

# Special Recreation

## South Suburban Special Recreation Association

South Suburban Special Recreation Association (SSSRA) is a therapeutic recreation program that is an extension of the Matteson Parks & Recreation Department. SSSRA is organized to provide individuals with special needs or disabilities the opportunity to be involved in year round recreation programs.

SSSRA programs are for individuals from birth through adult who are in special education classes, sheltered workshops or whom have recreational needs not met by traditional park district programs.

Persons residing in SSSRA member agency communities are considered residents. These agencies are: Country Club Hills Park District, Frankfort Square Park District, Hazel Crest Park District, Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, Lan-Oak Park District, Matteson Parks & Recreation Department, Oak Forest Park District, Olympia Fields Park District, Park Forest Recreation & Parks Department, Richton Park Parks & Recreation Department, and Tinley Park-Park District.

Programs and special events are offered seasonally throughout the year. They include programs in the areas of Early Childhood Development, Cultural Arts, Illinois Special Olympics, Summer Day Camp, Sports & Fitness, Social Programs, Adaptive Sports, Special Events and Overnight Trips.

A complete program brochure is available at the Matteson Parks & Recreation Department and the SSSRA office. Please call the SSSRA office if you would like to receive the SSSRA brochure on a seasonal basis.

Professional staff with experience in the field of Therapeutic Recreation or a related field supervise all SSSRA programs. They are assisted by individuals who are trained by SSSRA staff in specific areas of therapeutic recreation.

Scholarships are available to SSSRA residents with disabilities who would like to participate in one or more programs, but cannot afford the fees charged.

Through the Inclusion process, SSSRA staff members are available to help participants choose an appropriate program, conduct staff trainings, or supply adaptive equipment if you or a family member is interested in a park district or recreation department program.

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# SSSRA

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## Scrapbooking

Scrapbooks are a fantastic way to display our photographs and keep the memories close at hand. Each week we will build upon the last to create a finished book by the end of the season complete with colored paper, stickers, ribbon, and other embellishments. We will provide the materials if you bring the photos, a little imagination and lots of creativity. All individuals must complete the SSSRA registration form and return it to the SSSRA office.

**WHO:** Persons ages 13 and older  
**PLACE:** Matteson Community Center (Oakwood)  
**DAY/DATES:** **Tuesday**, February 7 - March 6  
**TIME:** 6:45 - 7:45 pm  
**FEE:** R: \$39, NR: \$156

**DAY/DATES:** **Tuesday**, March 27 - April 24  
**TIME:** 6:45 - 7:45 pm  
**FEE:** R: \$39, NR: \$156

## Spring Arts Recital and Drama Show

See your friends perform at Freedom Hall! The Drama Club has been hard at work all season, and is ready to put on a show that you will not forget. This event is free, so bring your friends and family members! Participants must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or group home staff. This is not a staffed event.

**WHO:** All SSSRA Participants and Family  
**PLACE:** Freedom Hall, Park Forest  
**DAY/DATES:** **Monday**, April 30  
**TIME:** 7:00 pm show  
**FEE:** **FREE**

## SSSRA Family Banquet

Everyone is invited to the SSSRA Family Banquet! All SSSRA participants and their families are welcome to enjoy an evening of fine dining and dancing. SSSRA participants will receive special recognition. This is not a staffed event. All individuals must complete the SSSRA registration form and return it to the SSSRA office. Please indicate the number of guests on the registration form.

**WHO:** All SSSRA Participants and Family  
**PLACE:** Tinley Park Holiday Inn Convention Center  
18501 S. Harlem Avenue, Tinley Park  
**DAY/DATES:** **Wednesday**, May 9  
**TIME:** 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
**FEE:** R: \$22 per person, NR: \$22 per person  
Participants are **FREE** and price includes 2 guests  
Additional guests: \$10 per person

