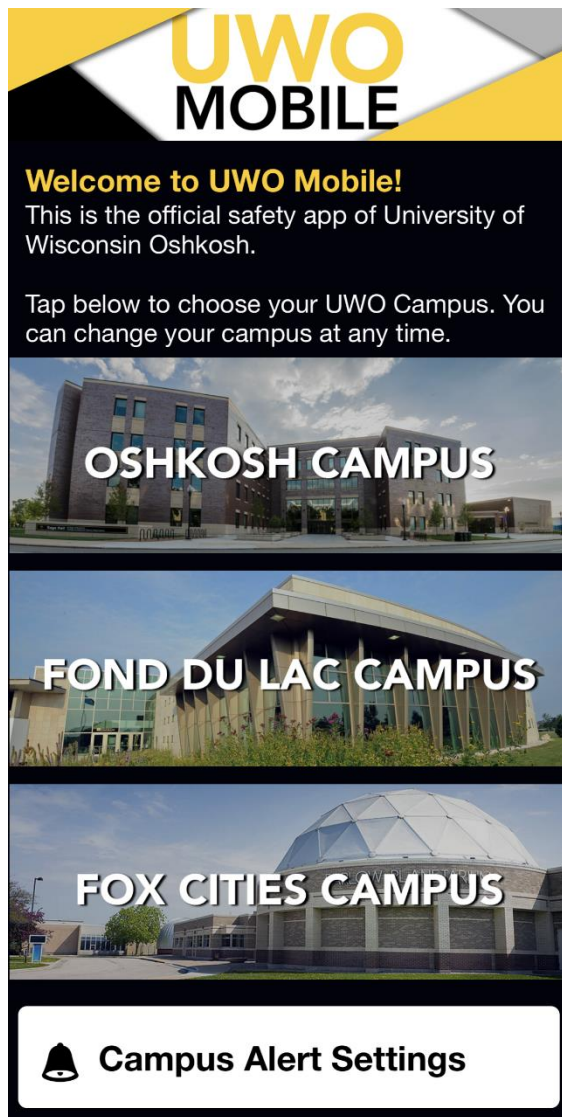
# Medical + Other Emergencies

- Medical:
  - Main medical is found in Upper Kolf
- **If someone is sick, please do not come**

# UWO Mobile App – Download and Settings



# UWO Mobile App



## Resources to stay safe while on campus:

- **Titan Alerts:** Communicates all Titan Alerts through push notifications including weather and emergency alerts. Make sure your settings are turned on for notifications.
- **Chat with UWOPD:** Chat discreetly with UWOPD in non-emergency situations. Request a safewalk to move about campus safely.
- **Campus Map:** View interactive campus map to load information about parking lots, accessible entrances, emergency phones, and building information.

# UW System Administrative Policy



- The purpose of this policy is to establish minimum standards for the protection of minors engaged in covered activities throughout the University of Wisconsin system (UW System).
- The scope is limited to youth participants in covered activities.



# Safety Plan

- Reunification site – Parking Lot 13
- Report any lost athletes to Tournament Central (608-442-5662) to start the Lost Athlete Procedure



# Prohibited Behaviors and Offense

- All individuals are required to monitor and report:
  - Any suspected physical abuse, neglect, or sexual abuse of a minor
  - Sexual harassment or sexual violence
  - Incidents resulting in serious harm requiring medical attention
  - Incidents of illegal or unauthorized drug use

- Prohibited Behaviors:
  - Conduct that violates the law or UW System policies
  - Actions that constitute bullying or grooming
  - Infringement on privacy of youth participants
  - Adults showering, bathing, or undressing in the presence of youth participants
  - Photographing or recording in showers, restrooms, or other private areas
  - Use of alcohol

# Questions?



**Thank You & Good Luck!**

