

## Berkhout, Keith

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 28, 2025 5:30 PM  
**To:** Berkhout, Keith  
**Subject:** EX: Support for Big Rock

Dear Mr. Berkhout,

As a neighbor, fellow business and supporter of the arts and education, I'd like to share our excitement for The Riverside Club coming to Big Rock.

I've experienced first hand the caliber of excellence and creativity they offer through their programs. The families it has brought out to Big Rock have been nothing but kind, helpful and understanding to our town.

As an artist and educator who works with all ages, I know how important it is these days more than ever to provide opportunities for youth to work together, work with their hands and hearts and work on meaningful projects. Riverside is providing all this in a structured and nurturing environment.

Their location lends ample space and buffer to allow them to have a minimal negative effect on neighbors while having maximum impact on the community!

I'm looking forward to seeing what they continue to do here in Big Rock and hope their efforts going forward are supported.

Thank you!

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**From:** Meghan Tamosaitis <meghan.tamosaitis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2025 9:09 AM  
**To:** Berkhout, Keith  
**Subject:** EX: Riverside Club for Adventure and Imagination Petition for Special Use

Good Morning,

I am writing to you to express my unyielding support for Riverside Club for Adventure and Imagination's petition for special use at the property in Big Rock, IL. My son Owen has thrived in ways I never could have even imagined since joining the club. Not only has he learned incredibly valuable skills, he has developed an immense sense of respect, kindness, responsibly, and overall goodness. The joy in the boys and tutors alike is something I have never seen elsewhere, and I believe the new property will provide the an incredible space for more growth and flourishing in these boys. The land and home alike offer the perfect spot to teach these boys how to care for land, wildlife, and a home when they are there.

Riverside is truly impacting the entire community in leading boys to become good, respectful, responsible men. Riverside has also really encouraged its participants to participate in Big Rock events and to frequent their businesses. They have a vested interest in the Big Rock community, and I believe that it will benefit everyone who lives there.

I respectfully implore you to grant this special use permit to the Riverside Club for Adventure and Imagination. Peter Searby, Wesley Brown, and Liam Mitchell will ensure it is put to very good use.

Have a wonderful and blessed day,  
~~Meghan Tamosaitis~~

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**From:** Laura Frost <laura.e.frost@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2025 6:24 PM  
**To:** Berkhout, Keith  
**Subject:** EX: Riverside Club

Hello Mr. Berkhout,

My name is ~~Laura Frost~~, and I am a Kane County resident writing to commend the Riverside Club for a special use permit. My family has been involved with Riverside for the last seven years, and have found it to be just what boys need these days to give them a sense of adventure and camaraderie.

The property in Big Rock is the perfect landscape for these boys and their families. Among the lake, the woods, and the house, they can enter whole worlds of possibility, and find a meaningful community which is so desperately needed in modern American culture, and learn skills that will prepare them for the real world.

In addition, Riverside will bring a great deal of value to Big Rock, as the families involved are the types that will participate in community life there, and the property will become a cultural center, where people find a place to belong.

Please consider granting a special use permit as soon as possible, so these boys can keep being enriched to go out into the world as healthy, good, and capable young men.

Thank you for considering our petition.

Regards,  
~~Laura Frost~~

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** ~~Melissa L~~ <mlewis3518@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2025 8:00 AM  
**To:** Berkhout, Keith  
**Subject:** EX: Special Use Permit Consideration: Riverside Tutorial Program

Dear Mr. Berkout,

I want to reach out to you expressing my family's support for the Riverside Tutorial Program's Petition for Special Use. Thank you for your upcoming consideration of their request for Special Use while the zoning of the property is being addressed.

Riverside Tutorial is an exceptional and truly excellent program for building kids of character. The tutors and vision is unequaled. We're grateful for at last finding the perfect location in Big Rock to help it grow and impact generations to come. Riverside will only be beneficial to Big Rock, increasing the reach and impact of your community's offerings to many new families who will come weekly, and especially as the influence of Riverside continues to grow. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,

~~Melissa Lewis~~

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**From:** ~~Claire Childs~~ <clairehchilds@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 12:10 PM  
**To:** Berkhout, Keith  
**Subject:** EX: Zoning for the Riverside Property

Dear Mr Berkhout,

I'm writing to you to ask that you approve the rezoning of the property for the Riverside Club for Adventure. This is the third year that our son (the only boy in the family) will be participating in Riverside. He has loved the creative outlet, camaraderie, and skills building at Riverside. We are so excited about the new property as a place for the boys to enjoy nature, play games, challenge themselves, and grow in character. The rezoning will allow many boys to grow up better citizens through their participation in Riverside.

Parents who are driving their kids to Riverside are also likely to explore the Big Rock attractions and add to the commerce of the area. Please approve the rezoning on September 2nd!

Thank you,  
~~Claire Childs~~

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**From:** Kelly Sullivan <kelly.c.c.sullivan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2025 4:26 PM  
**To:** Berkhout, Keith  
**Subject:** EX: Special Use Permit for Riverside

Hello Mr. Berkhout,

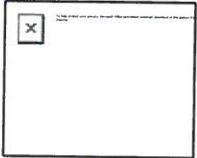
Thank you for your work with Peter Searby and Riverside.

I am writing to ask you to please allow the special use permit. Our family has been involved with Riverside since it began 11 years ago. The program has been tremendous for our boys allowing them to be in nature and spend time with great mentors.

The Big Rock property is a perfect place for tutorial to meet: giving boys a place to run, explore, and learn skills they may not otherwise learn.

I hope you will see that Riverside will bring greater culture and an investment into the Big Rock community.

Thank you again!



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