



Recreation Specialist

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation

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Closing Date:

Salary: \$50,000- \$55,500

Description:

Are you passionate about creating meaningful, inclusive experiences for people with disabilities? Join the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR) as a Recreation Specialist and be part of a dedicated team enriching lives through recreation!

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR) is seeking qualified applicants for the position of a full-time Recreation Specialist. This position is responsible for the implementation and development of leisure services for individuals with disabilities, with an area focus on special event planning for the adult population and Physical Impairments/Visual Impairments (PI/VI) area programming.

M-NASR is located just north of Chicago and has been providing recreational programs and services to individuals with disabilities since 1972. Today we serve over 1,300 children and adults in more than 600 programs, trips, and special events each year within our seven member districts:

Des Plaines Park District – Golf Maine Park District – Morton Grove Park District – Niles Park District – Park Ridge Park District – Skokie Park District – Village of Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation

In exchange for outstanding skills, M-NASR is offering a competitive salary range of \$50,000 - \$55,500. Employees also receive a comprehensive benefits package including medical, dental, and vision plans; generous paid time off including vacation, sick, and personal time; free personal fitness membership to one of the seven member park districts we serve; the opportunity for 12 work from home days a year; IMRF pension and optional 457 deferred compensation.

Essential Job Functions Include:

- Plan all adult special events for the Adults with Intellectual Disabilities area and PI/VI area.

- Assess needs and plan all programming in assigned area including lesson planning, budgeting, program development and brochure write-ups.
- Supervise a M-NASR summer camp site; including supervise camp site directors and camp counselors.
- Assist with recruitment, hiring, orientation, and training of camp staff.
- Support participant's emotional and physical needs with lifting, transferring, and personal care.
- Transport participants with varying abilities using agency vehicles.
- Assist with agency-wide and Foundation special events.
- Advocate for community access to recreation opportunities.
- All other duties as assigned.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited school plus knowledge and/or training in Therapeutic Recreation, Special Education, Adaptive Physical Education or related field.
- Knowledge and understanding of recreational needs of persons with disabilities.
- Ability to complete the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC) or comparable certification within six (6) months of employment.
- Complete First Aid/CPR, AED, and other certifications as required within six (6) months of employment.
- A valid Driver's License, class "D", is required.

To Apply:

Email your resume and cover letter to:

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View the full job description: <https://mnasr.org/employment>

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