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Special Recreation athletes compete at Special Olympics Illinois State Summer Games

On June 15th through June 17th, Special Recreation Service of Northern Lake County – Waukegan attended the Illinois State Summer Games with two athletes. The Summer Games overall total was 3,583 athletes. Christian Torres. competed in Bocce Ball and received a silver medal. There were a total of 354 Bocce Ball athletes, with three athletes competing in Torres' division. Donna Wagner. competed in Shotput and received a bronze medal. There were a total of 139 Shotput athletes, with five athletes competing in Wagner's division.

About The Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake County

Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake County provides individuals with disabilities and special needs the opportunity to be involved in year-round recreation and leisure programs. Programs are available for individuals from 3 years old through adults who are in special education programs, vocational workshops, or for those who need assistance to succeed in recreational activities. This could include individuals who have varying degrees of physical disabilities, mental handicaps, learning disabilities, emotional difficulties, hearing or visual impairments and developmental delays.

Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake County is a cooperation of Waukegan Park District, Zion Park District, Lindenhurst Park District, and Round Lake Area Park District. As an extension of the Park District SRSNLC conducts a variety of recreation programs throughout the year, and also assists the Waukegan Park District with inclusion needs.