



Recreation Specialist - Camps and Social Clubs

Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association (NSSRA)

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Closing Date:

Salary: \$58,132.00 - \$69,758.50 a year, dependent on qualifications

Description:

Recreation Specialist

Area of Concentration: Camps and Social Clubs (Full-Time, Exempt)

At NSSRA, we believe that everyone deserves the chance to play. Formed in 1970 with that goal in mind, we were the first Special Recreation Association in the country, offering programs and services for children, teens, and adults with disabilities. We are similar to a park district; however, we only serve residents in our partner communities with special needs. Fifty years later, we serve approximately 1,300 individuals throughout the year in the northern suburbs of Chicago. We're all about creating an environment of belonging through play, and we want you to be a part of our team!

ABOUT THE JOB

Do you love creating memorable camp experiences and social opportunities? At NSSRA, you'll play a key role in leading Camps and Social Clubs! Members of Team NSSRA are dedicated individuals with enthusiasm and initiative. The Recreation Specialist is responsible for the coordination and implementation of safe, high-quality recreation services for individuals with disabilities of all ages.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Direct leadership of recreation programs and overnight trips for individuals with disabilities of all ages.
- Supervise individuals by utilizing behavior management, transferring and other skills necessary for the overall independence and participation of individuals with disabilities.
- Solve problems at programs by demonstrating adaptability and flexibility.
- Actively participate in programs.
- Develop, implement, evaluate and follow through on participant plans.
- Drive agency vehicles and transport program participants, as required, and assist in care and maintenance of NSSRA vehicles as required.
- Gather, load, transport and set up equipment necessary for program implementation.
- Assist in the daily management of programs through paperwork and record keeping systems.
- Recruit, hire, train, supervise and evaluate part-time seasonal employees and volunteers.
- Develop curricula and goals for recreation programs.

- Conduct program and participant observations as requested, and complete all necessary observation forms.
- Compile information required for the program guide including development of new programs and completion of program budget worksheets.
- Develop skills and abilities necessary to carry out assigned duties, through attendance at meetings as required.
- Participate in the planning and implementation of assigned special events, and attend all-staff events.
- Serve as the on-call staff as assigned.
- Complete agency trainings for employees on an annual basis.
- Under the supervision and direction of the Recreation Manager, work as a team to coordinate, supervise, implement, and evaluate camps, social clubs, Bright Star Theatre Company and SPICE programs.
- Develop comprehensive knowledge of camps, social clubs, Bright Star Theatre Company, and SPICE programs to serve as the key liaison for new and current participants and families in this area.
- Work with Recreation Manager to complete and maintain reports, files and paperwork necessary in the camps, social clubs, Bright Star Theatre Company and SPICE program areas.
- Attend meetings and conduct program-specific educational sessions for camps, social clubs, Bright Star Theatre Company, and SPICE programs as necessary.
- Recruit participants, respond to inquiries about camps, social clubs, Bright Star Theatre Company, and SPICE programs, and anticipate future program offerings.
- Comply with safe work requirements and customer service standards, and encourage other staff members to do the same.
- Perform other duties as assigned necessary for the efficient and effective operation of NSSRA.

ABOUT YOU

- Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in therapeutic recreation, recreation administration, special education, adaptive physical education, or a related field.
- Have, obtain, or sit for the NCTRC (National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification) within one (1) year of employment is preferred.
- Demonstrable knowledge of disabilities and the recreational needs of persons with disabilities without exclusion.
- Knowledge and/or training in the area of therapeutic recreation, recreation, special education, adaptive physical education, or a related field.
- A valid Illinois Driver's License and personal transportation to accomplish position responsibilities.

SCHEDULING & PAY

This is a full-time, year-round position that requires evening and weekend work. Salary is \$58,132.00 - \$69,758.50 a year, dependent on qualifications.

BENEFITS WE OFFER

NSSRA offers a generous benefit package which includes medical, prescription and dental coverage, vision reimbursement, life insurance, pension plan, and paid time off.

JOIN THE TEAM

Complete an online application at www.nssra.org/jobs to schedule an interview. The position is open until filled. Please apply early as recruitment and interviewing will begin immediately.

NSSRA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.