



Executive Director

Southwest Special Recreation Association (SWSRA)

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Closing Date:

Salary: \$95,000-\$115,000

Description:

The South West Special Recreation Association (SWSRA) is comprised of the following: Alsip Park District, Blue Island Park District, Hickory Hills Park District, Village of Merrionette Park, Midlothian Park District, Palos Heights Recreation Department, Posen Park District, Robbins Park District and Worth Park District.

Celebrating 45 years in 2026, SWSRA was formed in 1981 to provide year-round quality recreation programs and services for individuals with disabilities or special needs. SWSRA programs are designed to increase independence and enhance the quality of life for each individual. A wide variety of programs are available for individuals from early childhood through adulthood. The programs are designed to meet the individual recreation needs of any person who is in special education classes, participates in a sheltered workshop, is referred to SWSRA from a local hospital or rehabilitation center, or whose special needs restrict or prohibit their participation in traditional park district or recreation department programs. This would include individuals who have varying degrees of physical or mental disabilities, learning disabilities, behavior disorders, attention deficit disorders, and hearing or visual impairments.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree required in Therapeutic Recreation, Recreation Administration, or a related field. The Executive Director should have at least eight years of administrative or supervisory experience in Therapeutic Recreation, Recreation Administration, or a related field. CTRS or CPRP certification is desirable. Fund raising, grant writing and/or experience with alternative revenue sources is desirable.

Employment is contingent upon physical examination including, but not limited to, a drug screen and passing a criminal background check. Possession of a valid state Drivers License is required.

Availability: Generally 40 hours per week Monday - Friday with weekend and evening work occurring on a frequent basis. A combination of daytime and evening hours is necessary and may work more than 40 hours per week to achieve exceptional results. Will be on-call to support personnel and respond to emergencies.

To Apply: Please submit a cover letter, resume and three professional reference letters to SWSRA

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