



Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA)
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SYNERGY ADAPTIVE ATHLETICS: Tournament Results

This past Saturday WDSRA held the Synergy Jr Bulls Classic – wheelchair basketball tournament. CONGRATULATIONS to the varsity team who went 3-0 with all three wins coming in convincing fashion! The prep team did not fare as well on the scoreboard, but some of them got their first taste of an actual game and they all seemed happy to be back on the court. Just as important (if not more), some of the players were able to play in front of family and friends. As this is their only local tournament, it was really good to see some familiar faces in the crowd. ***Congratulations to the athletes and coaches!***

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 1st and Thursday December 2nd

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>.

SPECIAL NEEDS SCREENINGS

Saturdays @ noon

Saturday, 11/20 Eternals

Sunday, 11/21 Clifford the Big Red Dog

Studio Movie Grill

301 Rice Lake Square, Wheaton

Parental guidance is always suggested

As a reminder, the SMG sensory friendly Special Needs Screenings present movies with the lights up and the volume low. Moving around, talking, and even dancing in the aisles is welcome. Tickets are free for children with special needs and their siblings. Adult tickets are available at before-noon price at the Box

Office only. **Complete details at www.studiomoviegrill.com. Please check the website to confirm dates and showings.**

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 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.

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, select WDSRA as your charity of choice, then shop! For every qualified purchase you make, they donate a portion back to WDSRA. **Thank you!**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

A week from today is thanksgiving...a time to reflect and be grateful. We at WDSRA are so very grateful for all of the wonderful people who make up the WDSRA family... program staff, volunteers, our board members, donors, sponsors, partners and everyone who supports our participants and families. So from our family to yours... we want to wish everyone out there a very happy thanksgiving!

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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.

WDSRA Mission: The development of individuals through recreation.

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