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To: Dane County Parks Commission

From: Diane Schwartz, CEO and Founder of Get Kids Outside

Re: Proposed access to Group Camp at Indian Lake County Park

Date: January 8, 2024

I am the CEO and founder of Get Kids Outside, an outdoor recreation organization that offers nature hikes and nature experiences to underserved youth in Dane County. I utilize Indian Lake County Park for events frequently. It is one of my favorite parks.

I would like to express my support of the proposal to build a road and parking lot at the group camping location at the park. This will make it possible for more kids and families to utilize the sledding hill and warming cabin and make it easier for groups to access the site. I do not agree with the ski club's idea to build a one-lane road and "drop off" parking only. This doesn't make sense. A parking lot for 20-30 cars will not adversely impact the site and will make the park more accessible for all.

If you have any questions about my comments, please don't hesitate to ask.