



# It's all about quality.

The symbol that you see above is a sign of quality. If we're doing our jobs correctly here at Addison Park District, quality means giving our residents what they expect: exceptional facilities, customer service, recreation programming and parks.

On Jan. 29, Addison Park District was presented with the **2010 Distinguished Accredited Agency Award** at the annual Illinois Association of Park Districts/Illinois Park and Recreation Association Conference. This award is a reflection of the quality service and programming we offer to our community.

## What does this mean to me?

The Distinguished Accredited Agency Award shows that:

- Addison Park District is a **credible source** of recreation service.
- It hires **qualified staff** that meet **professional** standards.
- Addison Park District is a **parks and recreation leader** in the State of Illinois.
- Taxpayers can be confident that their **tax dollars will be used wisely**.
- Whenever possible, Addison Park District works to secure **grant funding** for non-tax dollar support of operations.
- It is an effective and efficient **guardian of the public interest**.
- Addison Park District is an **environmental steward**, maintaining green space and open land for public enjoyment.
- The Park District Board of Commissioners **addresses policy issues** in a timely manner.

## **What is the Distinguished Accredited Agency Award?**

Only 7.5% of Illinois' 400+ park and recreation agencies have achieved the Distinguished Agency honor.

This year, award criteria were revised to become more stringent and reflect an "accreditation" status. **Addison Park District is one of the first five agencies to become a Distinguished Accredited Agency, recognizing us as a parks and recreation leader in the State of Illinois.**

In 2009, a Park District committee worked on an extensive application that evaluated best practices in six areas: **facilities and parks, finance and business operations, general management, legal, personnel and recreation services.**

After successful completion of the application, the district was reviewed by an evaluation team of park district commissioners, directors and other parks and recreation experts.

Addison Park District's Distinguished Accredited Agency Award is another sign of our **commitment and responsibility** to provide the best possible parks and recreation services to the Addison community.

The park district's Distinguished Accredited Agency Award will be on permanent display at Community Recreation Center, 120 E. Oak Street, and Centennial Recreation Center/Club Fitness, 1776 W. Centennial Place. Both facilities are located in Addison.

**For more information about Addison Park District's facilities, programs, parks and services, please call 630-833-0100 or visit [www.addisonparkdistrict.org](http://www.addisonparkdistrict.org).**