



Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association (NSSRA) formed in 1970 as the first special recreation association in Illinois and among the first of its kind in the country. NSSRA provides and facilitates recreation programs for approximately 1,800 children, teens and adults with physical, developmental, emotional or other disabilities. NSSRA has nearly 500 recreation, sport, cultural and social offerings available throughout the year, creating new experiences, opportunities for skill development, leisure time, and perhaps most importantly, friendship.

NSSRA is an extension of ten park districts, two cities and one village in the northern suburbs of Chicago. This partnership includes the Park Districts of Deerfield, Glencoe, Glenview, Highland Park, Kenilworth, Lake Bluff, Northbrook, Northfield, Wilmette and Winnetka; the Cities of Highwood and Lake Forest; and the Village of Riverwoods.

Participants include adults, teens and children with mental, physical, emotional or other disabilities, visual impairments or behavior disorders, as

well as individuals who are on the autism spectrum, who are deaf or hard of hearing or have conditions such as Multiple Sclerosis or Cerebral Palsy.

NSSRA is located at 3105 MacArthur Blvd., Northbrook, IL 60062. NSSRA has an operating budget of \$3,500,000. There are 21 full-time employees and approximately 500 part-time employees at NSSRA. Below is a list of the NSSRA Board of Directors:

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| Jeff Nehila, <i>Deerfield Park District</i>        | Sally Swarthout, <i>City of Lake Forest</i>     |
| Lisa Sheppard, <i>Glencoe Park District</i>        | Molly Hamer, <i>Northbrook Park District</i>    |
| Michael McCarty, <i>Glenview Park District</i>     | George Alexoff, <i>Northfield Park District</i> |
| Brian Romes, <i>Park District of Highland Park</i> | Kris Ford, <i>Village of Riverwoods</i>         |
| Jim Hospodarsky, <i>City of Highwood</i>           | Steve Wilson, <i>Wilmette Park District</i>     |
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| Vacant, <i>Lake Bluff Park District</i>            |   |

