



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.*

### **Thank You St. Charles Kiwanis!**

We are incredibly grateful to the St. Charles Kiwanis for their generous \$1,350 grant in support of our children and teens programs! Camps and School Day Out programs provide children the continued enrichment outside of the classroom by engaging in games, crafts, and field trips. Many children with intellectual and developmental disabilities experience increased anxiety during school breaks and holidays due to the lack of routine and structured schedules.

The grant will be used to help offset the costs of transportation and materials. The St. Charles Kiwanis raises funds for initiatives like these through their Rose Day and Peanut Day events.

*Thank you, St. Charles Kiwanis, for your commitment to supporting WDSRA's children and teens!*

### **Special Needs Movie Screenings**

**Moana 2**

**Saturday, 12/14 @ 11am**

**Studio Movie Grill**

**301 Rice Lake Square, Wheaton**

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 available at the box office as early as the Wednesday prior to these screenings. Tickets are free for the individual with special needs and their family. Please check the website to confirm dates and showings.

**Complete details at [www.studiomoviegrill.com](http://www.studiomoviegrill.com).**

### **WDSRA Showcase**

Join us as we showcase the many talented artists, musicians, dancers, and more! This year includes performances on the BIG screen with LIVE introductions! Sit back, relax, and enjoy the show! Refreshments served afterwards.

**Sunday, 12/15 @ 2:30pm**

**Wheaton Park District Community Center, Wheaton**

**Tickets are \$5**

**Get your tickets by calling 630-681-0962 or at <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E125273&id=71>.**

### **Inclusion Facilitator**

If you thrive on making a difference in the lives of others, we are looking for you to join as a member of our Inclusion team. We have a part-time position open! 19hrs/week, evenings/weekends, Naperville area.

As Inclusion Facilitator, you will assist in coordinating inclusion services for individuals who have special needs while they participate in Naperville Park District programs. Primary duties include conducting routine observations to provide training, mentorship and support to all stakeholders, securing necessary accommodations for participant success and supervision of part-time staff.

**Learn more about the Inclusion Facilitator position at [www.wdsra.com](http://www.wdsra.com), Click the Join Our Team button or apply [here](#).**

### **Annual Appeal Going on Now**

Did you know that you change a life with just a click! You can by donating to the annual appeal that just kicked off.

AND... we have a Match Opportunity through 12/15/24! Thanks to the generosity of The Scott and Trish Karll Charitable Fund, any gift of \$225 or more made before December 15, 2024, will be matched with an additional \$225! (Up to \$12,500).

Everyone deserves a place to belong, a chance to make new friends, try new things, and explore with their peers. Caregivers also need the chance to recharge. By donating today, you can make this possible. Your gift will transform lives — for participants and their families — as soon as the next program season.

Learn more or donate at <https://www.wdsra.com/event/wdsra-annual-appeal/>.

*Funds raised through the Annual Appeal are a vital part of our FY24-25 budget.*

**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.*

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