



Badger
Childhood
Cancer
Network

Fishing for Families
BASS CLASSIC

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August 2, 2025

Remi's Thirsty Moose - Lake Wisconsin



Our Story

Parents of children with cancer founded the Badger Childhood Cancer Network more than 30 years ago. It was originally known as Capital Candlelighters and served as a regional support group for families of kids treated for cancer in Madison. Anne Spurgeon and David Woods (both pictured) were integral in forming the group in order to help other children and families find their footing immediately after diagnosis and beyond.

In the late 1990s, the parents decided they wanted to do more to help newly diagnosed children and their families. Over the past 15 years, Badger Childhood Cancer Network has expanded the programs and services offered in order to meet the expressed needs of families whose children are on treatment for cancer and life-threatening blood disorders at American Family Children's Hospital in Madison. In an effort to better reflect the individuals served, the board of directors voted in late 2010, to change the group's name to Badger Childhood Cancer Network.

The Problem

Families of a child with cancer or a life-threatening blood disorder need all kinds of help. A diagnosis affects not just the ill child but the entire family. Kids with cancer receive aggressive treatments that can last from several months to several years. Children with sickle cell disease, the second largest group of kids treated in the pediatric heme-oncology clinic, face a lifetime of health problems; pain crises, blood transfusions, strokes and more. Children and teens with cancer and blood disorders who cannot be cared for in their local community hospital often travel to regional specialty treatment centers, like the American Family Children's Hospital.

Many of the kids Badger Childhood Cancer Network serves travel two hours or more each way for tests, treatments and hospitalization at the American Family Children's Hospital. Surveys of these families indicate that they experience an average decrease in family income of 40% or more during the first year after diagnosis for cancer, and a lower level of income loss over a much longer period of time in the case of children with chronic disorders like sickle cell disease. This significant loss of income is due in part because frequent treatment protocols require constant care from a parent. A parent must leave work temporarily or permanently to accompany a child to critical appointments and treatments. Travel and meal expenses contribute to the loss of income for many families.



Our Mission

Our mission is to educate, support, serve and advocate for children with cancer and blood disorders, their families, survivors of childhood cancer and the professionals who care for them.

Our Goal

To provide appropriate support to children with cancer and blood disorders and their families, from diagnosis to the end of treatment, into survivorship or through bereavement.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Badger Childhood Cancer Network provides compassionate services to all children with cancer and blood disorders in our service area and to their families regardless of religious belief, racial or ethnic background, skin color, marital status, gender, sexual orientation or level of disability. We do not discriminate in employment or in membership to our governing board by race, color, religion, physical ability, national origin, age, gender, marital status or sexual orientation.



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Tournament & Event Details





90+

**BOATS
EACH YEAR**



2,000+

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS



Badger
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BASS CLASSIC

180+

ANGLERS

10,000+

REM'S THIRSTY MOOSE CUSTOMERS EACH SEASON



Event Details

The first weekend in August, BCCN partners with local businesses and organizations to host the Fishing for Families Bass Classic on Lake Wisconsin. This unique and exciting eight-hour fishing tournament brings together nearly 200 anglers of all skill levels.

After the tournament, friends, family and the community are invited to join the tournament participants at Remi's Thirsty Moose for free food, beverages and raffle drawings. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Badger Childhood Cancer Network!

Event Schedule

Mandatory Check-in	5:30 – 6:30 a.m.
Livewell Checks	5:30 – 6:30 a.m.
Pre-tournament Meeting	6:45 a.m.
Tournament Hours	7 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Weigh-In Lines Open	2:30 – 5 p.m.
Outdoor Barbecue & Raffles	2:00 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Awards Ceremony	5:00 – 5:30 p.m.



**Tournament
Headquarters**
N3135 Hwy V
Poynette, WI 53955

Badger Childhood Cancer Network is a 501(c)3 organization determined by the Internal Revenue Service, Federal Tax ID 57-1151037. Donations are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

August 2, 2025
(Rain Makeup Date: August 3, 2025)
3 Fish Limit

How to Sign-Up

Anglers wishing to participate must gather a 5-boat team and sponsorship. The \$1,000 team entry can be funded by a total of two sponsors. All boats must be part of a sponsored team to join. Boats unable to join a 5-boat team can participate with a \$200 donation from a sponsor of their choice. Event organizers will assign individual boats to partial teams as needed. Team take-off positions will be assigned the night before the tournament.

Each team will fish for a 3-fish limit of largemouth or smallmouth bass greater than 14" in length. Team standings will be determined by combining the total weight of all five (5) boats on a team. Bragging rights and medals will be awarded to each angler on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.

**Team Captains must register their team
online before July 28, 2025.**

Check-In

All anglers must check-in the morning of the tournament at the registration table prior to 6:30 a.m. to sign the official registration form. All anglers must be on the water and staged in front of Remi's by 6:30 a.m.

Cash Prizes

\$150 BIG BAG SIDE POT
80% PAYBACK | 20 % to BCCN

Each boat may pay \$150 cash at morning registration for entry into the optional Big Bag side pot.

Big Bag Payouts

- 1st Place: \$1,980 (33% payout)**
- 2nd Place: \$1,380 (23% payout)**
- 3rd Place: \$1,140 (19% payout)**
- 4th Place: \$840 (14% payout)**
- 5th Place: \$660 (11% payout)**

Prize money is based on a 50-boat field. For every 10 boats that register above 50 boats, an additional place will be paid out. In case of a partial field, prize money will be reduced accordingly.

\$20 BIG BASS SIDE POT
100% PAYBACK

Each boat may pay \$20 cash at morning registration for entry into the optional Big Bass side pot. 50% of the prize value will be paid out to the boat/angler who catches the heaviest largemouth bass. The other 50% will be paid out to the boat/angler who catches the heaviest smallmouth bass. Money will be split equally for ties of the same species.

Tournament Rules, Regulations & Registration:



Bass Classic Facebook Page:









Additional photos @





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Event Video

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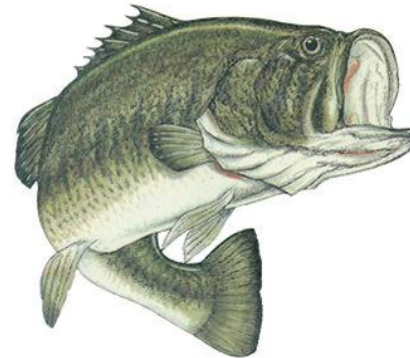
Event Support

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Event Host

Tri City Bass Club



Weigh-In By



2024 Team Sponsors



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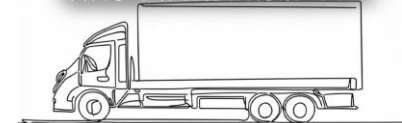


Planning • Engineering • Surveying
Landscape Architecture • Development Services

2024 Winners



Visco Distributions LLC



Culver's
OF JANESVILLE

Team Zola



By Ken & Carolann Yeska



AXLEY
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Thank you 2024 Team Sponsors!

***Support our Raffle
and Attend!***



Bucket Raffle

Not big into fishing but want to participate? Individuals and businesses interested in supporting the BCCN can provide prize donations for the bucket raffle to be held during the outdoor barbeque and weigh-in. Fishing gear, vacation packages, home goods, themed baskets, activities, and much more are welcome. Anyone who donates will be announced and highlighted during raffle awards and all proceeds will go to the BCCN.

Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law. The BCCN is a nonprofit 501c3 organization and the tax identification number it is 57-1151037.

Join the Fun!

Stop by during the weigh-in and meet members of the Badger Childhood Cancer Network. THANK YOU for the support that allows the BCCN to help families and their children when they need it most.





Questions?

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