



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.*

### **FINAL UPDATE FROM NATIONALS: LWSRA/Synergy Hawks!**

It wasn't the finish the athletes wanted. But the competition was tough and they played hard.

- Prep lost in the 3rd place game 35-38. Finished in 4th place.
- Varsity 1 won 58-44. Finished in 5th place.
- Varsity 2 finished in 16th place in the NIT bracket.

*Who are the LWSRA/Synergy hawks? A collaboration with Lincolnway Special Recreation Association (LWSRA) combines our two wheelchair basketball programs. WDSRA's Synergy Adaptive Athletics Jr Bulls and the LWSRA Hawks are now the LWSRA/Synergy Hawks. This partnership will provide greater opportunities for children & teens to learn and compete at both regional and national levels.*

### **WELCOME: Zach Greenberger**

**We are thrilled to welcome Zach Greenberger as a new trustee on the WDSRA Foundation Board!**

Zach is the Business Development Manager at JDA Worldwide – a full-service marketing agency headquartered out of Indianapolis. He has 15 years experience in the advertising and marketing agency world. Currently, he is responsible for bringing the JDA brand into Chicagoland and growing the firm's presence.

Zach was drawn to the WDSRA's mission and vision from both a personal and professional aspect. On a personal basis, he has several touch points with the community via his mother and his girlfriend, Megan, who both were involved in teaching and volunteering for special education. On a professional basis, he recognizes the scale of impact that the organization has within the community. According to Zach, "my goal is to figure out how my background and local connections can continue to drive the mission and vision of the organization forward".

***Send Zach a welcome message on our [Facebook page!](#)***

### **Glen Ellyn Lakers and Midwest FC introduce the Inclusive Lakers Program**

Starting on April 24th, this 4-week initiative is designed for children with disabilities, featuring a developmentally appropriate curriculum led by dedicated coaches and supported by peer volunteers. The program enhances motor skills, fosters social connections, and builds teamwork in a safe, inclusive environment.

***For more information and to register, visit the Glen Ellyn Park District website at [www.gepd.org](http://www.gepd.org) or <https://bit.ly/49SYyHu>.***

**SUMMER HIRING: Secure Your Summer Job NOW!**

Interested in working programs?

Know someone who is?

Please pass this along!

**Carol Stream Park District Summer Hiring Event**

**Thursday 4/11 @ 3:30-5:30pm**

**Fountain View Recreation Center**

The Carol Stream Park District is hosting an event to fill a variety of summer positions (camp counselors, lifeguards, etc.). WDSRA will be there! We are hiring program staff for camps, swim lessons, inclusion, and more!

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

**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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