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Crystal Lake Strikers Announce New Special Needs Drumline, Kingpins

Crystal Lake, IL, November 1, 2018 – The Crystal Lake Strikers are thrilled to announce the latest addition to their educational program. The Kingpins Drumline is a cooperative effort with the Northern Illinois Recreation Association (NISRA) designed to bring the excitement of drumming to students with special needs.

“The Strikers have been expanding their education program substantially over the last five years. Adding a group for students with special needs is a great way for us to reach more people with the fun of drumming,” said Dale Hallerberg, director of the new group, “NISRA does so much wonderful work in the community and the opportunity to work with them made perfect sense.”

The Kingpins will rehearse weekly playing drums along with recorded music and learn body movements and cadences like the Strikers adult and All-Stars performing ensembles. They will perform at the Strikers Evening of Percussion event on February 23, 2019.

“We were so excited when the Strikers approached us with this idea,” Cailyn Welch, NISRA Central Region Coordinator said, “The Kingpins will give an opportunity for our participants to try something many of them haven’t done before and perform in front of a new audience.”

For more information, contact Mr. Hallerberg at hallerberg@gmail.com or Ms. Welch at cwelch@nisra.org.

About the Crystal Lake Strikers

The Crystal Lake Strikers is a performing arts and education organization committed to entertaining audiences and providing opportunities for students to learn percussion, color guard and other performing arts. Founded in 2007, the Strikers currently house five student performing groups and the Strikers adult line that performs throughout the Chicago area during the summer. Visit www.clstrikers.com for more information.

About NISRA

NISRA serves 1,500 children and adults with disabilities in 13 communities in McHenry County and parts of Cook, Lake and Kane counties. Its programs take place in public and commercial recreation facilities, and are open to participants of all ages and ability levels. NISRA’s mission is: enriching the lives of people with disabilities through meaningful recreation experiences and its values are: Fun, Professional, Compassionate, Trustworthy and Innovative. NISRA has received national and state awards for providing programs that fulfill its mission and values. Visit www.nisra.org to learn more.