



Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA)  
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## AS HEARD ON WONC FM89.1

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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.*

### CHILI'S FUNDRAISER FOR SENSORY GARDEN PLAYGROUND

This is good food for a good cause! When you dine at Chili's in Wheaton on October 16th or 17th they'll donate 15% back to Sensory Garden Playground.

Chili's, 240 Danada in Wheaton  
Monday, October 16th or Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

**Must show or mention ad found on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WDSRA/>.**

### SANTA'S HOTLINE 2023

Make this holiday season even more special for your child with a personal phone call from Santa Claus or Mrs. Claus! Santa or Mrs. Claus will address each child by name, ask for gift ideas and have a magical and memorable conversation.

Santa's Hotline calls are free. Registration is per family. Please make your reservation early as limited spots are available!

#### Registration:

- Resident registration begins: Tuesday, October 17th at noon  
Nonresident registration begins: Thursday, October 19th at noon

**Call Date Options** - December 6 and December 7 between the times of 6pm - 8pm.

**Details and registration can be found at <https://napervilleparks.org/santashotline>.**

### SANTA'S WORKSHOP 2023

**Santa is Coming to Town!** Families can enjoy a unique visit with Santa inside his magical workshop! Santa's Workshop is located at Paddleboat Quarry Rentals in Naperville.

**Advanced Registration is required!**

**Special needs nights are available.**

Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – 5-8pm

Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – 5-8pm

#### Registration

Resident registration begins: Tuesday, October 17th at noon

Nonresident registration begins: Thursday, October 19th at noon

**Fee**

Residents: \$10 per family

Nonresidents: \$15 per family

*Details and registration can be found at <https://napervilleparks.org/santasworkshop>.*

**THE POLAR EXPRESS™ TRAIN RIDE**

This is truly something special and they have added a Sensory Friendly Train experience! Families and children on the autism spectrum (or other disabilities that create sensory processing issues) now have a unique and welcoming opportunity to experience the event.

Relive the magic of the classic story as you are whisked away on a magical one-hour trip to meet Santa. Once on board, you'll enjoy hot chocolate, shortbread cookies, dancing chefs, and a reading of the classic children's book, The Polar Express. And more!

**Polar Express Sensory Friendly Train experience**

**Sunday, Dec. 31st at 2pm**

**Chicago Union Station**

*Details and tickets available at [chicagothepolarexpressride.com](http://chicagothepolarexpressride.com).*

**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](http://www.wdsra.com). And please, stay connected with us by following us on Facebook or signing up for our enews.

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**WDSRA**

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](http://www.wdsra.com).*