



Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA)  
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### **FLAG FOOTBALL: State Tournament Results**

WDSRA's first ever Special Olympics Flag Football team took third place in their division thanks to a game winning touchdown with 1 minute left in the game! They played this past weekend at the State tournament held in Louisville Sluggers Sports Complex in Peoria. This was quite a feat for such a young team! Overall we have 12 registered athletes on our team with 7 of them going down to state for the tournament.

***Congratulations to the athletes and coaches Phil and Ashley! Find more photos on our [Facebook page](#).***

### **VACCINE INFORMATION**

Vaccine clinic information for 3rd shot booster and children ages 5-11 clinics can be found on our website at [www.wdsra.com/about-wdsra/news-updates/](http://www.wdsra.com/about-wdsra/news-updates/).

### **FAMILY TIME SPECIAL NEEDS GUIDE**

Looking for resources and information on services available in your area? Check out the Family Time Magazine's Special Needs Resource Guide. You can find it at <http://www.familytimemagazine.com/current-special-needs-guide/>.

### **SANTA'S WORKSHOP**

Visiting one of Santa's remote workshops is a great way to kick off the holiday season. Your child can share their wish list with the big guy while creating a memory that will carry them beyond the holidays ... all at Santa's Workshop!

If you have a child with special needs, you know anticipation for a visit with Santa can be especially difficult. Families are encouraged to make a reservation for one of the Special Needs Nights. These are designed to minimize the wait time and lessen the anxiety it may cause for you and your child.

#### **Santa's Workshop**

**11/29 thru 12/23**

**Special Needs Nights: Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**5-8pm**

**Riverwalk Café, 441 Aurora Ave., Naperville along the Riverwalk**

Resident registration begins Tuesday, November 16th at noon

Nonresident registration begins Thursday, November 18th at noon

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

### **INCLUSION WISH LIST: Sensory Items Needed**

Sensory items are used constantly for participants with high sensory needs. They can be used to help focus, help redirect or just for stress relief during down time at programs. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, participants are unable to share items therefore our need is greater than usual. Most everything is available thru Amazon or Oriental Trading. A complete list of sensory items needed can be found on the updates <https://www.wdsra.com/about-wdsra/news-updates/>. Drop off at WDSRA Office, 116 N. Schmale Rd., Carol Stream.

***For more details, contact Jenna at [jennaj@wdsra.com](mailto:jennaj@wdsra.com) or 630-681-0962 ext549.***

### **MATCH OPPORTUNITY: We Need Your Help to Meet the \$12,500 Match!**

#### **Will YOU become a life-changing partner today?**

When you make a donation of \$225 or more and the Coleman Foundation will donate an additional \$225. Upto \$12,500! The match runs thru 11/30/21.

Simply by making a donation, YOU become a life-changing partner. YOU can send a child with autism to camp this summer. YOU can give an athlete with Down syndrome the equipment needed to experience the camaraderie of being a part of a team. YOU can make sure an adult with cerebral palsy can spend their days engaged at Rec & Roll, instead of at home with nothing to do, because they will have the one-on-one assistance they need in order to attend.

***Please give today! Ask friends and family to give too!***

***Donations can be easily made online at [www.wdsra.com](http://www.wdsra.com).***

### **SHOPPING: You shop. They donate.**

It's that simple! When doing your holiday shopping (or any shopping), be sure to log onto [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), select WDSRA as your charity of choice, then shop! For every qualified purchase you make, they donate a portion back to WDSRA. **Thank you!**

### **WANT TO GET ALL THE LATEST INFO?**

Simply sign up to get our enews at [wdsra.com](http://wdsra.com). All this information and more will be delivered right to your inbox. We try not to be spam so you'll receive approximately 2 emails per month.

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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.

***WDSRA Mission: The development of individuals through recreation.***

***WDSRA Vision: Opening a world of untapped potential and a lifetime of possibilities.***