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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.

HEADING TO NATIONALS: LWSRA/Synergy Hawks!

It's been a successful wheelchair basketball season!

- Varsity 1 - our top high school team, finishing ranked #6 in the country
- Prep - our top prep team, finishing ranked #1 in the country!
- Varsity 2 - is ranked #26 in the country

Now they head into Nationals where the competition heats up. There will be 52 teams there for the Junior Divisions (32 for high school and 20 for prep). The tournament is being held April 5-7 in Richmond, Virginia.

Did you know? There are:

- 1,200 wheelchair basketball players nationwide - includes adult players
- 100 teams coast to coast - includes adult teams
- 12 state of the art courts

Who are the LWSRA/Synergy hawks? A new collaboration with Lincolnway Special Recreation Association (LWSRA) combines our two wheelchair basketball programs. WDSRA's Synergy Adaptive Athletics Jr Bulls and the LWSRA Hawks are now the LWSRA/Synergy Hawks. This partnership will provide greater opportunities for children & teens to learn and compete at both regional and national levels.

FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT: Hero Night

The Franklin Middle School Dodgeball Tournament Hero Night is non-stop action as teams compete with power, strength and determination! Check out all the action from last year in the video below.

Thank you to Assistant Principal Joe Kish and the athletes of the Franklin Middle School Dodgeball tournament for choosing WDSRA as one of the recipients of this year's dodgeball tournament!

Watch them dodge, duck, dip and dive for some great causes... like WDSRA!

Friday, April 5th @ 6:15pm
Wheaton Park District Central Athletic Center
603 S. Main St., Wheaton

Check out all the fun of this year's tournament at <https://www.facebook.com/franklindodgeball/>.

SUPERHERO FUN RUN: \$5 Donation to WDSRA

Joining in on the fun of the Superhero Fun Run? Grab your family, friends, anyone you know who might be interested! This will be the first year that the Fun Run is at the Sensory Garden Playground and it is in support of the Sensory Garden Playground.

Saturday, April 6th

Sensory Garden Playground, Wheaton

Use code WDSRA24 to register - YOU save \$5 on registration AND that \$5 comes back to WDSRA!

Details and registration at <https://wheatonparkdistrict.com/events/funrun/>.

SPECIAL NEEDS SCREENING: Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire

Saturday, April 6th @ 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 all attendees. Please check the website to confirm dates and showings.

Complete details at www.studiomoviegrill.com.

AKTION CLUB: Spaghetti Dinner – last day to buy tickets!

Plan on a night out while supporting Aktion Club! Bring the whole family, friends and neighbors!

Monday, April 8th @ 6-7:30pm

Wheaton Park District Community Center

1777 S. Blanchard Rd., Wheaton

Cost: \$15 per person

Includes: Spaghetti, salad, bread, drink, dessert

Purchase tickets at <https://bit.ly/3uMrp0G>.

Tickets are on sale thru 4/1 and MUST be purchased in advance. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. For questions, contact Megan at meganm@wdsra or 630-681-0962 ext562.

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.