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**Christmas  
LIVE!**  
@ First Baptist  
PEKIN



WITH A CORN-COB PIPE AND A BUTTON NOSE  
AND TWO EYES MADE OUT OF COAL

**IRVSRA.ORG**

ILLINOIS RIVER VALLEY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

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DECEMBER 18 @ NOON**

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# IMAGE KEY



**Specific Age Restrictions**



**Movie Included**



**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, travels to the event, then returns back after the event approx. 30 minutes before & after the event start & end 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.



**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 require guardians or caregivers to stay and provide supervision.



**Beverage Included**



**Meal/Snack Included**



**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.



**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 participant want to purchase concessions.



**Free Item Included**

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

## HOUSE KEEPING

### Financial Assistance

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. The Scholarship Application deadline for this brochure is:

January 15, 2025

### Special Olympic Sports

Special Olympics Illinois (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
- Must have a current guardian signed Consent Form on file

Forms are available at  
<https://www.soill.org/athlete-forms/>

### Resident & Non-Resident Fees

Fees are indicated with 'NR' or 'R'

NR: Non-Resident (resident addresses outside Pekin or Fon du Lac Park District boundaries)

R: Resident (resident addresses within park district boundaries; park district tax payers). These fees are generally 10% lower.

### Abbreviations

PPD: Pekin Park District | FDL: Fon du Lac Park District

SOILL: Special Olympics Illinois | TBA: To Be Announced

### Shuttle Locations

Shuttle Transportation Drop-off/Pickup Locations:

FDL  
Fon du Lac Admin. Building  
201 Veterans Drive  
East Peoria, IL 61611

PPD  
IRVSRA Rec. Center  
1715 Dragon Drive  
Pekin, IL 61554



# EARLY DISMISSAL

Day: Friday  
Date: December 6  
Time: Dismissal - 5:30p  
Fee: R:\$22.50 | NR:\$25  
Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center

Day: Friday  
Date: December 20  
Time: Dismissal - 5:30p  
Fee: R:\$22.50 | NR:\$25  
Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center



Hang out at the IRVSRA Rec. Center after school gets out. Games, karaoke, dancing, crafts, and more!

## Christmas LIVE!

*Holiday Music Show at First Baptist Church Pekin*

### HOW TO WATCH

**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ATTEND.**  
Join us for an evening of holiday music performances by area residents with special needs singing their favorite holiday classics on stage with a live band. Friends and family are all encouraged to attend. You won't want to miss this event.

Day: Saturday  
Date: Dec. 14  
Time: 6:30p - 7:30p (doors open at 6p)  
Fee: FREE  
Location: First Baptist Church Pekin



### HOW TO PERFORM

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO PERFORM.**  
This is an opportunity to perform your favorite Holiday Song LIVE onstage with a live band. Upon registration, participants will choose a song and practice it in the weeks/months leading up to the live performance weekend. We will have one night of practice with the band the Friday before, running through your song a few times. Then, we have a final dress rehearsal a couple of hours before we open the doors for your guests and audience members. Feel free to dress up in your favorite holiday attire for the dress rehearsal & live show!



#### PRACTICE NIGHT

Date: Friday, Dec. 13  
Time: 6:00p - 8:00p

#### DRESS REHEARSAL

Date: Saturday, Dec. 14  
Time: 4:30p - 6:00p  
Fee: FREE

Location: FBC Pekin  
700 S. Capitol Street

## Sponsor This Event & Help Keep It Free!

Contact the IRVSRA Office if interested in partnering with this amazing event. A \$25 sponsorship gets your logo on the printed program handed out during the event. \$50 sponsors will get the same plus signage at the event.

## Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat



Day: Sunday  
 Date: December 15  
 Time: TBA  
 Fee: R:\$27 | NR:\$30  
 Location: Eastlight  
 Deadline: Nov. 20

Join us as we see a play at Eastlight Theatre.

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## Winter Break Camp

Days: Weekdays, Non-Holidays  
 Date: Dec. 23 - Jan 8  
 Time: 7:00a - 5:30p (7:00a-2:30p on Dec. 31)  
 Fee: \$30.96 - \$43 per day  
 Location: IRVSRA Rec Center

Staffed with a 4:1 ratio, campers will have a safe and fun place to be among their peers during the winter break from school. Campers will enjoy holiday themed crafts, arts, games, movies, snacks, and more both indoor and outdoor, weather permitting. Hopefully we can get a chance to go sledding outside! Breakfast and snack are provided. Campers must bring a sack lunch daily.

DATE	DATE	DAILY	WEEKLY	ALL BREAK
Dec. 23	Monday	R:\$38.70   NR:\$43	Save 10% R:\$104.49 NR:\$116.10	Save 20% R:\$240.72 NR:\$267.20
Dec. 26	Thursday	R:\$38.70   NR:\$43		
Dec. 27	Friday	R:\$38.70   NR:\$43		
Dec. 30	Monday	R:\$38.70   NR:\$43	Save 10% R:\$131.49 NR:\$145.80	
Dec. 31	Tuesday	R:\$30   NR:\$33 <i>(Shortened Day)</i>		
Jan. 2	Thursday	R:\$38.70   NR:\$43		
Jan. 3	Friday	R:\$38.70   NR:\$43	NA	
Jan. 6	Monday	R:\$38.70   NR:\$43		



Costumes, Dance, Snacks, & More!

Day: Saturday  
 Date: December 21  
 Time: 6:00p - 8:00p  
 Fee: R:\$20.70 | NR:\$23  
 Location: IRVSRA Rec Center

## Jingle Bell Jam 10+



Make some memories this holiday season! Join us for festive snacks, dancing, and our ugly sweater/festive wear contest! The big man himself might even make an appearance! Have you been naughty or nice?



## WINTER BREAK CAMP



Illinois river valley special recreation association



Eight Days of Holiday Fun!

DEC. 23 - JAN. 6

## Pizza & Bowling Party



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Day: Saturday  
 Date: December 28  
 Time: 12:30p - 2:30p  
 Fee: R:\$27 | NR:\$30  
 Location: Striketown



Come for 2 hours of bowling and hanging out with friends, while enjoying some pizza and soft drinks. Concessions are available for purchase at the bowling alley.

## Dinner & Movie: Sonic The Hedgehog 3

13+



Day: Saturday  
 Date: Jan. 11  
 Time: TBA (evening)  
 Fee: R:\$30.60 | NR:\$34  
 Location: Local Theater & Godfather's Pizza Buffet

*meal included!*

## Winter Bowling Season

Days: Saturdays (6 weeks)  
 Dates: Jan. 11 - Feb. 15  
 Time: 11:00a - 1:00p  
 Fee: R:\$54 | NR:\$60  
 Location: Striketown Lanes



Bowl for fun or as practice to compete in the Special Olympic Regional Tournament. This 6 week season consists of 3 games each Saturday and is open to all ages. Must to be 8+ to compete in tournaments.



## Rivermen Hockey Game



Day: Friday  
 Date: Jan. 17  
 Game Time: 6:15p  
 Fee: R:\$30.40 | NR:\$32  
 Location: Civic Center - Peoria

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## PEORIA RIVERMEN VS QUAD CITY STORM.

Join us JOIN us as we head over the RIVER To Cheer on the PEORIA RIVERMEN Vs Evansville Thunderbolts.



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## Penguin Project: Something Rotten Jr.



13+



Day: Sunday  
 Date: Jan. 19  
 Time: TBA (afternoon)  
 Fee: R:\$34.20 | NR:\$38  
 Location: Eastlight Theatre

**DEADLINE: JAN. 8**



Day: Friday  
 Date: January 17  
 Time: Dismissal - 5:30p  
 Fee: R:\$22.50 | NR:\$25  
 Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center



Day: Friday  
 Date: January 24  
 Time: Dismissal - 5:30p  
 Fee: R:\$22.50 | NR:\$25  
 Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center

Hang out at the IRVSRA Rec. Center after school gets out. Games, karaoke, dancing, crafts, and more!

## Lunch & Movie: Paddington In Peru



Day: Saturday  
 Date: Jan. 25  
 Time: TBA (afternoon)  
 Fee: R:\$21.60 | NR:\$24  
 Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center

*meal included!*

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# SPORTS BANQUET

(2024 Sports Season)

Days: Saturday  
Dates: February 1  
Time: 5:00p - 8:00p  
Fee: FREE for athletes (& up to 2 guests)  
R/NR:\$20 per person (extra guests & attendees)

Location: Fon du Lac Admin. Building  
201 Veterans Drive  
East Peoria, IL

Deadlines:  
Athletes receiving awards: Jan. 10  
General Attendance: Jan. 24



Join us for an evening of honoring our 2024 Athletes and Cheerleaders while celebrating their achievements. All in attendance will enjoy a catered meal, awards ceremony, silent auction items, raffle prizes, and dance to follow.

Everyone is invited! All athletes are encouraged to invite anyone they would like to attend and join in on the celebration, meal, auction, and raffle. Two guests can be added an athlete's free registration at no additional cost. Guests outside that will need to register separately and pay for their entry and meal.

There will be limited transportation from PPD to FDL for eligible athletes needing transportation to the event. Indicate transportation needs upon registration. Additional costs are optional as we will be having multiple Silent Auction Items and Raffles through out the evening.

## Valentines Day Dance Party



Day: Saturday  
Date: Feb. 8  
Time: 5:30p - 7:30p  
Fee: R:\$28.80 | NR:\$30  
Location: IRVSRA  
Shirt Deadline: Jan. 30

Valentines Day Dance! Share the love with friends, food, dancing, and laughter.



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## Early Dismissal



Day: Friday  
Date: Feb. 14  
Time: Dismissal - 5:30p  
Fee: R:\$22.50 | NR:\$25  
Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center and more!

Hang out at the IRVSRA Rec. Center after school gets out. Games, karaoke, dancing, crafts,



## Soccer Orientation Track Orientation

Day: Thursday  
Date: Feb. 20  
Time: 6:00p - 6:45p  
Fee: None  
Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center

Day: Thursday  
Date: Feb. 20  
Time: 7:00p - 7:45p  
Fee: None  
Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center



## Soccer Season

Practice Days: Tues. & Thurs.  
Practice Times: TBD (evenings)  
Fee: R:\$36 | NR:\$40  
Location: TBA @ Orientation

## Track Season

Practice Days: Mon. & Wed.  
Practice Times: TBD (evenings)  
Fee: R:\$36 | NR:\$40  
Location: TBA @ Orientation



Come to the informational meeting to find out details, ask questions and see if you are interested in partaking in practices and competitions. Come join the team!



## Early Dismissal



Day: Friday  
Date: Feb. 27

Time: Dismissal - 5:30p  
Fee: R:\$22.50 | NR:\$25

Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center and more!

Hang out at the IRVSRA Rec. Center after school gets out. Games, karaoke, dancing, crafts,



## Lunch & Movie: The Day the Earth Blew Up

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Day: Saturday  
Date: Mar. 1

Time: TBA (afternoon)  
Fee: R:\$21.60 | NR:\$24

Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center

*meal included!*

## Pizza & Bowling Party



10+



Day: Saturday  
Date: Mar. 8

Time: 12:30p - 2:30p  
Fee: R:\$27 | NR:\$30

Location: Striketown

Come for 2 hours of bowling and hanging out with friends, while enjoying some pizza and soft drinks. Concessions are available for purchase at the bowling alley.



## Disney ON ICE MICKEY'S SEARCH PARTY



## Disney on Ice Mickey's Search Party



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Day: Friday  
Date: Mar. 14  
Time: 7:00p - 9:00p  
Fee: R:\$45 | NR:\$50  
Location: Civic Center

**DEADLINE: MAR. 3**

Disney On Ice presents Mickey's Search Party is an immersive adventure that combines the magic of Disney's biggest stars with world-class ice skating, stunts, special effects and high-flying acrobatics. Join Mickey Mouse and his friends as they follow Captain Hook's treasure map and collect clues to rescue Tinker Bell.

# LEAPING LEPRECHAUN DANCE PARTY

Day: Saturday  
 Date: Mar. 15  
 Time: 5:30p - 7:30p  
 Fee: R:\$28.80 | NR:\$32



Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center



- 5:00p Participants registered for shuttle bus leave FDL
- 5:30p Doors open & FDL bus arrives at IRVSRA Rec. Center
- 5:30p - 6:30p Pizza, beverages, treats, & photos
- 6:00p - 7:30p Dance Floor Opens
- 7:30p Party ends, t-shirts are passed out upon exiting the building, & shuttle bus riders leave for FDL
- 8:00p Bus riders arrive at FDL



## 2025 ST. PATRICK'S DAY T-SHIRT



## Early Dismissal



Day: Friday  
 Date: March 21  
 Time: Dismissal - 5:30p  
 Fee: R:\$22.50 | NR:\$25  
 Location: IRVSRA Rec. Center

Hang out at the IRVSRA Rec. Center after school gets out. Games, karaoke, dancing, crafts, and more!



**EARLY DISMISSAL**

## Dinner & Movie: Snow White

13+



Day: Saturday  
 Date: Mar. 22  
 Time: TBA (evening)  
 Fee: R:\$30.60 | NR:\$34  
 Location: Local Theater & Godfather's Pizza Buffet

*meal included!*

# OFFLINE REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for those that wish to submit their registration, payments, and waivers offline. Please deliver, along with payment, in person or by mail via USPS to: IRVSRA Rec. Center, 1715 Dragon Drive, Pekin, IL, 61554. You are also welcome to scan and email this completed form to: info@irvsra.org then pay with a card over the phone once received.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN WAIVER INFORMATION:**

**Waiver on reverse must be signed for registration to be completed.**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPANT'S NAME		BIRTH-DATE	GENDER	T-SHIRT SIZE
PROGRAM NAME	SESSION # (if any)	PROGRAM START DATE(S)	SHUTTLE LOCATION	FEE
Method of Payment: (indicate one by circling)			<b>TOTAL FEE:</b>	
<b>CASH</b>	<b>CHECK # _____</b> (Payable to IRVSRA)	<b>CARD</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> I will call 309.201.4005 to pay over the phone <input type="checkbox"/> I will come to the IRVSRA Rec. Office & pay in person			All registration fees must be paid before the program's deadline to ensure participation.	
*We do not keep your card information on file, expect to provide your card information each time you register for a new program or session.				

# 2025 WINTER WAIVER & RELEASE

## VOLUME 10: ISSUE 1 (WINTER: DEC. - MARCH)

I am the parent or legal guardian of this individual, who is enrolling in any one or more of the IRVSRA activities or programs published and or marketed during the 2025 winter program guide periods, and listed on the reverse of this page, 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, Tazewell County Veteran's Memorial Fair Association, 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.

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. 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.

Having been given sufficient time to read and review the above acknowledgments, 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 IRVSRA, Fon du Lac Park District, Tazewell County Veteran's Memorial Fair Association, 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Spring*

# RUMMAGE

*April 11-13*

# SALE

*Fundraiser*

Friday, Apr. 11: 10a-530p  
Saturday, Apr. 12: 9a-3p  
Sunday, Apr. 13: 9a-3p (half price day)



Need to declutter and spring clean!? One man's junk is another man's treasure. What better way to get rid of your stuff than to donate to your local SRA? We need items to sell at our rummage sale. We will start taking donations on Feb. 3rd. All monies raised will go to help fund our scholarship pool for Sunshine Camp!

Contact Shawna today for more info:  
Shawna@irvsra.org 309.201.4005

# DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Cheer & Dance (5:45p - 6:30p)	3	4	5	6 Early Dismissal	7 SOILL State Bowling Tourney
8	9 Cheer & Dance (5:45p - 6:30p)	10	11	12 Cheer & Dance (5:45p - 6:30p)	13 Christmas LIVE! Practice Night: Cheer & Dance: 5:45p Singers: 6:15p	14 Christmas LIVE! Final Run-through @ 4:30p Christmas LIVE! Performance @ 6:30p
15 Joseph & The Technicolored Dreamcoat	16	17	18	19	20 Early Dismissal	21 Jingle Bell Jam
22	23 Winter Break	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25  OFFICE CLOSED	26 Winter Break	27	28 Pizza & Bowling
29	30 Ron Knisley Basketball Tourney Winter Break	31 CAMP & OFFICE CLOSES EARLY @ 2PM Winter Break				


Basket Ball Practice Schedules:

Rhinos: Tues. @ 5:30p & Wed. @ 5p | Honey Baggers: Wed. @ 6p & Fri. @ 5:30p | Panthers: Wed. @ 7p & Fri. @ 6:30p

# JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSED	2 Winter Break Camp	3	4 Beardstown Bball Tourney (Day 1)
5 Beardstown Bball Tourney (Day 2)	6 Last Day of Camp	7	8 Penguin Project DEADLINE	9	10	11 Winter Bowling Dinner & Movie: Sonic 3
12	13	14	15	16	17 Early Dismissal 1/2 Day Camp Rivermen Hockey Game	18 Winter Bowling
19 SOILL Basketball Regionals Penguin Project @ Eastlight	20	21	22	23	24 Early Dismissal 1/2 Day Camp	25 Winter Bowling Lunch & Movie: Paddington in Peru
26	27	28	29	30	31	

# FEBRUARY


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Winter Bowling Sports Banquet
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Winter Bowling Valentines Day Dance
9	10	11	12 	13	14 Early Dismissal 1/2 Day Camp	15 Last Day of Winter Bowling
16	17	18	19	20 Spring Sport Orientations: Soccer & Track @ 6pm	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Early Dismissal 1/2 Day Camp	28	

Basket Ball Practice Schedules:

Rhinos: Tues. @ 5:30p & Wed. @ 5p | Honey Baggers: Wed. @ 6p & Fri. @ 5:30p | Panthers: Wed. @ 7p & Fri. @ 6:30p



# MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Lunch & Movie: The Day the Earth Blew Up: A Looney Tunes Movie
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Disney on Ice DEADLINE	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Pizza & Bowling <b>SOILL Basketball STATE</b>
<b>9</b> <b>SOILL Basketball STATE</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Disney on Ice	<b>15</b> Leaping Leprechaun Dance Party
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Dinner & Movie: Snow White (Live Action)
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Early Dismissal 1/2 Day Camp	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

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# Policies And

Participants & 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. Physical and/or emotional abuse towards other SRA participants and/or staff will not be tolerated.

**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. Threats of physical violence will not be tolerated.

## 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. Participants must behave appropriately under this ratio.

# Procedures

## 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 maybe 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](http://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 with in 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:** Doctor 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:** Doctor prescribed (invasive or sub-dermal) 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/text notification.

**Facebook:** Our 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.



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