



# Big Times

Big Brothers Big Sisters the Glacial Lakes Region

Little Moments. Big Magic.

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## Big Big Hoedown

Mark your calendars

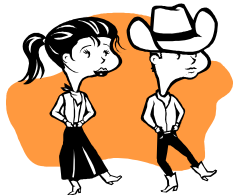
**When:** Saturday, August 16th

4pm-8pm

**Where:** Joy Ranch

Go North on highway 20 from Watertown, then follow signs

**What:** Lots of family fun!



Pony Rides  
Obstacle course  
Flying Chicken  
Square dancing  
A Hoedown Mean  
Hoedown Music  
Live Entertainment

Hay Rides

Cow Pie Toss

Treasure Hunt

Duck pond

Face painting

Watermelon eating contest

Dunk Tank- dunk your principal!!



## And Much More!

## Monthly Activity

### Thunder Road

**Who:** All Matches BBBS and Mentor Mom

**When:** Thursday, July 17, 2008

**Where:** Thunder Road, 825 3rd St. SW

**Time:** 6:00pm- 7:30pm

**Cost:** Free Water Wars, everything else is buy one get one free with your activity pass.

**What You Need To Know:**

- Please **RSVP**
- Please take your Activity Card with you.

## 2nd Annual BBBS Picnic

**Who:** All Matches and your families (BBBS & Mentor Mom)

**When:** Thursday, August 21, 2008

**Where:** McKinley Park, (Kemp Ave. & Kapeska Blvd)

**Time:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

**What:** BBBS will provide the hot dogs/buns and drink. Everyone else please bring a dish to pass. If you have a favorite outdoor game, please feel free to bring it. We will play sand volleyball. **Please RSVP.**

## Stuffed Animals/Hoedown Volunteers

Do you have clean, gently used stuffed animals you would be willing to donate to BBBS? We are interested in using them at the Hoedown. If you would like to donate some, please bring them to the BBBS office by August 13. Also, we need many volunteers for the Hoedown. If you would be willing to volunteer, please call or email the office.

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## Summer Activities

The Family Aquatic Center is open Daily 1-4pm and 6-9pm

The Bramble Park Zoo is open 9:00am-8:00pm

The Watertown Regional Library "Get a Clue" Children's Programs in June

The Codington County Heritage Museum: 10:00am-5:00pm Mon-Fri, 1:00-5:00pm Sat., (866-7335)

Redlin Art Center: 8:00am-5:00pm, Mon-Fri, 12:00-5:00pm Sun

Mellette House: 1:00-5:00 Tues-Sat

The Skate Park: 4:00-9:00pm

Please remember that Parks & Rec offers many summer activities. The activities range from theater programs, Zoo activities, swimming fun, to sporting activities. For more information contact the Parks & Rec office at 882-6260 or stop in their office at 125 S. Broadway.



## Tips For Mentors

Here are a few tips for mentors, which will help improve your relationship with your mentee:

- **Be yourself**

As a mentor you should work with your mentee in a way that is comfortable for you. Children are amazing in the factor that they can tell when you are not being yourself or are not comfortable. Show your mentee something you used to do when you were young.

- **Be reliable and consistent**

The more consistent you are, the more mentee will trust you, start to call you and start conversation with you. A great way to do this is to set up a certain day that you get together with your mentee, will be something for both of you to look forward too.

- **Give off energy**

Show your excitement about what your mentee is doing, and your interest in learning from them. Share your own excitement about activities you are doing and in things that are going on in their lives.

- **Go with the flow**

Be prepared for the unexpected! Bring ideas for what you would like to do, but be prepared to go with the flow of this changing environment.

- **Be patient**

Everyone learns in different ways, yourself included. Be patient if your mentee does not get what you are expressing in the first try.

- **Be open minded to different backgrounds**

All of us come from different backgrounds and have had different experiences. Make sure to patient with your mentee if they have not had the same experience as you. Learn from what they know and they will be open to learn from you.

- **Be approachable**

It is important for mentees to know that you are available for questions. Invite your mentee to come with you on “normal” outings you do, like going grocery shopping, to the mall or just for a walk. Mentees like to see that you are “normal” and it will be easier to build rapport with them as well.

## Match Spotlight

BS Amanda Anderson and LS Chantel have been matched for about one year. As a high school student, Amanda recognized the importance of giving back to her community. She has enjoyed being matched with Chantel and loves hanging out with her. Most recently they attended the BBBS swimming party at the Aquatic Center. Chantel's dad Scott believes being matches with Amanda has been extremely beneficial for Chantel and is glad they decided to get her a Big Sister. Great job Amanda and Chantel!

### New Matches in June

Lindsey Jurrens (BS) Kelli (LS)

Melissa Elms (BS) Kelly (LS)

Sandra Risseeuw (MM) Alissa (YM)

### New Match from May

BB Eric Schultz / LB Hunter

### Waiting List

Little Sisters—7 Little Brothers—8

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