



BIG TIMES

Big Brothers Big Sisters
of the Sioux Empire



Start Something™

June 2011

Volume 9 Issue 6

HELP BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS AT JAZZFEST!

Big Brothers Big Sisters has once again been invited to earn extra cash by collecting parking fees at the entrance gates to JazzFest, Saturday, July 16. Admission to JazzFest is free, but to park in the Yankton Trail lot costs \$10 per vehicle. BBBS earns a base salary for tending the gates, and also receives tips from drivers.

In the last three years, BBBS has earned roughly **\$6,000** at Jazzfest, and we use that money for match activities, including outings, pizza, games, etc.

*We need volunteers to commit to ONE of several 3-hour shifts on July 16: **10 a.m.-1:15 p.m.; 1-4:15 p.m.; 4-7:15 p.m.; or 7-10:15 p.m.** Matches, parents, friends, family and coworkers can help! Every adult volunteer gets a free Jazzfest t-shirt. Water and snacks will be available throughout each shift. It will be hot!*

If you are available to give at least 3 hours of your time on July 16, please call 334-1632 or email Melissa at melissa@bbbsse.org. Thank you!



1st Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Golf Benefit



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of the Sioux Empire
Start Something™

Thank You!

Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to thank all participants for joining us at the 1st Annual Golf Benefit. Without your support, we would not be able to serve more than 550 youth here in the Sioux Empire. We would also like to thank Prairie Green Golf Course for everything you have done to make this event a success.

~ BBBS Board & Staff

INSIDE

Community Calendar
Activity Card Pick
New Matches
Match Anniversaries

MENTOR TRAINING MONDAY, 6/13

All NEW BBBS volunteers must receive **mandatory** mentor training. One agency-wide session is offered in June: Monday, 6/13, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend, please contact our office to set up an alternate training date.

**PLEASE RSVP!
Contact Penny:
334-1632 or
penny@bbbsse.org**

Sioux Falls Office
1000 N. West Ave.
Ste. 300
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Tel: 605-334-1632
Fax: 605-271-8011

Watertown Office
901 4th St. NW
Watertown, SD 57201
Tel: 605-886-1554
Fax: 605-882-8620

Mitchell Office
520 N. Lawler St.
Ste. 300
Mitchell, SD 57301
Tel: 605-292-4444



A BIG thank you to the **Serteens & Soroptimist International of Sioux Falls** for your amazing help with the Mentor Mom Baby Shower.

Mentoring Advice & Tips

*As you've probably come to find out, mentoring isn't an exact science, and what works for one match doesn't always work for another. Like all relationships, a match with your Little or Young Mom takes **time** to feel out each other's interests, quirks, boundaries, etc. Still, we've heard some GREAT stories from mentors: outside-the-box activities, overcoming disagreements, working around scheduling conflicts, and many others.*

We want to hear from YOU! What advice do you have for other mentors? Tell us—we'll print it in our newsletter!

Advice from NAS Program Manager Taté Walker: It's a good idea to talk about emergency protocol and procedure with your Little. For instance, what should your Little do if he or she gets separated from you at a large venue, such as a sporting event at the arena or a parade downtown? Talking about what to do, where to go, or who to call is an important mentoring conversation to have with your Little ASAP.

Community Calendar

EVENTS ARE NOT AFFILIATED WITH OR ENDORSED BY BBBS

Weekdays

USGS EROS Center Tour - Public access, including self-guided tours for visitors are 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; EROS is closed on federal holidays & weekends. Guided tours are available at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. For more, call 594-6511 or emailing custserv@usgs.gov.

Wednesdays & Thursdays Through the Summer

Family Fun Night & BOGO Night - Wild Water West invites families to receive half-priced admission every Wednesday in June from 4-8 p.m.; receive buy-one-get-one admission deals every Thursday in June from 4-8 p.m. For more info. & other specials, visit www.wildwaterwest.com.
MATCHES: Use your Activity Card for special pricing!

June 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

Starlab Inflation Planetarium - Head to the Old Courthouse Museum Wednesdays to explore the night sky & constellations! Admission is \$1; shows at 1, 2, & 3 p.m.

June 2-5

Argus Leader Ribfest - Festivities begin Thursday at 5 p.m., then 11 a.m. Friday, Saturday & Sunday at the Sioux Falls Arena. Admission is \$5 per person, but admission is FREE on Friday!

June 3

First Fridays - Several downtown Sioux Falls businesses host special activities and discounted prices the first Friday of every month. Check out the Washington Pavilion of Arts & Sciences for FREE admission to the science center!

June 3, 10, 17 & 24

Greatest Show on H2O! - Every Friday in June head over to Catfish Bay Water Ski Park at 7 p.m. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for kids ages 6-12, & children 5 and younger are free. *MATCHES: Use your Activity Card to get for \$6 each!*

June 4

Breakfast on the Farm - Hood Magazine invites you to breakfast served by Ag United & Midwest Dairy from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Royalwood Dairy, 48170 266th Street. The FREE event features dairy farm tours, calves, kid's activities, & more. Bring lawn chairs or something to sit on.

June 4

Kids' Workshop - Head to Home Depot from 9 a.m.-noon for this FREE activity for children ages 5-12 years old. This month kids can make a wooden valet organizer.

June 4, 11, 18 & 25

Moonlight Movies - Enjoy FREE family movies in Fawick Park, 10th Street & 2nd Avenue, every Saturday night. Movies begin at dusk. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Refreshments are sold during the movies. No coolers, pets, or alcohol allowed.

June 5 & 26

Swing Dance - Get FREE dance lessons at the Old Courthouse Museum! David Bradford & Kathie Erdman will teach beginning swing dance lessons from 1-1:30p.m., followed by open dancing from 1:30-4 p.m. Beginners welcome to this all-ages event. Call 359-4127 to learn more.

June 6, 13, 20 & 27

Open Drawing Group - Join the Museum of Visual Arts, 500 N. Main Ave., for a FREE open drawing group every Monday at 10 a.m. Beginners to advanced artists welcome! Bring your own supplies. Hosted by Tara Barney, artist & owner of Red Door Creations.

June 7, 14, 21 & 28

Storytime - Bring your young children to Child's Play Toys, 233 S. Phillips Ave., every Tuesday at 10 a.m. for singing & reading. Always FREE!

June 11

Build & Grow Clinics - Lowe's offers FREE kids' projects beginning at 10 a.m. This month, build a Goofy Golf gift for Father's Day!

June 11

Great Plains Balloon Race - About 30 hot air balloons will fly over Kenny Anderson Park at 6 & 6:30 p.m. (weather permitting). This is a FREE family event. Arrive an hour before launch for special ballooning activities!

June 16

Kids' Activity Day - The Old Courthouse Museum invites kids to enjoy a fun & FREE learning & make-it-take-it craft activity. Classes are 9-11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. for children in preschool through second grade.

June 16

Juneteenth - This FREE cultural celebration features live entertainment, a Kids' Zone with tons of activities, outreach booths, & free soul food provided by Whisk & Chop Café! The fun starts at 5 p.m. at Falls Park. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/JuneteenthSF.

June 17 & 18

Hartford Jamboree Days - Join in the celebrations Friday evening with a car show (6-9 p.m.) & car cruise (9-11 p.m.), & teen dance (8-11 p.m.). On Saturday enjoy a 5K run, vendors, parades, FREE kids' events, entertainment, & more! For more information, visit www.livinghartford.com.

June 18

Festival of Cultures - Travel the world without leaving Sioux Falls at this fun family event! Experience sights, sounds & tastes of the world from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Falls Park. The event includes a Parade of Flags, vendor booths, entertainment, kids' activities, ethnic foods, & diversity awards.

June 24

Automania - If you're a car or motorcycle enthusiast, this is the event for you! From 4-11 p.m. check out one of the largest displays of cars & motorcycles in the Midwest FREE! Enjoy music, entertainment, vendors, & food.

June 28

Cooking with Sanaa - Learn to create healthy, nutritious, and tasty food on a budget! The Museum of Visual Arts hosts the event beginning at 6 p.m.; admission is \$5. Sponsored by The CO-OP Natural Foods & presented by the owner and namesake of Sanaa's, a Mediterranean restaurant in downtown Sioux Falls. Pre-registration required: call 271-9500.

June 29

Mommy's Maternity Closet - Elegant Mommy opens their Mommy's Maternity Closet the last Wednesday of each month to women in need to select FREE items. Head to Elegant Mommy, 2109 W. 49th St., from 4-6 p.m. Please have your Medicaid card or WIC information available to present.

The **Sioux Falls Jazz & Blues Society** has graciously offered **FREE tickets** to any BBBS match for 2011 SFJB events. Find concert dates and times by going to the Jazz & Blues' web site, www.sfjb.org/events.

ACTIVITY CARD PICK OF THE MONTH

Museum of Visual Materials

Note: the name is incorrect on the Activity Card.

www.museumofvisualmaterials.com

MATCHES RECEIVE 20% OFF ONE CLASS



BIG THANKS

Has your match been using the Activity Card? Our programs are supported by many local businesses that provide generous discounts to BBBS matches. We appreciate their support and hope you do too! Please send a Thank You note to the businesses your match visits.

****Remember to use your Activity Card and look at the participating businesses before you go on your outing.**

Contact Us!

Phone: 605-334-1632

Fax: 605-271-8011

Big Brothers Big Sisters Staff:

Jolene Groen

Executive Director

jolene@bbbsse.org

Deb Tornow

Office Manager

deb@bbbsse.org

Taté Walker

Native American Scholars Program Manager

tate@bbbsse.org

Melissa Jungemann

Mentor Mom Case Specialist

melissa@bbbsse.org

Penny Powers

Core & Amachi Case Specialist

penny@bbbsse.org

Wendy Lonning

Match Support Specialist

wendy@bbbsse.org

Upcoming BBBS Events

July 2011

TBD, 6-8 p.m., Thunder Road Match Activity

TBD, 5:30-7 p.m., Mentor Social at Old Chicago

Take Note!

The Sioux Falls School District is again sponsoring the Summer Food Service Program at several sites, which are open to anyone 1-18 years of age to come and eat lunch FREE!



The lunch program is served from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. weekdays at Hayward, and 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the other sites. There is no paperwork to complete and no income information required. The sites for 2011 are:

- Anne Sullivan Elementary – 3701 E. 3rd Street
- Food Service Center – 1101 N. Western Avenue
- Hawthorne Elementary – 601 N. Spring Avenue
- Hayward Elementary – 400 N. Valley View Road
- Laura B. Anderson Elementary – 1600 N. Wayland Ave.
- Terry Redlin Elementary – 1721 E. Austin Street

The programs are offered to assure the children eating with the school lunch program during the school year will also have a place for lunch in the summer. The sites will be open each day from May 23 to August 12, except May 30, July

Start something™

Sioux Falls, SD 57101

Permit # 7899

PAID

U.S. Postage

NON-PROFIT ORG.

Big Brothers Big Sisters
of the Sioux Empire
1000 N. West Ave. Suite 300
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

