



HOT HAPPENINGS

summer 2011

We hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the fall!

Our fall programs have already started, but you can always sign up.

Give our office a call and we can help you out.

Check out our summer in review:

JUNE 20-JULY 29TH:

WSSRA Day camp was a huge success with 9 camps and a total of 195 kids including our 2nd summer of Extreme Summer Fun (ESF) at North School in Franklin Park! We could not run our day camps without our tremendous staff, so thank you to all that made this summer possible.

JUNE 20-JULY 30TH:

WSSRA had approximately 30 programs running throughout the summer Monday through Saturday, morning, noon, and night!

JULY 12TH:

The Wacky Quacky Duck Splash pool party was held at the Park District of Forest Park- we had almost 350 people in attendance on that rainy night. No lightening so swimming and duck racing down the slide were still in order!

JULY 16TH:

Wacky Quacky Duck Splash and Berwyn Carnival of Fun. This year WSSRA raised over \$6,000 dollars and sold over 1,000 ducks. It was a quakin' good time!

AUGUST 2-4, AUGUST 16-18:

Hot Summer Days, oh my! WSSRA did some exciting summer events this year and ended the Hot Summer Days events with a "Grills, Chills, and Thrills" themed BBQ and swimming event at the Park District of Forest Park. What's a better way to wrap up the summer of horseback riding, speed boat rides, beach, and museums than a get together with friends? We couldn't think of any other way!

AUGUST 6-10TH:

WSSRA took two groups on overnight trips to Bradford Woods in Martinsville, Indiana. We were at a state of the art facility that was completely accessible. The groups were able to do so many activities- pontoon boats, swimming-pool/lake, fishing, guided nature hikes, caving, canoeing and so much more! This year we even had air conditioning in our cabins. We will definitely be back next summer!

AUGUST 10-12TH:

WSSRA took the "wilderness" group to Mt. Olympus Resort in the Wisconsin Dells for 2 nights and 3 days of the camping life. Participants had a great time setting up their own campsites, making their own meals and "roughing it"! Shout out to Amy Mephram, April Ryan, Lou Pontillo and Carlos Marroquin for providing an awesome trip for our participants.

AUGUST 22-25TH:

The young adult trip traveled to the Chula Vista Resorts in the Wisconsin Dells and stayed in two of their Rio Condominiums. We were regular tourists during the trip! The group went to the water parks, ate at Paul Bunyan's, saw the Magical Illusions show, went to Ripley's Believe it or Not, shopped at all of the candy stores and so much more! Thank you to Junior Rodriguez and Elliot Henry for coming along on the trip with Ahren Hoffman and Annie Lhotka.

AUGUST 23, 26, 31, AND SEPTEMBER 7:

Just this Once Series. Our adults got to have fun this summer too with our Just This Once Series. The participants got to go shopping, gambling, and ride a speedboat to boot!

follow WSSRA on:





STAFF

Meet Garrett Griffith! Garrett started working at WSSRA as a volunteer and was officially hired as a Recreation Leader in May of 2008. Garrett is currently an undergraduate student at Butler University in Indiana working on his degree in Exercise Science. He is currently an intern in the Cardiac Screening Center at St. Francis Hospital in Indianapolis. Garrett is always full of energy and ready for anything! He is an amazing asset to WSSRA- the participants love him and we would be lost without him at our WSSRA day camp in the summer. Garrett once saved a deer by wrestling a cougar and only came out with a scar on his thigh. NOT! Just in case he tries to tell you that story remind him that he got the scar from a metal cleat in high school. Surprise Garrett! Your sister, Melissa Lofton gave us all of the insider information. Thanks Melissa!

Here are some other interesting facts about Garrett:

- Favorite Food: Eating burritos as big as your head from Qdoba.
- Favorite Activities: Ultimate Frisbee, Half Marathons, Working Out
- Interesting “stuff”:
 1. Garrett once ate a piece of bark after his brother dared him to.
 2. Garrett’s favorite dance move is the Butler Bull Dog Bernie.
 3. Garrett is really good at jokes- just ask him!

LOU THE DUCK

