



**Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA)**  
[www.wdsra.com](http://www.wdsra.com)

**CONTACT:** Sherry Manschot  
WDSRA Marketing/PR Manager  
630-681-0962 ext. 550  
[sherrym@wdsra.com](mailto:sherrym@wdsra.com)

## **AS HEARD ON WONC FM89.1**

June 3, 2024

***We are the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association providing social and recreational programs for children, teens and adults right here in DuPage County.***

### **INDOOR RECREATION SPACE NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

As part of the Park District's ongoing indoor recreation space needs assessment taking place this year, we will be conducting a series of open house events to learn more about the types of indoor recreation spaces and programs that residents would like to see the District provide in the future. If you would like to learn more about this initiative and provide your input, please join us for one of the following open house events:

**Tuesday, June 11**

**11am-1pm and 4-6pm**

Fort Hill Activity Center

*For more information, visit, <https://napervilleparks.org/>.*

### **WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER INTERN MARY CLAUSSEN!**

Mary, currently a senior at the University of Toledo, will graduate with a degree in Recreational Therapy upon completion of her WDSRA internship.

Mary is a Metea Valley High School alum. While there she volunteered with Special Olympics soccer and track & field, served as a unified partner for dance, swimming, and bowling. She was also involved with Best Buddies and Gigi's Playhouse.

Mary is looking forward to meeting and forming relationships with WDSRA participants this summer. Her internship will include attending the Special Olympics Summer Games, working programs and revamping the disability awareness program.

*Send your welcome messages to Mary [here](#).*

### **WELCOME CAYLA PRUITT, SUMMER INCLUSION COORDINATOR!**

Cayla joins WDSRA as an Inclusion Summer Coordinator after 11 years working with the Winfield Park District. She liked it so much she is looking to expand her involvement through WDSRA.

As the Inclusion Summer Coordinator, Cayla is looking forward to being part of the larger scale impact that inclusion has on participants & families. In her new role, she'll be assisting the Inclusion team in a variety of ways including field supervision and communicating with staff, families & park district staff.

## **CHARLIE LONG/WDSRA GOLF CLASSIC**

Today is the Charlie Long/WDSRA Golf Classic and we want to thank all the golfers that are joining us on the course later today. We are excited for a great day of golf with lots of excitement on the course. Thank you to everyone for coming out to support our participants and families.

And of course, we couldn't do any of this without our sponsors. Thank you to our major sponsors: First Trust, Byline Bank, Wheaton Bank & Trust, Ameriprise Financial and Leahy ifp. There are too many hole and in-kind sponsors to mention. But please, take a look at our social media to see al the wonderful companies who are supporting our participants and families. THANK YOU to them all!

## **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.

####

## **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.*

***Learn more at [www.wdsra.com](http://www.wdsra.com).***