

Dear WYSP friends,

In 2007 the federal government eliminated funding for the National Youth Sports Program, which has served more than 10,500 area youth during the past 27 years. UW-Eau Claire decided to continue it and renamed it the Wisconsin Youth Sports Program.

The program, for youth ages 10-16, continues to receive support from its long-standing partners, the Eau Claire Area School District and the Altoona School District, which have provided free transportation for students in their districts; the Building Bridges program; and the YMCA. Other partners include the UW Health Eau Claire Family Medicine Clinic, which provides free medical exams to participants, and the Chippewa Valley Technical College dental hygiene program, which offers a free dental screening and cleaning to campers. These are important benefits to our participants, many of whom have limited access to health care.

Our camp, offered to low-income and at-risk youth, has been free to all participants, and we are hoping to maintain that tradition. Tough economic times are making it difficult for our partners to fully fund the program. We are seeking people in the Chippewa Valley to join our team and help fund this program.

Your gift will allow us to continue to provide a high-quality camp experience for many youth whose families might not otherwise be able to provide them with safe, educational summer activities.

I am excited about what we can accomplish. With your help, we can continue forward with a program that offers two meals daily; traditional sports such as basketball and softball; and educational sessions on topics such as nutrition, drugs and alcohol, and development of math, science and leadership skills.

Together we can offer area children opportunities to develop skills both as an athlete and as a person. Your tax-deductible contribution will mean WYSP participants will be able to live the creed of "Walk Tall, Talk Tall and Stand Tall."

Yours in partnership,

Lisa M. Schuetz
WYSP Activity Director



Support WYSP, Wisconsin Youth Sports Program

I/We wish to make a gift of \$ _____
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Eau Claire, WI 54702-4004

You can make an online gift through our secure Web site at www.uwec.edu/fndn/giving.htm and indicate WYSP.

Thank you!

Award-winning program

Below is a list of the awards the NYSP program, now known as the WYSP program, has won. The Silvio O. Conte Award of Excellence recognizes the school with the No. 1 program in the nation. UW-Eau Claire was the only three-time winner of this award. To be a finalist, you must be in the top five programs. A Meritorious Award is given to a school that has an exceptional program. There were approximately 250 participating schools competing for these awards.

- 2004: Silvio O. Conte Award of Excellence
- 2003: Silvio O. Conte Award Finalist Meritorious Award
- 2002: Silvio O. Conte Award Finalist Meritorious Award
- 2001: Silvio O. Conte Award Finalist Meritorious Award
- 2000: Meritorious Award
- 1999: Meritorious Award
- 1998: Silvio O. Conte Award of Excellence
- 1997: Silvio O. Conte Award Finalist Meritorious Award
- 1996: Silvio O. Conte Award Finalist Meritorious Award
- 1995: Meritorious Award
- 1994: Meritorious Award
- 1993: Meritorious Award
- 1991: Silvio O. Conte Award of Excellence
- 1988: Meritorious Award



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www.uwec.edu/recreation/WYSP

Making a gift

Outright gifts of cash, credit cards, stock and other tangible assets will be accepted. Commitments may be fulfilled through pledges up to five years. Employee matching gifts also may be used to fulfill a commitment.

Send your gift to:
UW-Eau Claire Foundation
P.O. Box 4004
Eau Claire, WI 54702-4004

To make a gift online to WYSP, go to www.uwec.edu/fndn/giving.htm Specify the area you wish to support, or simply indicate "for the greatest needs of WYSP."

For information about making a gift and more detailed gift plans and options, contact:

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