



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.

Olivia Huff Honored with Youth Service Award

Congratulations Olivia!

At just 15 years old, Olivia Huff is already making a remarkable impact. A student at Metea Valley High School, Olivia is known for her enthusiasm, teamwork, and readiness to take on any challenge. Her passion for supporting individuals with special needs made her an ideal volunteer in our Naperville Summer Camps this past summer. Olivia fully immersed herself in activities like games, crafts, swimming, and field trips, quickly building strong connections with the campers.

It's no surprise that Olivia was named a recipient of the **KidsMatter 2024 Youth Service Award**. This honor celebrates young individuals who dedicate their time and talents to serving the community. The 2024 ceremony recognized Olivia and 22 other outstanding students for their extraordinary contributions to local nonprofits.

Congratulations, Olivia, on this well-deserved recognition!

Take the Plunge with WDSRA

Join the WDSRA Wildcats Team and support Special Olympics Illinois by diving into the icy waters for a great cause!

Saturday, 3/8

Exact time and location are TBD

but will be in the morning and the Naperville area

Each "plunger" must raise a minimum of \$100 to take the leap and will receive an official Polar Plunge sweatshirt as a token of your bravery. Every dollar raised helps provide programming and events for athletes across Illinois. Athletes, parents, siblings, friends - everyone is welcome!

Want to join our team or have questions? Contact Ryan at ryanf@wdsra.com or 630-681-0962 ext576. Want to Support the WDSRA Wildcats Team? Donations can be made at the WDSRA Wildcats Team fundraising page @ <https://support.soill.org/team/623478>.

Lets make a splash for a great cause!

WDSRA is Hiring an Inclusion Coordinator

Are you passionate about creating inclusive experiences for individuals with special needs? WDSRA is seeking an Inclusion Coordinator to lead the way in ensuring every participant thrives in our member park districts.

As an Inclusion Coordinator, you'll:

- Coordinate and support inclusion services tailored for participants with special needs in member park district programs
- Recruit, schedule, and manage part-time inclusion support staff
- Collaborate with stakeholders to identify and implement effective accommodations
- Handle key administrative tasks to ensure seamless inclusion experiences

This role is your chance to make a meaningful impact in the community while fostering a culture of belonging and empowerment. Ready to change lives? Join our team today!

For complete details or to apply, visit <https://secure6.saashr.com/ta/6189871.careers?CareersSearch>.

BEST. SUMMER. JOB. EVER.

WDSRA is hiring for summer! Want to get paid to have fun, make a difference, and create unforgettable memories? WDSRA is hiring for SUMMER positions that will bring the good vibes all season long!

Be a part of something amazing:

- Summer program staff
- Camp staff
- Inclusion support staff
- And MORE!

Work with awesome people, gain experience, and make every day feel like a celebration. Your dream summer job is waiting!

**For complete details or to apply, visit <https://secure6.saashr.com/ta/6189871.careers?CareersSearch>.
Click on WDSRA Part Time Staff.**

Forward to friends and let's make this THE. BEST. SUMMER. EVER!

Annual Appeal Update

ANNUAL APPEAL RESULTS ARE IN: More than \$73,500 raised!

We are humbled by the generosity of everyone who made a donation to the Annual Appeal! More than \$61,000 in donations was raised during the Annual Appeal. Coupled with the \$12,500 match offered by The Scott and Trish Karll Charitable Fund, the total amount raised was \$73,500!

As a vital part of the FY24-25 budget, YOUR donations will be making a difference in the lives of participants & families as soon as this winter program season. Donations will be helping provide camps for kids, equipment & fees for athletes, one-on-one assistance for everyone who needs it, scholarships, sensory materials, and so much more!

YOU are changing lives! THANK YOU!

If you weren't able to donate before but want to now, visit www.wdsra.com and click on the donate button.

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.*

Learn more at www.wdsra.com.