# 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.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS Athletes!**

It has been a busy few weeks!

- Three WDSRA athletes competed in the Special Olympics Winter Games held in Galena recently. All
  3 competed in the snowshoe events. Results include: Emily placed 3rd in the 50M & 1st in the
  100M, Grace placed 5th in the 50M, and Neal places 5th in the 100M & 6th in the 200M.
- We had 9 teams and over 150 swimmers all striving for a personal best at the WDSRA swim meet held recently at West Chicago High School. It was a friendly competition and many personal bests were achieved.
- And last week, dozens of people came out to compete and cheer on our pickleballers at the WDSRA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual pickleball Classic.

# Congratulations everyone!

### Synergy Hawks are #1 in the Country!

Congratulations to the Synergy/LWSRA Hawks varsity team who, as of February, were ranked #1 in the country! The NWBA Junior Division released the latest power rankings for Varsity and Prep levels. These rankings determine invitations to the National Championships and Invitational Tournaments.

**Good luck at Nationals!** 

# Summer Day Camp Brochure is Online!

### Make summer a great experience for both you and your camper!

Camps are filled with sports, games, crafts, swimming, and a whole host of other fun activities that will make 2025 a summer to remember.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Registration opens Monday, 3/17
- Registration closes Friday, 4/4
- Lottery spun Monday, 4/7

Summer Day Camp information can be found at <a href="https://www.wdsra.com/wdsra-programs/summer-day-camp-2025/">https://www.wdsra.com/wdsra-programs/summer-day-camp-2025/</a>.

# **Grant Brightens WDSRA Workspaces**

Thanks to a \$47,000 grant from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), WDSRA has upgraded its office space with new ceiling tiles and energy-efficient LED lighting! These improvements enhance the offices, meeting rooms, and Rec & Roll space—creating a brighter, more welcoming environment for everyone.

We're thrilled with these much-needed upgrades that make WDSRA an even better place to work.

# **Rotary Club of Naperville Grant**

Thanks to funds raised through the Parade with a Purpose, the Parade of Lights, and a generous matching grant from Naperville Rotary Charities, WDSRA was honored to be one of eleven local nonprofits awarded grant funding. These funds, totaling \$5,000 will directly support our mission & vision!

A heartfelt thank you to the Rotary Club of Naperville for your continued support of our participants & families!

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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## **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.**