

Programs and Services

Celebrate Every Week

Start today and celebrate every week with NWSRA. Special events, programs and various activities create fantastic experiences such as creative theme parties, visits to area attractions and community outings. Energetic cheerful staff line up terrific activities on a year-round basis.



Get Out!

Explore America. People of all ages are invited to visit some of the most prominent and celebrated vacation spots in the United States and beyond. Previous destinations include San Diego, California; San Antonio, Texas and Windsor, Canada. Highlights include sight-seeing, shopping, dining and enjoying outdoor sporting events.



All-Inclusive Fun

Get included in park district activities. Many celebrate their leisure time and perform at their highest level of ability through NWSRA programs. Others may achieve greater success in a park district activity. NWSRA staff assist in the inclusion process by providing hands-on training and valuable resources as needed in home park district programs.



Everyone is a Winner

Celebrate as a winner along with over 2.5 million Special Olympians in the world. Train and compete as an athlete with NWSRA programs and become a Special Olympian. Among other outstanding competitions, Unified Sports are hosted by Special Olympics Illinois Area 18, where Special Olympics athletes are equally matched with their non-disabled peers from the community and area corporations.

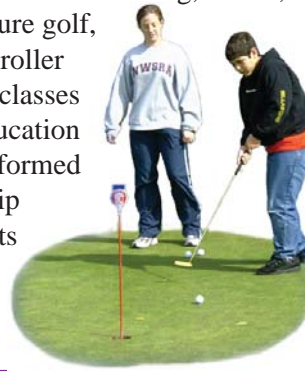


Learn to Laugh

When school is out for the summer, NWSRA presents the three F's: Friends, Fascination and Fun! The summer time celebration includes sports, games, crafts, and swimming. Campers socialize and learn valuable skills to be used throughout the school year. Field trips and special events add more entertaining elements to the camp.



Have a blast at school - outdoor cooking, karate, boating, bowling, miniature golf, outdoor awareness, and roller skating are a few of the classes hosted by the leisure education program. NWSRA has formed a cooperative relationship with local school districts to show the benefits of recreation to special education students.



Feel the Energy: BlazeSports®

BlazeSports Clubs of AmericaSM is a national grassroots program providing opportunities for competitive sports and fitness programs for individuals with physical disabilities and is supported by the National Recreation & Parks Association and BlazeSports AmericaSM. NWSRA BlazeSports® include sled hockey, wheelchair softball, wheelchair tennis, wheelchair basketball, and much more!



Celebrate with Us

The Past

Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA) was formed in 1973 to provide recreation services to individuals with disabilities.



The Present

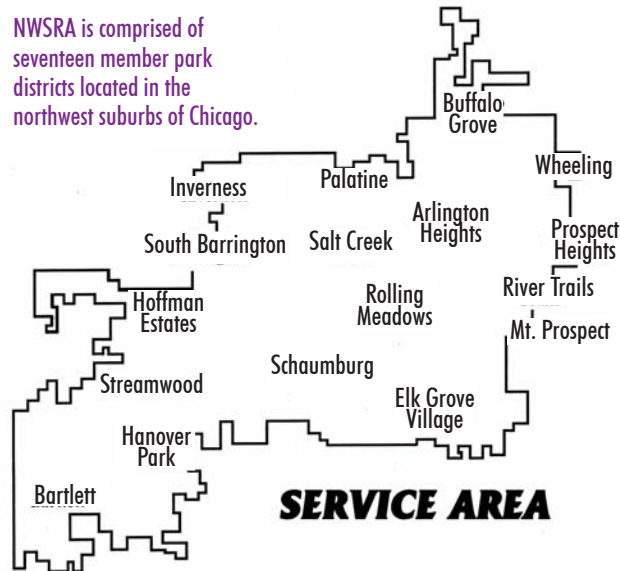


The Future



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NWSRA is comprised of seventeen member park districts located in the northwest suburbs of Chicago.



Our Vision:

To be a leading force creating greater options that enrich the life experiences of the participants, families and communities we serve.

Core Values

- Respect for each individual
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- Dedication to safe and fun programs
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- Collaboration for community access
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- Commitment to enthusiastic service



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