



## Need Help Planning Your Summer Activities?

The Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis is your resource for summer camp and other recreational opportunities throughout the year.

The Recreation Council is a clearinghouse of recreation and leisure information for individuals with disabilities. In addition to information & referral services, the Recreation Council provides community presentations & trainings, publishes information on recreation resources, maintains a recreation resource center of books, DVD's and adaptive equipment, and runs several programs to help individuals participate in inclusive recreational activities.

The DDRB provides funding assistance to help people with developmental disabilities participate in recreational and leisure activities in their community through the following programs.

**Support Voucher** - This program provides funding assistance to access leisure and recreation programs that best meet the person's interests and support needs. Voucher funds may be used toward program fees for recreation programs that meet the guidelines for funding, and/or to hire a direct support staff person when 1:1 support is needed to successfully access a community-based, inclusive recreation program.

Adult voucher participants who use voucher funding to attend a specialized overnight camp can request additional funds to attend one inclusive recreation program offered by an inclusive community provider, such as the parks and recreation departments of St. Charles County.

**Parks & Recreation Inclusion** - Municipal parks & recreation departments at St. Charles, St. Peters, O'Fallon, and Wentzville share the expertise of an inclusion coordinator who works to ensure full accessibility and participation in their community's existing park and recreation programs for individuals with developmental disabilities. The program increases opportunities for people with and without disabilities to recreate together and develop relationships, with the goal of eroding barriers and inequities for people with disabilities as they access recreation programs.

**Personal Care** - This program assists with the costs incurred to hire a personal care support person for those who have high personal care needs while enrolled in a St. Charles area municipal park summer day camp as personal care is not provided by community recreation providers.

To learn more check out their website at <http://www.recreationcouncil.org/> or contact them by phone at 636-477-7704.