

What is a Special Recreation Association?

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 Committee of the Illinois Therapeutic Recreation Services (PSC/ITRS) has been formed out of an interest by SRA's to share common problems and solutions, and to promote recreation for special populations on a wider scale.

Each Cooperative District of Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake County offers a variety of recreation programs throughout the year including bowling, swimming, crafts, cooking, team sports, Special Olympics training, social clubs, summer day camps and numerous special events.

Special Recreation strives for each participant to function at his/her highest level of ability in the least restrictive environment. If you are interested in Special Recreation programs or services, please call your local office at:

Lindenhurst: 847-356-6011
Round Lake: 847-546-8558
Waukegan: 847-360-4760
Zion: 847-746-5500



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Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake County



Providing Recreation Programs and Services for Individuals with Special Needs for the Residents of Lindenhurst, Round Lake, Waukegan, and Zion Park Districts

Special Recreation Services Of Northern Lake County (SRSNLC)

In 2000, the Lindenhurst, Round Lake Area, Waukegan and Zion Park Districts entered into an intergovernmental cooperative agreement known as Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake County in an effort to better serve the people of Northern Lake County. Prior to SRSNLC's formation, the Lindenhurst, Round Lake Area and Zion Park Districts were collaborating as Special Recreation Association of Round Lake, Lindenhurst and Zion (SRARLZ), while Waukegan was part of the collaborative 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.

Each member district employs full-time staff with college degrees in Therapeutic Recreation or a related field and depends greatly on the services of its many volunteers and seasonal staff to deliver a variety of year-round leisure opportunities.

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.



Integrated Opportunities

SRSNLC understands that not every person with a disability requires SRSNLC services. Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake County and its participating Cooperative Park Districts work collaboratively to assist any resident who wishes to participate in a local park district program. If you are interested in participating in a Park District program, please contact your local Special Recreation office so we can support your participation through observation, in-services, staff trainings, or "Leisure Buddies".

SRSNLC is committed to doing everything possible to make your integrated experience a successful one.

Full Access For All — ADA

The Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake County advocates full participation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which prohibits discrimination in the provision of programs, services or activities to individuals with disabilities. Every attempt at reasonable accommodation will be made so that individuals may participate in a desired program.



We Need Your Help

You may be the role model or inspiration that an individual needs to find his or her way to successful recreation and leisure experiences. Volunteers as well as donations of equipment, time, or money are an essential part of SRSNLC programs, special events, and Special Olympic Sports programs. It is through the enhanced time, assistance, special interests, and overwhelming enthusiasm of our volunteers that make our programs a success. If you have a desire to share your time by volunteering, please call your local office. Additionally, equipment and contributions are always welcome.



Internship Opportunities

SRSNLC-Waukegan offers internships year-round. The duration of an internship is 14-16 weeks, depending on university requirements. Interns must have a flexible schedule and be able to work evenings and weekends. This is a paid position. Housing arrangements may be made. Any interested individuals should send a résumé and cover letter to the Manager of Special Recreation or call (847) 360-4760 for more information.