



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.

WINTER COAT DRIVE: Rotary Club of Carol Stream

You can help keep someone warm this winter by dropping off your new or gently used coats, scarves, hats, or gloves. The coat drive runs thru 2/9/24. The Coat Drive is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Carol Stream. All items are donated locally.

Drop off locations include Simkus Recreation Center and the Carol Stream Village Hall.

WINTER PROGRAMS:

We still have a few openings for Winter/Spring programs. These programs are worth another look!

SOCIAL PROGRAMS

- Dinner & Movie
- Restaurant Reviewers

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Activate
- Art in Motion
- Billy Elliot the Musical
- Brunch & Hike

• Pete's Dueling Piano Bar

- Polar Plunge
- Princesses & Superheroes Dance
- Self Defense with Master Frank

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- School's Day Out
- Spring Break Camp

ATHLETICS

- Indoor walking
- Spin class
- Water aerobics
- Learn 2 play basketball
- Jr wildcat Soccer
- Virtual Weights and Core
- Rhythmic gymnastics

IMPORTANT: Complete details for each program can be found in the brochure. If you would like to register for any of the programs above, please call the office at 630-681-0962. Check out the brochure at www.wdsra.com.

TEAM USA: Parapan American Games

WDSRA staff supporting boccia athletes across the globe. Representing Team USA Boccia at the Parapan American Games were several members of the WDSRA family. The 2023 games, held in November, took place in Santiago Chili.

Members of Team USA Boccia:

- Athletes - Michele Lynch (Synergy BC2 athlete), Natalie Chastain - (BC3 athlete from Chicago area), Nick Taylor (BC4 athlete from Wichita, KS)
- Head Coach - Kathy Brinker (WDSRA parent & supporter)
- Assistant coaches - Phil Eide (WDSRA staff) and Megan Mack (WDSRA Synergy boccia coach), Jeremy Finton (from Columbus, OH)
- Ramp Operator for Natalie - Becky Prince (WDSRA staff)

The world-class competition was intense. It was a tough series for all the athletes who ultimately fell to their opponents. One athlete did make it to the Quarterfinals, which was a great result for Team USA and something on which they hope to build. The opportunity to compete at this level was certainly an experience to remember.

You can see more photos on our [Facebook page](#).

DONOR IMPACT: Knights of Columbus in Naperville

Turning Tootsie Rolls into a \$1,300 donation! WDSRA received a generous donation of \$1,300 from the Knights of Columbus in Naperville. The funds are generated from the Knights' tootsie roll drive. And because they are general funds, WDSRA is able to use those funds where they are needed most.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Naperville for your support of participants & families!

ANNUAL APPEAL: Going on NOW!

YOU can change a life with just a click! What will your donation do?

- Allow a child who needs one-on-one support go to camp.
- Provide a sensory bag for a teen with sensory needs.
- Help foster a budding artist by providing art supplies.
- Give an athlete a sense of belonging when they join a team.
- Give a child the opportunity to play wheelchair basketball.
- Help prepare an adult for being on their first trip away from parents.
- Secure a spot in programs for an individual who needs a scholarship.

You can help make all this possible simply by making a donation.

Matching opportunity ends FRIDAY! For every donation of \$225 or more your gift will be matched with another \$225 by a generous donor. Your donation of \$225 turns into \$450.

Donate at www.wdsra.com, click on the donate button. Thank you for supporting participants & families!

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.