



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

August 5, 2021

### **MASK UPDATE**

As of 8/4/2021, WDSRA is requiring all staff and participants to wear face coverings, regardless of vaccination status, when participating in indoor programs.

In response to rising COVID-19 metrics, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Health (IDPH) recommends that everyone, including fully vaccinated people, wear masks in public indoor settings in areas with "substantial" and "high" transmission of COVID-19.

DuPage County COVID-19 transmission rates are "substantial" per the CDC. Wednesday, the governor announced that Illinois was "fully adopting" the CDC's updated masking guidance.

It's important to note that the CDC and IDPH have not reinstated capacity limits for facilities or events and the six-foot social distancing rule continues to apply only to those who have not been vaccinated. As of right now, in-person programs will continue to run as scheduled.

We will continue to monitor all state and county guidelines and provide additional updates as they become available at <https://www.wdsra.com/about-wdsra/news-updates/>.

### **FALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION: CLOSING THURSDAY 8/5**

The fall program season registration wraps up today. Be sure to complete your registration by today at 5pm. Reminder... In-person programs will be a lottery registration!

**Registration: closes Thursday, 8/5 @ 5pm**

**Lottery Spin: Friday, 8/6**

**Programs Run: 9/19 thru 12/11**

*The fall program brochure is online.*

### **THANK YOU: SUMMER PROGRAM STAFF**

**Bringing the FUN to every program!**

Summer program staff are THE. ABSOLUTE. BEST! Whether it is a dance class or a weekly social club, they always put participants first by making programs exciting, helping participants build meaningful relationships and by remembering to take time to have FUN!

Thank YOU for being a BIG part of the WDSRA family!

Send your **THANK YOU** messages on Facebook.

### **EXECUTIVE STAFF GARNER AWARD**

#### **Sandy Gbur Named Philanthropic Leader of the Year!**

Recently retired WDSRA Executive Director Sandy Gbur has been named the 2021 Philanthropic Leader of the Year by the West Suburban Philanthropic Network (WSPN).

*“Sandy is a passionate champion, providing for today and tomorrow,” states a post from the WSPN. “Throughout her 43-year career and now into retirement, she fearlessly leads change for the good and relentlessly advocates for people with special needs and their care circles. Through her involvement with the Rotary Club of Carol Stream, Sensory Garden Playground, and countless other organizations and municipalities, she has modeled to the next generation what it takes to be catalysts and change makers for the greater good of a community.”*

#### **Lea Jackman Named Finalist for Nonprofit Executive of the Year!**

Lea Jackman, WDSRA Superintendent of Development and Communications has been named a finalist for the 2021 Nonprofit Executive of the Year.

Lea is a master at developing meaningful relationships and fosters those relationships with the goal of connecting individuals to WDSRA's mission of developing individuals through recreation. She is driven to use those connections to ensure individuals with special needs have access to the opportunities WDSRA offers.

***Awards for both Sandy and Lea will be presented at the WSPN 19th Annual Philanthropy Awards to be held Thursday, August 26th at the Drake Oakbrook.***

#####

### **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.

***WDSRA Mission: The development of individuals through recreation.***

***WDSRA Vision: Opening a world of untapped potential and a lifetime of possibilities.***