



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.

WDSRA's Ryan Fleck Coaches Team Illinois at 2026 USA Games

WDSRA Athletics Supervisor Ryan Fleck is serving as the bocce coach for Team Illinois at the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games—an incredible honor. Ryan has coached a dozen different sports throughout his 20 year coaching career, but this opportunity has been a long-time dream.

Approximately 80 athletes will represent Team Illinois, including four competing in bocce. The 2026 Special Olympics USA Games are taking place June 20–26 in Minnesota, bringing together more than 3,000 athletes from across the country to celebrate inclusion through sport.

Ryan's passion, experience, and commitment to athletes make him a perfect fit for this role—and WDSRA couldn't be more proud.

The Special Olympics Connection!

Athletics staff members Phil Eide and Ryan Fleck recently joined the Naperville Park District podcast Park Talk. Host Danny Rehm, leads the conversation highlighting the collaboration between Special Olympics, WDSRA, and the Naperville Park District that makes Special Olympics so successful at WDSRA.

Thank you to the Naperville Park District for having us on!

You can hear the interview at <https://napervilleparks.org/PODCASTS>.

Naperville Park District: Special Needs Swim Night

Families with individuals who have special needs are invited to enjoy a quiet, relaxing evening after regular operating hours of the Beach. The shallow end and slide will be open.

Sundays, 6/28 & 7/19 @ 6:30-8pm

Centennial Beach

500 Jackson Ave., Naperville

No registration required. Cost is \$5 per person at the door or patrons may use their Beach membership.

For more details, call Centennial beach at 630-848-5092.

Special Needs Movie Screenings

Toy story 5 6/27 and Supergirl 7/4

Saturdays @ 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.

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.*

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