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Ganster Pool Lifeguards Finish 2nd in State Lifeguard Games!

Waukegan, IL (August 10, 2010) – On August 7th, the Ganster Pool staff took second place in the Illinois Park and Recreation Association's annual Guard Games Competition in Woodridge, Illinois. The IPRA Lifeguard Games is a competition for Illinois park and recreation agency lifeguards and junior lifeguards to display their lifeguard skills, strength, speed, and endurance. The games are organized into teams of four and test the ability to work as a team in different events such as a two-person rescue, an unconscious rescue, a spinal injury, and various relays. This friendly competition encourages guards to rise to challenges, practice their craft, learn from other guards and have fun. Out of 42 teams, Waukegan Park District took 2nd place.

Representing the Park District this year was Haley Krueger, Brandon Olson, Kelsey Luosa, Natalie Kretlow, Kristin Athanas, Eddie Polenzani and Bryana Wilson all cheered on by special team member, Sheridan the Star. The competition was fierce and the guards' skills were put to the test. Great job team!

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916 the district has 47 properties and 720 acres of land, which includes the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and the 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. The District operates recreational centers, the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, an outdoor swimming pool, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, basketball courts, the Waukegan Skate Park, and the Waukegan BMX track. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages including special populations. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, and the Waukegan History Museum. Sixty-one authorized full-time staff and over 250 part-time, year round, seasonal and temporary employees. The district is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains IAPD Distinguished Agency accreditation and is also accredited with the Park District Risk Management Agency and maintains a Level A Loss Control Program.

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