



Western DuPage Special Recreation Association

Providing Equal Fun for Everyone!

WDSRA

The Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA) was organized in 1976 to provide recreation services for people of all ages with disabilities. Recreational programs are offered year-round and include special events, sports, arts & crafts, music, dance, pre-school programming, social clubs, and trips. WDSRA has grown from one summer day camp program in 1977 for 125 children to over 1,500 annual activities for more than 4,500 people.

The Western DuPage Special Recreation Association is a cooperative extension of nine community park districts: Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glen Ellyn, Naperville, Roselle, Warrenville, West Chicago, Wheaton and Winfield.

Who We Serve

WDSRA provides recreation services for people of all ages with disabilities including Attention Deficit Disorder/ Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Autism/Pervasive Developmental Disorder, Behavioral and Learning Challenges, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Developmentally Delayed, Early Childhood, Geriatric, Mentally Challenged, Mentally Ill, Multi-Need, Physically Challenged, Traumatic Brain Injury, Visually Impaired, Youth at Risk, and those with other special needs.

WDSRA is affiliated with Special Olympics, Very Special Arts, Blaze sports, Miracle League, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, YMCAs, Chicago District Golf association, and other special -recreation associations.

Funding Sources

WDSRA is funded through local funds from member park district communities, program revenues, donations, and other sources. Local businesses, companies, and service clubs are instrumental in providing in-kind contributions, volunteers, and financial donations.

WDSRA Board of Directors

The association is governed by representatives of the nine member communities. Board meetings are held every other month and are open to the public. Call WDSRA for more information.

WDSRA is a two-time National Gold Medal Award Grand Winner for excellence in community-based recreation management for people with disabilities. WDSRA was also recognized in 2008 as a Distinguished Agency, for a second time, by the Illinois Park and Recreation Association.

Groups that Benefit from WDSRA

Abbington Rehabilitation, Roselle
Alden Nursing Home, Naperville
Alden Trails, Bloomingdale
Alden Village, Bloomingdale
Alden Old Town East
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Arden Courts of Glen Ellyn
Area Alternative Schools
Belmont Village, Carol Stream
Best Buddies Illinois
Center for Independent Living
Community Nursing and Rehab Center, Naperville
DuPage Convalescent Center, Wheaton
Girl Scouts of America
Humanitarian Services
Little Friends, Naperville
Manor Care, Naperville and Wheaton
Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital, Wheaton
Marklund Children's Homes
Marklund Day School
Meadowbrook Manor, Naperville
Neighborhood Resource Centers
People's Resource Center
Ray Graham Association
SCARCE
Special Olympics Illinois
West Suburban Care Center, Bloomingdale
Wood Glen Nursing Home, West Chicago
Wyndemere, Wheaton

School Districts and Special Ed Coops

WDSRA works with school districts, preschool through high school, and special education cooperatives in all of our nine communities.

WDSRA Foundation

The WDSRA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, is the official fundraising arm of the association. It was formed in 1993 to develop long-term programs of giving from individuals, businesses, and organizations to further the goals and ideals of the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association.

WDSRA Mission...the development of individuals through recreation

WDSRA Vision...Equal Fun For Everyone

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