



Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA)
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We are the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association providing social and recreational programs for children, teens and adults right here in DuPage County.

CONGRATULATIONS: Basketball Athletes

Four of our Wildcat teams earned GOLD at the Regional Basketball Tournament held in Oswego. That means that Wildcats teams 5, 6, 7, and 9 all qualified for the State competition. The State Basketball Tournament takes place Friday-Sunday March 8-10th at Illinois State and Illinois Wesleyan Universities.

Congratulations to all the athletes and coaches!

Ready to Make a Difference in 2024?

We invite you to join the WDSRA family!

Volunteer - Volunteering is a great way to be a part of something meaningful. We match volunteers with programs that align with their interests and availability to ensure both the volunteers and the participants benefit from the experience. Consider volunteering with WDSRA.

Part-Time Job – Part-time jobs can be an excellent way to not only earn some extra income but also to indulge in your passions and connect with others who share similar interests. Think it's too much of a commitment? Think again! At WDSRA, your commitment can be as little as one program (approximately 2 hours once a week for 6, 8 or 10 weeks). It can also be more than that simply by committing to more programs. Share your passion. Earn some cash. Be a part of something meaningful.

Spread the Word – Help spread the word about special recreation at WDSRA. Our mission is to enrich lives, connect communities and create fun through inclusive recreational opportunities for people with special needs. Spreading the word about the incredible work WDSRA does is crucial to reaching more individuals who could benefit from these programs.

Share Our Social Media – It's a powerful tool for raising awareness, sharing information about events, job opportunities, and the overall mission of WDSRA. Encouraging others to support and get involved can indeed make a significant difference through donations, volunteer participation, and more. Please share our posts on Facebook, Instagram and X (Twitter).

Introducing WDSRA to someone living with special needs could truly be life-changing for them, opening up avenues for special recreation, connections to the community, and personal growth that they might not have been aware of previously. A simple act like sharing a post or introducing someone to WDSRA can create such positive ripple effects in the community.

Catch the WDSRA column every month!

Did you know WDSRA has a monthly column in Positively Naperville? Sometimes it's about our programs or our staff or even our partners. But it is always about the relationships that make special recreation so very special at WDSRA. January's column is all about making a difference in 2024.

Check out the full column at <https://www.positivelynaperville.com/>.

THE BASH: Dinner, Music & More!

Join us at The Bash!

Saturday, March 2nd

Abbington, Glen Ellyn

We have an exciting evening planned just for you!

- Dinner, raffles, silent & LIVE auctions
- Entertainment featuring a DJ & dancing from Sounds About!

Thank you to some our sponsors: Lavin Companies, NOW Health Group, The Molly & Holley Team, Wheaton Bank & Trust, Wheaton Park District, WT Group!

Complete details and tickets at <https://www.wdsra.com/event/the-bash/>.

Wrap

With that, all I can do is wrap it up. If you have any questions about anything we talked about here today, please give us a call. We are happy to answer them all! Contact us at 630-681-0962 or check out our website at www.wdsra.com. And please, stay connected with us by following us on Facebook or signing up for our enews.

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Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA) provides engaging, community-based recreational programs and inclusion services for children, teens, and adults with special needs. WDSRA offers Special Olympics, adapted sports, dance and art programs, camps, trips, special events, and more. WDSRA's mission, the development of individuals through recreation, makes it possible for individuals to grow personally, connect with their community and discover their potential.

WDSRA is an award-winning organization and a cooperative extension of nine park districts serving the communities of Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glen Ellyn, Naperville, Roselle, Warrenville, West Chicago, Wheaton, and Winfield.

MISSION *We enrich lives, connect communities and create fun through inclusive recreational opportunities.*

VISION *A world of opportunities, belonging and individuals reaching their full potential.*

Learn more at www.wdsra.com.