

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday Science\*\*, the Science of Badger Athletics will unveil the science connected to sports.

We would like you to bring your students, teams, clubs, or any youth group that might benefit from connecting to this event and seeing the scholarly side of athletics. There will be opportunities to learn alongside UW-student athletes, scientists, graduate students, and undergraduate students. This is a great opportunity for youth to see role model scholars in action.

We have limited funds available to assist in transportation to the event if your group needs help with transportation. We are especially interested in connecting with youth that experience consistent opportunity gaps for being part of an event like this.

Use it as an incentive day, team building, and motivation to dream and connect to a vision of post-secondary opportunities.

Sign up your group now with this link:

warf.wufoo.com/forms/saturday-science-badger-athletics-signup

Saturday Science is a free monthly community event held at the Discovery Building on the UW-Madison Campus the first Saturday of every month. The event is best described as an <u>interactive science of sports carnival</u>. Some example topics represented by the nearly 50 exploration stations from last year's Science of Badger Athletics event are below.

- Anatomy / Physiology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Nutrition

- Materials Science
- Sports psychology
- Genetics

- Turf Science
- Cultural Anthropology
- Physics

A couple of media excerpts from last year's event:

For Gordon, Beyond the Game has helped craft a perspective rare for a student athlete with the potential to make a living in the National Football League at some point in his future.

"With African-American athletes, some feel sports are their only way to a successful career," he says. "Beyond the Game has made me realize there's more than sports."

-Melvin Gordon, 2015 Saturday Science of Badger Athletics Participant www.news.wisc.edu/22539

"We want the youth to engage with Badger student-athletes as scholars. Badger Athletics is a pinnacle athletic program, but UW-Madison's academic programs are even loftier. Saturday Science is a venue that showcases the UW students that help make this happen, they just happen to play sports at the same time they are exercising their brains in the classroom."

-Travis Tangen, Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF) Education and Outreach Manager www.uwbadgers.com/sports/m-footbl/spec-rel/012914aaa.html

Event partners include Materials Research Science and Engineering (MRSEC), Office of Student-Athlete Development (OSAD), UW Athletics Beyond the Game Program (BTG), Wisconsin's Equity & Inclusion Laboratory (Wei LAB), and more. Looking forward to working with your group for another great event on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

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Science of Badger Athletics 10am – noon: Feb 7, 2015

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