

SRSNLC's Story

SRSNLC is a cooperative agreement between the Lindenhurst, Round Lake, Waukegan, and Zion Park Districts. This organization provides recreation and leisure services for people with special needs.

Special Recreation Associations are able to exist due to a law unique to the state of Illinois, which allows any two or more park districts to form what has become known as a Special Recreation Association (SRA). Many other SRA's exist in the Chicago suburban area. A professional organization called the Participant Services Division of the Illinois Therapeutic Recreation Services (PSD/ITRS) has been formed out of an interest by SRA's (including Waukegan) to share common problems and solutions, and to promote recreation for special populations on a wider scale.

SRSNLC-Waukegan was formally known as Waukegan-Foss Special Recreation Association. WFSRA was formed in early 1980 through an agreement with Waukegan and Foss Park Districts. In 2000, WFSRA dissolved. Waukegan Park District joined Lindenhurst, Round Lake and Zion Park Districts to create a new agency, Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake County (SRSNLC)



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SPECIAL RECREATION SERVICES OF NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY (SRSNLC) WAUKEGAN

Several local Park Districts joined together to form SRSNLC in an effort to better serve the people of Northern Lake County. Waukegan is one of the towns that joined this cooperative effort. Prior to that it had been associated with the Waukegan-Foss Special Recreation Association (WFSRA).

SRSNLC specifically serves residents who may have a disability, regardless of severity or nature, and facilitates those residents' inclusion into their home community leisure programs whenever feasible.

It employs one to three full time staff members who have college degrees in Therapeutic Recreation, are nationally Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialists, and have professional accreditation.

Waukegan Special Recreation offers year-round programming in a variety of areas. It depends greatly on the services of its many volunteers and seasonal staff to deliver these leisure opportunities. The Waukegan office is located at Upton Park, 732 North Genesee Street.

Mission Statement

It is the MISSION OF SRSNLC to educate our citizens to become responsible, productive, healthy, and contributing members of our society by preparing them through recreation with a dynamic and caring environment, which excites them and invites them to participate.

Internship Opportunities

Your student internship plays an important role in your preparation as a professional Therapeutic Recreation specialist. The exposure and experience you encounter during your internship at SRSNLC-Waukegan will have a lasting effect on your future endeavors. An internship with a community based organization provides students excellent hands on experience, which include the following:

- Opportunity to practice and experience your philosophy and knowledge of recreation
- Work with a variety of disabilities which encompass all ages and all ethnic backgrounds
- Opportunity to be actively involved with the professional organization called the Participant Services Division of Illinois Therapeutic Recreation Services (PSD/ITRS)
- To establish and maintain relations with the Park District support staff and community contacts
- Active involvement of inclusion of participants in Park District programs
- Opportunity to attend workshops and in-services on the most current techniques and trends affecting

Internship Goals/Objectives

Internship goals and objectives will include:

- Plan, develop and implement SRSNLC programs
- Evaluate programs/survey assessments
- Promote and publicize association activities (i.e. flyers, seasonal brochures and news releases)
- Network with other agencies
- Provide an opportunity to relate to, interact with, and learn from Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist in their area of expertise
- Train and assess Special Olympic athletes in various sports

A Successful Intern...

the profession

An intern in this position must be responsible and motivated. Desired qualities and skills that we will be looking for in an intern include:

- A positive attitude, open mind, and willingness to learn
- The ability to manage time effectively
- The ability to process feelings and experiences
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- The ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously
- Experience or interest in working with individuals with disabilities

Available Internships

SRSNLC - Waukegan offer internships year-round. The duration of internship is 14-16 weeks, depending on university requirements. Interns must have a flexible schedule and be able to work evenings and weekends. This position includes a \$145 per/week stipend. Complementary housing arrangements may be made. Any interested individuals must send resume and cover letter to Julie Schneider - Manager of Special Recreation at:



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