



Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA)
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We are the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association providing social and recreational programs for children, teens and adults right here in DuPage County.

CONGRATULATIONS SNOWSHOE ATHLETES!

They had an outstanding day at the Special Olympics Regional Snowshoe Competition held Saturday at Hoffman Estates High School. All their hard work is paying off!

- Elliot* – 1st in 50m, 6th in 100m
- Emily* – 3rd in 50m, 1st in 100m
- Grace* – 1st in 50m, 2nd in 100m
- Jeremy* – 1st in 50m, 2nd in 100m
- Neal* – 1st in 100m, 4th in 200m
- Michelle – 4th in 50m, 4th in 100m
- Steve – 5th in 50m, 4th in 100m

Five athletes (indicated with an *) qualified for State games which will take place February 6-8 at either Eagle Ridge Resort or Chestnut Mountain in Galena!

Big shoutout to our awesome coaches ... Coach Ashley and Coach Dawn!

DONOR IMPACT: Volunteers!

We say it often... we love the wonderful people who open their hearts and make a commitment to volunteer! During the fall season we had 13 volunteers join in on programs. Almost half were new including three College of DuPage students, two who know someone who works at WDSRA, and one volunteering on their own. Through volunteering they were able to meet our participants, engage with them and have a whole lot of fun!

Thank you for choosing to volunteer with WDSRA!

THE BASH: Dinner, Music & More!

Join us at The Bash!
Saturday, March 2nd
Abbington, Glen Ellyn

We have an exciting evening planned just for you!

- Dinner, silent & LIVE auctions
- Heads or Tails - win a \$1,500 gift certificate to Stones Jewelry!

- Trip raffle - win a trip for 2 to Bali! Journey to the picturesque coastal town of Amed in Bali for a luxurious 7-night escape at the intimate Golden Buddha resort. Your private cottage nestled amidst lush gardens. Indulge in 2 full-body massages, daily breakfast & one special dinner at the resort.
- Entertainment featuring a DJ & dancing from Sounds About!

YOU can be the catalyst for change! Every ticket bought, each bid placed, every paddle raised - they all translate to a life-changing impact. Special recreation is a lifeline for those with special needs, offering the chance to be part of a sports team, engage in meaningful day programs, dancing with friends, or more. It enriches lives, builds community bonds, and nurtures vital well-being.

YOU hold the power to transform lives on this night!

Get your tickets at <https://www.wdsra.com/event/the-bash/>.

Wrap

With that, all I can do is wrap it up. If you have any questions about anything we talked about here today, please give us a call. We are happy to answer them all! Contact us at 630-681-0962 or check out our website at www.wdsra.com. And please, stay connected with us by following us on Facebook or signing up for our enews.

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Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA) provides engaging, community-based recreational programs and inclusion services for children, teens, and adults with special needs. WDSRA offers Special Olympics, adapted sports, dance and art programs, camps, trips, special events, and more. WDSRA's mission, the development of individuals through recreation, makes it possible for individuals to grow personally, connect with their community and discover their potential.

WDSRA is an award-winning organization and a cooperative extension of nine park districts serving the communities of Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glen Ellyn, Naperville, Roselle, Warrenville, West Chicago, Wheaton, and Winfield.

MISSION *We enrich lives, connect communities and create fun through inclusive recreational opportunities.*

VISION *A world of opportunities, belonging and individuals reaching their full potential.*

Learn more at www.wdsra.com.