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Mel poses at our annual Valentine's Dance Party

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December 1
at 9am

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SPECIAL UPDATES

IRVSRA STAFFING CHANGES:

Effective January 1, 2022, I will be stepping down as the Manager for IRVSRA. This is not "goodbye", but more of a "see you around" as I have accepted a position as Superintendent of Marketing and Communications for Pekin Park District. Shelly and Shawna will now be leading the IRVSRA as Co-Managers, full-time, starting in January. I have cherished my time with IRVSRA as it and all the participants will always hold a special spot in my heart as well as my continued future. My daily duties and office location will likely change to somewhere else in the building, but I will continue to help IRVSRA with its marketing needs such as brochures, T-shirts, websites, and other various media needs. Whether it is at the occasional big dance, sports banquet, or pool party; you are sure to see me around from time to time. It has been my honor and pleasure working so closely with our IRVSRA family, and I am confident that Shelly and Shawna will continue the great work!



- Casey Smith

IRVSRA REGISTRATION FEE CHANGES:

You no doubtingly noticed that some of our fees have gone up a few dollars here and there in the past year or so. This is due to continuing minimum wage increases as well as the cost of almost all goods and services. Day camps in THIS brochure are not changing, but we expect them to increase slightly for summer day camp in the next brochure. Please plan accordingly and we appreciate your understanding.

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VALENTINE'S DANCE
ON PAGES

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Special Olympics Soccer Team: The Kickin' Nuggets

WHAT ABOUT COVID-19 SCHOLARSHIPS SPECIAL OLYMPICS REGISTRATION FEES & DISCOUNTS

Health, safety, & following the Restore Illinois State Guidelines are a priority. All of our programs & activities will be subject to **COVID-19** related safety measures throughout all phases. Here is a quick summary of our mask/temperature break down at the time of printing. Please contact us if you have any further questions.

Masks:

Required: All participants while on bus for shuttle transport

Required: Indoors regardless of vaccination status

Not Required: Outdoors regardless of vaccination status

We will not be asking vaccine status of participants nor sharing status of staff.

Temp. Checks: No longer being done at the start of programming. Please do not attend if feeling ill, have persistent cough, or have a temperature above 100.4

If you are in need of financial assistance with any registration fees within this brochure, please submit an **'IRVSRA Scholarship Application'** by the appropriate deadline. You can pick up an application at our office or download one from our website. Deadline for this brochure is: 12/31/2021 @ 12:00p.

At this time there are limited planned Regional or State **Special Olympics Illinois (SOILL)** Tournaments in which IRVSRA is set to compete. SOILL Tournament competition is a **FREE** option usually available to our IRVSRA sport participants. All IRVSRA Special Olympic sport fees within this brochure are IRVSRA fees for the practice season to help cover supplies and coaching salaries. IRVSRA nor our Athletes pay any fees to compete at SOILL Events. Those wishing to participate in Special Olympics must observe and abide by the rules and eligibility requirements of Special Olympics International and Special Olympics Illinois.

SOILL Tournament Eligibility requirements for Athletes are:

- Must be at least 8 years old at time of event
- Must have a diagnosed developmental disability
- Must have a current Medical Form on file. *See page 14 for more details.*
- Must have a current guardian signed consent Form on file. *See page 14 for more details.*

All **Fees** in this brochure are **NON-RESIDENT** Fees (residents outside district boundaries). Resident addresses within park district boundaries (park district tax payers) will receive a **10% discount upon checkout.**

Abbreviations:

PPD: Pekin Park District | FDL: Fon du Lac Park District | SOILL: Special Olympics Illinois
SRA: Special Recreation Association | TBA: To Be Announced

Shuttle Transportation Drop-off/Pickup Locations:

FDL	PPD
Fon du Lac Admin. Building 201 Veterans Drive East Peoria, IL 61611	IRVSRA Rec. Center 1715 Dragon Drive Pekin, IL 61554

Image Key

-  Movie Included
-  Beverage Included
-  Meal/Snack Included
-  Specific age restrictions
(Additional age restrictions may vary)
-  Shuttle Bus Available

A shuttle bus picks up registered participants in front of the IRVSRA Rec. Center at Pekin Park District or the Fon du Lac Administration Building, goes to the event, then back after the event approx. 30 to 45 mins before & after the event times advertised. Indicate your intent to use the shuttle upon registration with FDL or PPD. Final shuttle times may vary and will be emailed to all registered participants 2-3 days before the event taking place.

 **SRA Staff Supervision Provided**

You can leave your participant at the event or program. We will have staff scheduled to cover the targeted ratios for safety & supervision. Programs without this image, may often require guardians or caregivers to stay and provide supervision.

 **Admission Included**

There are no extra fees required during the event. Entry, admission, tickets, bowling games, shoe or skate rentals, etc. are all included in the registration fee.

 **Free Item Included**

Programs with this image receive a **FREE** item with registration. The item may be a t-shirt, sticker, pin, cup, etc.

 **Additional Costs**

There will be additional costs during this event. Common instances include paying for your own lunch at a restaurant or purchasing goods or extras.

 **Optional Concessions**

This event is likely to have concessions available for purchase at some point. Extra cash on hand is not mandatory, but optional should your participant want to purchase concessions.

→ Christmas LIVE! Concert



Day: Saturday
Date: December 11
Time: 6:30p
Fee: FREE
Location: FBC - Pekin
700 S. Capitol St.
Pekin, IL 61554



NO REGISTRATION NEEDED. Join us for an evening of IRVSRA participants singing their holiday favorites on stage with a live band as well as a dance performance by the 2021 IRVSRA Cheer & Dance Team! This event **open to the public.** Friends and family are all encouraged to attend. **You won't want to miss this event.** There are plans to live stream this event on Facebook in addition to the in person audience.

SUNSHINE CAMP

CAMP DETAILS

WINTER BREAK DAY CAMP

Days: 9.5 days M-Th Dec 20th - 23rd
M - F Dec 27th - Dec 31st (half day 12/31)
M Jan 3rd

All-Day Times: 7:00a - 5:30p
Mid-Day Times: 9:00a - 3:00p

First Day: Monday Dec 20th
Last Day: Monday Jan 3rd

Mid-Day Fees: \$30/daily drop-in or \$120/weekly session
Residents receive a 10% discount at the time of checkout

All-Day Fees: \$40/daily drop-in or \$160/week
Residents receive a 10% discount at the time of checkout

Camp Location:
Pekin Park District @ the IRVSRA Recreational Center
1715 Dragon Dr. Pekin, IL

Shuttle Location:
East Peoria @ the Fon du Lac Admin. Center
201 Veterans Dr. East Peoria, IL

Shuttle Times: 7:00a & 5:30p
(for all-day campers only to and from Fon du Lac)



➔ Dancin' Into Fitness



Day: Thursdays
 Date: Jan 6 - Feb 10
 Time: 5:30p - 6:30p
 Fee: \$25
 Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center
 Deadline: None



Who says fitness can't be fun!? Come work up a sweat with Shawna as we dance our way to better health. Water and sweat towels will be provided.

➔ Winter Bowling Season



Day: Saturdays
 Date: Jan 8 - Feb 12
 Time: Shift 1: 10:00am
 Shift 2: 11:30am
 Fee: \$45
 Location: Striketown Bowl
 Deadline: None



We are offering two time slots this season. Bowl for fun or for practice to compete in the 2022 Special Olympic Regional Tournament. This 6 week season consists of 3 games each Saturday and is open to all ages.

➔ Cookies, Cocoa, & Cool Runnings



Day: Friday
 Date: Jan 21
 Time: 6:00p - 8:00p
 Fee: FREE
 Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center
 Deadline: None



100% FREE Event for all! Sponsored by 'RISE Community Pekin'. Drop-ins are welcome, but please RSVP by registering for this event early so we can plan to have enough cookies and cocoa for everyone.

Parents & caregivers are also welcomed & encouraged to stop in or stay. RISE Community members will be present and eager to meet and talk about RISE and it's various opportunities for offer help to at-home caregivers.



RISE Community Pekin is a non-profit group formed in honor of Gretchen Sidell. Gretchen inspired us all with her understand that "I am a person with a disability who has MANY abilities." She taught us to gather around tables to love and encourage each other.

RISE is partnering with IRVSRA to provide opportunities for connection through events, to offer grants to pay IRVSRA registration fees and to support at-home caregivers. Find out how to apply for the grant on page 10.

➔ 2021 Sports Athlete Dance Party



Day: Saturday
 Date: Jan 22
 Time: 6:00p - 8:30p
 Fee: FREE, plus \$5 per guest
 Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center



Final Deadline: Jan 21

Unfortunately we won't be having our annual sports banquet this winter. But we still wanted to have something special for all the athletes that participated in one of the following 8 sport & athletics programs during 2021.

Track & Field - Soccer - Softball - Bowling - Basketball
 Volleyball - Flag Football - Cheer & Dance

➔ Dinner & Movie: Morbius (PG-13)



Day: Saturday
 Date: Jan 29
 Time: TBA (approx. 5pm)
 Fee: \$28
 Location: Pizza Ranch & Local Movie Theater
 Deadline: Jan 28



Biochemist Dr. Michael Morbius tries to cure himself of a rare blood disease, but when his experiment goes wrong, he inadvertently infects himself with a form of vampirism instead. Jump on the bus, we will grab a pizza buffet then catch the movie at a local theater. Buy some concessions and enjoy a new movie!

→ The Spongebob Musical



Day: Sunday
 Date: Feb 6
 Time: 2:00p
 Fee: \$50
 Location: Peoria Players
 Deadline: Jan 10



The stakes are higher than ever in this dynamic stage musical, as SpongeBob and all of Bikini Bottom face the total annihilation of their undersea world. Chaos erupts. Lives hang in the balance.

→ Tik Tok Topia



Day: Thursdays
 Date: Feb 17 (6weeks)
 Time: 5:30p - 6:30p
 Fee: \$25
 Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center



Learn and practice popular Tik Tok dances, that we will record for our FB page.
 T-Shirt is yours to keep after the season ends!

→ Valentines Dance Party



Day: Saturday
 Date: Feb 12
 Time: 6:00p - 8:30p
 Fee: \$20
 Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center

SHIRT DEADLINE: Oct 21
 Final Deadline: NONE



Photos, Treats, Pizza, Beverages, and Dancing! Be sure to register before the t-shirt deadline so you don't miss out on the FREE LIMITED EDITION **Loving Loafs** T-SHIRT!



→ Track & Field



Practices: Monday & Wednesday
 Season: Feb 22 - June 11
 Date: TBA @ Orientation
 Time: 5:30p-7:00p
 Fee: \$35
 Location: TBA (varies)



Register for the 2022 track & field season in preparation for a possible Special Olympic Tournament in April. Orientation Meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb 16 at 5:30p.

→ Lunch & Movie: Rumble (PG)



Day: Saturday
 Date: Feb 19
 Time: TBA (approx. noon)
 Fee: \$15
 Location: Local Movie Theater
 Deadline: Feb 18



Fast food & new movie release at local theater. Buy some concessions and enjoy a new **Animated** movie! Bring cash for your lunch.

→ Soccer



Practices: Tuesday & Thursday
 Season: Feb 23 - June 11
 Date: TBA @ Orientation
 Time: 5:30p-7:00p
 Fee: \$35
 Location: TBA



Register for the 2022 soccer season in preparation for a possible Special Olympic Tournament this spring. Additional information will be presented at the Orientation Meeting on Wednesday, Feb 16 at 6:30p.

→ Dinner & Movie: Uncharted (PG-13)



Day: Saturday
 Date: Feb 26
 Time: TBA (approx. 5pm)
 Fee: \$28
 Location: Pizza Ranch & Local Movie Theater
 Deadline: Feb 25



Pizza buffet then to a local theater. Buy some concessions and enjoy a new action movie!

➔ Dinner & Movie: The Batman (PG-13)



Day: Saturday
 Date: March 5
 Time: TBA (approx. 5pm)
 Fee: \$28
 Location: Pizza Ranch & Local
 Movie Theater
 Deadline: March 4



'I am Batman!' Pizza buffet then to a local theater. Buy some concessions and enjoy a new movie!

➔ Lunch & Movie: Turning Red (PG)

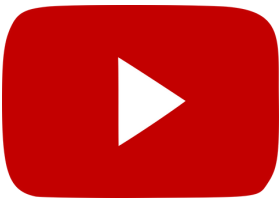


Day: Saturday
 Date: March 12
 Time: TBA (approx. noon)
 Fee: \$15
 Location: Local Movie Theater
 Deadline: March 11



'A 13-year-old girl suddenly turns into a giant red panda whenever she gets too excited. Enjoy fast food then head to a local theater. Buy some concessions and enjoy a new movie!

➔ YouTube Video Dance Party



Day: Saturday
 Date: March 19
 Time: 6:00p - 8:30p
 Fee: \$20
 Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center

SHIRT DEADLINE: March 10
 Final Deadline: NONE



Have your requests ready! We will dance to your favorite music videos found on YouTube. Video requests, pizza, beverages, and dancing! Be sure to register before the t-shirt deadline so you don't miss out on the FREE LIMITED EDITION **YouTube Themed T-SHIRT!**

➔ Pizza & Bowling Party



Day: Saturday
 Date: March 26
 Time: 12:00p - 2:00p
 Fee: \$25
 Location: Striketown Bowl
 Deadline: None



Pizzas, pitchers of soda, shoes, balls, games, & friends in this all inclusive pizza & bowling get together.

➔ Friends & Family Spaghetti Fundraiser



Please Join us for an ALL you CAN EAT Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle Benefiting your local Special Recreation Association!

Dinner Includes: Meat or marinara Spaghetti dinner with Side Salad, Bread, Drink (Ice tea, Sweet Tea, Water, coffee) and Cake.

Raffle Tickets (for prize baskets) will be available for purchase, Need not be present to win.

Day: Sunday
 Date: March 27
 Time: 4:30p - 6:30p
 Fees:

Adults 12 & up: \$15.00 per person
 Children 4 & up: \$7.50 per person
 Children 3 & under: Free (no need to register)

Location:
 Deadline:

Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center
 Deadline: NONE (Drop-ins are welcome)
 However please consider registering ahead of time for this event. Those ages 4 & up that pre-register before the 27th, will each receive one (1) FREE Raffle Ticket as a thank you. This will help to make sure we have enough spaghetti and beverages for everyone attending!





CREATIVE CREW ART CLUB

WEEKLY CLASSES

DETAILS



Come learn a new hobby. Each month we explore a different way to look at art so you are bound to find a new way to explore your creativity. Classes are open to those 10 years old and above (yes even adults!). Our instructor, Mary, is very creative and cannot wait to meet you!



JANUARY - PAINT

Day: Mondays
Date: January 10, 17, 24, 31
Time: 6:30p - 8:00p
Fee: Whole month session: \$53
Single day drop-in: \$18



Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center

FEBRUARY - PENCIL & CHARCOAL DRAWINGS

Day: Mondays
Date: February 7, 14, 21, 28
Time: 6:30p - 8:00p
Fee: Whole month session: \$53
Single day drop-in: \$18



Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center

MARCH - GLASS ART

Day: Mondays
Date: March 7, 14, 21, 28
Time: 6:30p - 8:00p
Fee: Whole month session: \$53
Single day drop-in: \$18



Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center



2022 WINTER WAIVER & RELEASE FORM

Athletics & Sports: 2022 Soccer, 2022 Track & Field, Winter Bowling Season Shift 1 & 2,

Parties & Socials: Sports Athlete Dance Party, Valentines Dance Party, YouTube Video Dance Party, Pizza & Bowling Party, Family & Friends Spaghetti Fundraiser

Live Shows & Movie Events: Cookies Cocoa & Cool Runnings, Diner & Movie: Morbius, Spongebob The Musical, Lunch & Movie: Rumble, Dinner & Movie: Uncharted, Dinner & Movie: The Batman, Lunch & Movie: Turning Red

Classes & Clubs: Creative Crew Art Class: January, Creative Crew Art Class: February, Creative Crew Art Class: March, Dancin' Into Fitness, Tik Tok Topia

Day Programs: The Hangout, Sunshine Camp Winter Break, Sunshine Camp Spring Break

I am the parent or legal guardian of this individual, who is enrolling in one or more of the above IRVSRA activity or program, who will be referred to as "Minor" below.

Participant's Name(s): _____

I understand and acknowledge that the enrollment of Minor and his / her participation in Activity is wholly voluntary and that there are physical risks and hazards connected with participation, including, but not limited to the risk of communicable disease such as COVID-19. I understand, acknowledge, and agree that IRVSRA, Fon du Lac Park District, nor Pekin Park District is not responsible for and does not assume the costs of any medical testing, care, or treatment associated with the Minor's participation in the Activity, including, but not limited to, any medical testing, care, and treatment of the Minor or anyone with whom the Minor may have contact during or after the Minor's participation in the Activity.

With regards to the risks posed by COVID-19, I acknowledge, understand, and agree:

1. That the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and, as a result, the Activity is being delivered during a time of a national public health crisis;
2. That COVID-19 is extremely contagious and there are risks, known and unknown, associated with the Minor participating in Activity;
3. That the Minor, other children, other participants, volunteers, coaches, and group leaders may be infected before and/or during Activity and could transmit COVID-19 without displaying any symptoms;
4. It is my responsibility to manage the risks to Minor, myself, and others the Minor may come into contact which are associated with COVID-19
5. That the Minor may pose a risk to those that are most impacted or at greatest risk of infection from COVID-19;
6. That Pekin Park District cannot guarantee that Minor, or others with whom the Minor comes into contact with during and after participation in the Activity will not become infected with COVID-19.

I agree, on my own behalf, on behalf of Minor, and on behalf of others acting on my behalf to comply with all Pekin Park District's rules and regulations regarding Minor's participation in the Activity, including all rules and regulation that pertain to COVID-19. I understand and agree that noncompliance with any such rules and regulations by myself, Minor, or anyone acting on my behalf may result in termination of Minor's participation in the Activity. I further understand and agree that if Minor or anyone Minor has had direct recent contact with exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, as set out by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, on the day of or within 14 days prior to the Activity, Minor will not participate in the Activity. I understand and agree that if Minor exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, as set out by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, during the Activity, Minor will be required to leave the Activity immediately and notification must be given to Pekin Park District. I understand and agree that any registration, activity, or program fees will not be returned if Minor's participation in the Activity is terminated under either of these circumstances. I understand and agree that if Minor or anyone Minor has had direct contact with exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, as set out by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, within 14 days after the Activity, I will immediately provide notice of the same to Pekin Park District.

Having been given sufficient time to read and review the above acknowledgements, understandings, and agreements, I hereby consent to the Minor's participation in the Activity.

I voluntarily agree to assume all risks, known and unknown, and accept sole responsibility for any injury to Minor, myself, or others with whom we may come into contact, including, but not limited to personal injury, disability, death, illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I, Minor, or others who may come into contact with us may experience or incur in connection with Minor's participation in the Activity. On my behalf, and on behalf of Minor, our heirs, and our legal representatives, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless Pekin Park District, its successors, assigns, employees, Board members, officers, officials, administrators, agents, and volunteers from any and all claims, causes of action, suits, expenses, debts, accounts, controversies, damages, claims and demands arising out of the Minor's participation in the Activity.

I consent to photos and or videos taken during an IRVSRA program, containing this/these minor(s), and acknowledge they may be used on social media outlets, printings, publication, and future marketing materials for IRVSRA or Pekin Park District.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read this Parental/Legal Guardian Waiver, Release, and Assumption of the Risk, I understand the same, and I have voluntarily agreed to these terms.

Signature: X _____
Parent or legal guardian's signature of participant under guardianship

Today's Date: _____

RISE COMMUNITY GRANT DETAILS



RISE is partnering with IRVSRA to provide opportunities for connection through events to support caregivers. Caregivers often need assistance or respite. In addition to the totally free sponsored RISE event on page 4, RISE has pledged \$1200 in grant funds for all four 2022 seasonal brochures. Six (6) applicants will be chosen each seasonal brochure release (4 times a year) to receive a \$50 grant to their account to be used towards IRVSRA registration fees. That is a total of 24 recipients! Grant funds can not be used towards outstanding balances nor merchandise and apparel. The intent is that the registration to the IRVSRA event will provide respite to the in-home parent/guardian/caregiver for the duration of the IRVSRA event.

Eligibility & Rules:

1. Applicants must live/dwell at home, full-time, with their parent/guardian/caregiver. Those living on their own or in a staffed group home or CILA do not qualify.
2. There are no income guidelines. All incomes are eligible.
3. Eligible recipients must be a minimum of eight (8) years old.
4. Recipients can only be awarded a maximum of one (1) grant per brochure volume (year).
5. Multi-child house holds are allowed multiple entries: one (1) for each child/dependent that participates with IRVSRA.
6. You only need to submit this 2022 application once. It will be good for the one (1) year, all four 2022 seasonal brochures.
7. The brochure seasons that this application period will cover are: Winter 2022, Spring 2022, Summer 2022, & Fall 2022.

Apply For Grant Online
 Here: am.lol/p/cZLw986

Or scan this QR Code with your smartphone camera app

Discover more about [Rise Community - Pekin](#) on their Facebook Page



Merchandise & Apparel

We'd like to highlight four apparel items that you can pre-order this fall in time for the Holidays. Two come free with event registrations, but all can be purchased separately in our merchandise store online or at the IRVSRA Office. We have a special online pre-order form ready to go!

SPORTS APPAREL PRE-ORDER FORM: am.lol/p/Rps74zL or scan this QR Code with you smartphone camera app



FREE with Valentine's Party Registration

FREE with YouTube Dance Party Registration

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Weekday Day Program

JOIN

- THE WINTER "HANGOUT" @ IRVSRA

18+

weekly and daily rates available

New Days Starting in January!

WED-THUR-FRI

11AM-4PM

\$50/WEEK OR \$20/DAY

NOW 3 DAYS A WEEK!

SAVE AN ADDITIONAL 10% WITH THE FULL WINTER SEASON. A 3 MONTH MEMBERSHIP WITH MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTIONS IS AVAILABLE OFFLINE IN THE OFFICE.

CONTACT SHAWNA FOR MORE INFO: 309.201.4005

WINTER SEASON HANG OUT: JANUARY, FEBRUARY, & MARCH

SUNSHINE CAMP

SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP

CAMP DETAILS

Days: 11 days M-F March 21 - March 25
M-F April 11 - April 15
M April 18

All-Day Times: 7:00a - 5:30p
Mid-Day Times: 9:00a - 3:00p

Mid-Day Fees: \$30/daily drop-in or \$120/weekly session
Residents receive a 10% discount at the time of checkout

All-Day Fees: \$40/daily drop-in or \$160/week
Residents receive a 10% discount at the time of checkout

Camp Location:
Pekin Park District @ the IRVSRA Recreational Center
1715 Dragon Dr. Pekin, IL

Shuttle Location:
East Peoria @ the Fon du Lac Admin. Center
201 Veterans Dr. East Peoria, IL

Shuttle Times: 7:00a & 5:30p
(for all-day campers only to and from Fon du Lac)



POLICIES & PROCEDURES

PARTICIPANTS AND FAMILIES MUST BE ABLE TO APPROPRIATELY COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY POLICY

IRVSRA programming is open to every person with an intellectual disability regardless of geographical location of residence, though some fee discounts and scholarship eligibility may apply. Individuals must be at least seven years of age to participate; some other age restrictions may apply but will be noted separately in the activity write up. There is no maximum age limit for participation with IRVSRA. Program registration fee must be paid in full by the specified activity registration deadline to secure registration. Payment plans may be possible upon request when not automatically offered with in the default payment options. IRVSRA participants participating in our Special Olympic Sports programming must have valid Special Olympics Illinois Medical and Consent Release Forms on file. All athletes must be able to adhere to all Special Olympics Illinois code of conduct, policies, and procedures. IRVSRA may NOT exclude or isolate from participation in any program or activity someone who is known to be a carrier of a blood-borne contagious infection or virus, or otherwise discriminate against such athletes solely because of that medical condition.

Equal Access. No participant on the basis of his or her actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, marital status, order of protection status, disability, military status, sexual orientation, pregnancy, or unfavorable discharge from military service will be denied equal access to IRVSRA's programs, activities, services or benefits or be limited in the exercise of any right, privilege, advantage or opportunity

Intake Evaluation: Each new participant is subject to be evaluated on their own merit and discussed fully with guardians/parents to ensure the participant's success and safety during IRVSRA participation. If of school age, a Teacher's referral letter, email, or phone call is much appreciated and can expedite the evaluation process. Intake Evaluations are mandatory for all new day campers.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Behavior: Participants are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. Participants cannot be a threat to others or themselves. Their behavior must be manageable. The following guidelines have been developed to make IRVSRA programs safe and enjoyable for all participants. All IRVSRA participants participating in IRVSRA Special Olympic sport programs are subject to following the Special Olympic Illinois (SOILL) Athlete Code of Conduct in addition to the IRVSRA Code of Conduct. Additional rules may be developed for particular programs as deemed necessary by staff.

Participants Shall: Show respect to all participants and staff. Refrain from using foul language. Refrain from using recreational drugs, alcohol, and tobacco while participating in a program activity. Refrain from causing bodily harm to, or threatening other participants, themselves, or staff. Show respect for equipment, supplies and facilities.

Unmanageable Physical Behavior: Participants with behavior or conduct that requires restraining to ensure safety to themselves or others will be deemed unmanageable and will be quickly removed from participation. This includes willful elopement from the group and staff, regardless of speed. Staff will not, cannot, restrain participants. Any "hold" or "carry" can be considered a restraint.

DISCIPLINE

Warning: A positive approach will be used on the first offense, usually a verbal redirection or reminder of the code of conduct. Upon further offenses, parents/guardians will be made aware via incident report and IRVSRA reserves the right to dismiss a participant immediately from the event, program, sport, or activity as well as take disciplinary action on future participation for a designated amount of time via probation, suspension, or expulsion.

Probation: A flexible, but defined period of time, which may contain temporary participation restrictions in an activity, during which the probationer must demonstrate the corrective behavior required. A mandatory one-on-one or aide is required at the participant's expense, and no overnight programming will be allowed. IRVSRA reserves the right, but not the obligation, to waive the mandatory aide if deemed unnecessary by staff.

Suspension: A temporary period of time during which a person is barred from participation in IRVSRA programming.

Expulsion: Permanent dismissal from IRVSRA programming. Decision to be made by the Board of Directors (or Executive Committee) and notification to be given by the Board President of IRVSRA. In some scenarios, IRVSRA may notify nearby Special Recreation Associations and/or Special Olympics Illinois of participant's expulsion from IRVSRA.

CRIMINAL OR DANGEROUS BEHAVIOR

1. No participant shall engage in behavior that constitutes a threat to the safety or property of IRVSRA participants, staff, volunteers or event attendees. A violation of this policy shall, depending on the severity of the threat, subject the participant to suspension or expulsion.

2. A participant shall be presumed to be a threat to the safety of IRVSRA participants, staff, volunteers or event attendees, and thus subject to suspension or expulsion, if the participant has, anytime during the previous five years, been convicted of a crime involving physical or sexual violence, or threat of physical or sexual violence, against another, including, but not limited to, assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, domestic battery, robbery, reckless homicide or intentional homicide.

3. A participant subject to conditions of bail, probation, conditional discharge or parole, or a participant who is subject to an order of protection issued pursuant to the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986, Article 112A of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, the Stalking No Contact Order Act, or the Civil No Contact Order Act, or an order of protection issued by a court of another state, shall inform IRVSRA immediately of said fact, if the terms of such court order(s) or conditions limit the participant's right to be present at IRVSRA programs and activities, or limit the participant's right to be in the vicinity of any IRVSRA participants, staff, volunteers or event attendees.

4. A participant listed on a state sex offender registry shall be expelled from IRVSRA and not return."

STAFFING RATIOS

Community based special events and Day Camps have a targeted ratio of 1 staff to 4 participants. In house programs (taking place in or at a park owned facility) have a targeted ratio of 1 staff to 10 participants. Participates must behave appropriately under this ratio.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

PARTICIPANTS AND FAMILIES MUST BE ABLE TO APPROPRIATELY COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

ELECTRONICS & PERSONAL ITEMS

Use of personal electronics on IRVSRA events is permissible at the risk of the owner. IRVSRA can not be held responsible for lost, broken, or stolen electronics or any other personal items such as wallets, purses, coats, money, etc. Day Camp will have a separate 'Electronic Usage' form to fill out expressing the parental/guardian approval of the individual camper bringing and using personal electronics during designated 'Free Time'.

SHUTTLE BUS / TRANSPORTATION

Please be on time for Pickup (time the bus picks up your participant) and Drop-Off (time the bus returns ending the event). The shuttle time emailed to registrants a few days before are the times that the bus leaves and arrives on location, so please be there a few minutes before. The event has a schedule to keep and must run on time. The bus will not wait. If you are late you may be subject to having to meet the bus at its next destination on the schedule.

INCLUSION SERVICES

IRVSRA is pleased to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations to make reasonable accommodations for participation, made on an individual basis. We will provide reasonable accommodations to all participants; as needed, as long as our IRVSRA is notified with in 2 weeks of the event start date. Time to prepare for those accommodations is required. Participants requiring 1-on-1 services must notify SRA at the time of registration and a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the start of the program date so we can make sure to have the appropriate required staff. 1-on-1 requests and notifications must be made via the '*inclusion request form*' found on the www.irvsra.org website under 'forms'. Budgetary concerns will be reviewed at the time of request, as IRVSRA reserves the right to deny a 1-on-1, due to staffing shortage and/or if it will create a budgetary hardship.

Examples of accommodations we will provide include:

- Allowing service animals in programs
- Avoiding or providing certain foods/drinks due to allergies or dietary health concerns (ie: peanuts, sugar free, lactose)
- Changing the rules of games/activities - as long as it does not fundamentally alter the purpose of the game/activity
- Moving the program/activity from a non-accessible location to an accessible location
- Providing accessible shuttle transportation within a program (dependent on availability)
- Providing sight and hearing aides, interpreters, or devices
- Providing additional staff and/or increasing ratios
- Oral and Topical Medication Assistance with "medication waiver" on file

Services we do not provide include those that are personal in nature such as:

- Toileting (we do offer reminders & verbal cues often)
- Diapers or changing of clothes
- Feeding
- Invasive services such as:
 - Suppositories
 - Catheterization
 - g-tube feeding
 - Injection
 - Epipen Auto-Injectors are excluded (See Invasive Medication)**

However, if a person requires such a service that we can not provide, they are still able to participate and bring with them a personal care attendant at no additional charge other than direct costs we may have to cover for special events (ie: sporting event tickets, movie tickets, food charges, etc.)

MEDICATION, DRUGS, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO

Oral Medications: Dr. prescribed (oral) medications may be self or staff administered during events, programs, or day camps. We require notification and permission in the form of a "medication waiver" filled out and signed before the program's start date. Day Campers will be issued a "medication waiver" at the time of registration.

Invasive Medications: Dr. prescribed (invasive or subdermal) medications may only be self administered during events, programs, or day camps. We require notification in the form of a "medication waiver" filled out and signed before the program's start date. IRVSRA can help monitor or measure, if needed, but can and will not administer the medication. Day Campers will be issued a "medication waiver" at the time of registration. All other registrations will need to request a "medication waiver" from the office or download one from the website under 'forms'. **Epinephrine injection devices such as an Epipen Auto-Injector will be administered in the event of a very serious allergic reaction in conjunction with a current PRN "medication waiver" on file.

Alcohol, Tobacco, & Cannabis: All IRVSRA events/programs are alcohol, tobacco, vape, and cannabis free. There is no substance use while participants are in our direct care. Special Olympics Illinois also has a similar policy for its athletes. There is no alcohol/tobacco usage allowed at SOILL sanctioned events, practices, or tournaments.

REFUND POLICY

Full Refunds: A pre-registered participant must contact the IRVSRA office via phone or email requesting to drop from the program prior to that program's registration deadline to receive a full refund. Programs and activities with an unspecified deadline will have a deadline of 11:59pm on the Thursday prior to the event date.

Partial Refunds: A case by case basis - If a program is dropped past the registration deadline but prior to the event, IRVSRA has the right, but no obligation, to issue a partial refund of the registration fee minus the direct costs already accumulated due to planning for said participants' anticipated presence (ie: tickets, staffing ratios, supplies).

No Refunds: Refunds will NOT be issued for 'no-shows'. Forgetting to attend does not constitute a drop for refund. We will take partial refunds into consideration due to illness with a Dr's Note or extreme family hardships such as death.

Refund Methods: All refunds will be issued in the form of credits to the individual's account to be used at a later date, unless otherwise directly requested. Other methods requestable are: Check or return to Credit/Debit Card. Cash refunds will not be issued under any circumstance.

CANCELLATION NOTIFICATIONS:

Email: Registered participants will receive an email notification.

Rainout Line: Call 309-226-4060 ext. 37# to hear latest closings or delays.

Facebook: Our Facebook page posts will reflect any updates and changes.

INCLUSIVE PARK PROGRAMS

IRVSRA recognizes that every individual with special needs and abilities does not always require a IRVSRA program. IRVSRA also can provide inclusion assistance with staffing and instructor needs outside of the standard ratio policies for any park program at Pekin and Fon du Lac Park Districts. IRVSRA staff can contact the appropriate Pekin Park or Fon du Lac Park District recreation department staff or you may have the recreation department contact IRVSRA. IRVSRA will work with the program's manager to make reasonable accommodations to assure the participant has a smooth transition if they wish to be integrated into a standard recreation department program. For more information about our multi park inclusion services contact us at the IRVSRA Rec. Center during business hours. 309.201.4005

NEW SPECIAL OLYMPIC FORMS



**The following details about Special Olympics Illinois forms only apply to IRVSRA Sport athletes who wish to compete at SOILL sanctioned tournaments and win medals. Most IRVSRA participants don't need to submit the below forms. They are only for competitive IRVSRA sport athletes.*

Athlete Consent Form

New this year, in order to be eligible for participation in Special Olympics, every athlete must also have a valid Consent Form on file with Special Olympics Illinois prior to participation. Special Olympics Illinois only accepts its own form, forms from other states are not accepted. **The 2 page Consent Form is valid for the lifetime of an athlete, barring change in guardianship.** New athletes will need to submit their Consent Form with their first Medical Form. Renewing and returning athletes will need to submit a consent form prior to their participation regardless of their Medical Form status.

Athletes will only need to submit a new Consent Form again only if/when their guardianship changes: when they become their own guardian (usually age 18), or their legal guardian person or contact information changes.

The Consent Form cannot be altered in any way (information crossed out, wording added that alters any of the waivers, etc.) Need to download a Consent Form? English Consent Form Spanish Consent Form.

Athlete Medical Form

In order to be eligible for participation in Special Olympics, every athlete must have a valid Medical Form (previously Med App) on file with Special Olympics Illinois prior to the start of training. Special Olympics Illinois only accepts its own form, forms from other states are not accepted. **The 4 page Medical Form is valid for 3 years** from the date of the examination regardless of the parent/guardian/entrant signature date. The Medical Form cannot be altered in any way (information crossed out, wording added that alters any of the waivers, etc.) If an athlete had a valid Med App on file prior to the introduction of the Medical Form, the Med App remain valid until its expiration date, however, the athlete will need to submit a Consent Form prior to participation. Need to download a Consent Form? English Consent Form Spanish Consent Form.

An athlete's parent/guardian and/or the athlete, if an adult without a guardian, is solely responsible for the accurate completion and timely submission (prior to any relevant deadline*) of the Medical Form to Special Olympics Illinois. Please submit completed Medical Form to your agency's Special Olympics Athletic Director or head coach. You may also submit a Medical Form direct to your Region office. Need to download a Medical Form? English Medical Form Spanish Medical Form.

Failure of the athlete to have an accurate, fully completed Medical Form on file with Special Olympics Illinois prior to any relevant deadline* will result in the athlete being denied participation in Special Olympics Illinois competitions, programs and events. Medical Form must be valid throughout the completion of the competition, program or event.

Special Olympics Illinois strongly suggests that all athletes update their Medical Form annually during their annual physicals in order to make certain they are able to participate in all Special Olympics Illinois competitions, programs and events.

A parent/guardian has several options to determine a Medical Form expiration date:

- Use the Athlete Lookup option at www.soill.org/athlete-coach-lookup/
- Contact us at the IRVSRA Office
- Contact the SOILL Region G office in Normal, IL

A parent/guardian has several options to acquire blank Medical Forms for their athlete:

- visit www.soill.org/athlete-forms/
- Contact us at the IRVSRA Office and we can email you the forms to print at home
- Stop by the IRVSRA Office and we will print off paper copies for you



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