



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.

FY24-25 Gratitude Report

The heart of FY24-25 was about making dreams and goals feel within reach — and often turning them into reality.

At WDSRA, special recreation is more than just programs and events — it's the power to unlock potential, create connections, and transform lives. For some, that magic is found in learning a new skill, competing in a sport, or discovering hidden talents. For others, it's in the friendships formed, the laughter shared, and the sense of belonging that grows within a supportive, inclusive community.

You can find the gratitude report at <https://www.wdsra.com/annual-report-wdsra/>.

Welcome Elise Phillipp!

We're excited to welcome Elise to WDSRA as our Winter Intern!

Elise brings a genuine passion for the community we serve. Her interest in the field began even earlier—back in grade school—when she spent her lunch hours with special education students. Those early experiences helped spark a love for the community and the meaningful challenges that come with special recreation.

During her time at WDSRA, Elise will be working a variety of programs and gain behind-the-scenes experience in program planning.

Please join us in giving Elise a warm WDSRA welcome – leave a message on our [Facebook page](#).

Accessible Valentine's Day Fun - FREE!

Join a.c.e. therapies for some Valentine's Day fun! Enjoy themed activities and crafts - decorate wooden photo frames, trail the themed obstacle course (led by an Occupational Therapist), plus a variety of other engaging activities and games. *Parent attendance is required for participants joining a.c.e. therapies for the first time.*

Friday, 2/13 @ 5:15–6:15pm
a.c.e. Therapies
603 E. Diehl Rd., Naperville

Suite 123

RSVP required [here](#).

This is a free event.

***If you have any questions or need further details, contact Greta
@ greta.zilyte@acebehaviorsolutions.com.***

Take the Plunge to Support Special Olympics with WDSRA

Join WDSRA staff as we dive into freezing waters to support Special Olympics! Each 'plunger' must raise a minimum of \$100 to participate. Everyone is welcome - friends, family, coworkers, etc.

Sunday 3/8 @ 10am

Ferson Creek in St. Charles

Questions or to sign up... contact Ryan at ryanf@wdsra.com or 630-681-0962 ext576.

Lets make a splash for a great cause!

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.