

To: Park and Recreation Board

From: Jill Gerber

RE: Walworth County Arc Annual Picnic

Date: June 6, 2024

Dear Park and Recreation Board Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to respectfully apply for a Special Events Permit on behalf of the Walworth County Arc for our Annual Picnic, which is a local event for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD), their families, and friends across our community.

The Arc Wisconsin and its local chapters, such as the Walworth County Arc, have been dedicated to advocating for the rights and inclusion of people with I/DD since 1960. Our mission is to improve their quality of life, expand opportunities, and ensure their full participation in all aspects of community life.

The Walworth County Arc Annual Picnic is an essential part of our efforts to promote awareness, respect, and community engagement for individuals with I/DD. This year, we anticipate approximately 100 attendees, including individuals with disabilities, their families, and friends.

To ensure the success and accessibility of our event, we are kindly requesting the free use of the concession area, specifically the shelter area with picnic tables and counter, adjacent to the bathrooms. Additionally, we seek permission to utilize Treyton's Field for various activities, including kickball, cornhole, and other yard games.

Our picnic will feature a variety of activities and refreshments, including grilling hamburgers and hotdogs, and a potluck-style menu with water and soda. Given our minimal budget, any assistance or contribution from the Park and Recreation Department to help cover costs would be greatly appreciated.

I am pleased to inform you that we will have dedicated volunteers from UW-Whitewater, specifically from the College of Education and Professional Services, who are either licensed professionals or in the process of obtaining licensure. Their assistance will ensure the smooth operation of the event and enhance the experience for all attendees.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Gerber

Walworth County Arc Member