



**Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA)**  
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## **AS HEARD ON WONC FM89.1**

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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.***

### **Who is WDSRA?**

We provide social and recreational programs, like park district programs, for children, teens, and adults with special needs. We have programs for just about every interest including: competitive and recreational athletics, Special Olympics, adaptive sports, music, dance, art, theater, social clubs, camps, trips, special events and more!

Overall, we help enrich the lives of our participants & families, connect them to their community, and discover their potential... all while having fun in our programs.

WDSRA is special because we are more than programs – we are about people, belonging, and opportunity

- **People** – Our strength lies in the people who make WDSRA what it is – participants & families, trained & caring program staff, knowledgeable full-time staff, generous donors & supporters, etc. - who believe in our mission.
- **Belonging** - We truly create a welcoming community where everyone feels included and valued. This is not just participating ... it's belonging to a community.
- **Opportunity** - For participants, it's the ability to grow, be independent, and find joy. For families, it's knowing their loved one has a safe to be, the ability to enjoy respite, the chance to experience milestones together. For staff, it's a place to develop and succeed. For donors/supporters it's the opportunity to make a lasting impact in their community.

***At the heart of it all – we transform recreation into confidence, friendships, and lifelong memories.***

### **Special Olympics State Results**

This past weekend our Wildcats competed at the Special Olympics Illinois State Tournament!

Wildcats 4 Softball was in Springfield – they had 2 tough losses – but they managed to keep their spirits up with fun off the field.

Five Wildcats golfers were in Decatur -

- 2 Skills golfers – demonstrating 7 separate skills – Grace earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Emily 5<sup>th</sup> place
- 2 Nine-hole golfers – Lou tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place AND Tommy earned 2nd
- 1 Unified pair - Daniel and his brother Ryan earned 1<sup>st</sup> place

***Congrats to all the athletes!***

### **Thank you Kenec!**

A huge thank-you to Kenec, the Naperville student-led nonprofit building inclusive communities by connecting neurodivergent and neurotypical peers.

This summer, Kenec wrapped up a season of friendship, growth, and connection by raising \$1,800 for WDSRA through their GoFundMe fundraiser!

We are incredibly grateful that Kenec chose WDSRA as their beneficiary, recognizing our shared values of inclusion and empowerment. Because of Kenec's generosity and commitment, more individuals with special needs will have access to the programs and experiences that bring joy, confidence, and community.

***Thank you, Kenec, for helping create a more connected world—one friendship at a time!***

### **All Abilities Vendor Fair**

Front Porch Church will be hosting this event at Community Christian Church - Yellow Box. The goal for this fair is to promote businesses and organizations that are owned or operated by/for our special needs community. There will be vendors, food, and fun activities for the whole family!

**Over 40 Vendors attending - WDSRA will be there!**

**Saturday, 9/13 @ 10am-2pm**

**Community Christian Church**

**1635 Emerson Lane, Naperville**

***Details can be found [here](#).***

**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.

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### **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.*

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