



# Big Times

Big Brothers Big Sisters  
of the Sioux Empire



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March 2011

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**BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE** is a fundraiser all about having fun & raising money to help Local youth. Mentors, Friends, Families, & Businesses are invited to form teams!

- Teams consist of 5 bowlers.
- Minimum pledges must equal \$65 per person or \$325 per team.
- Every dollar helps local youth! (*see sidebar*)

## Dates & Times

Empire Bowl  
3800 S. Westport Ave.

March 25	4 & 9:30 p.m.*
March 26	9:30 p.m.*
April 7	3:30 p.m.
April 8	4 & 9:30 p.m.*
April 9	9:30 p.m.*

\*cosmic bowling

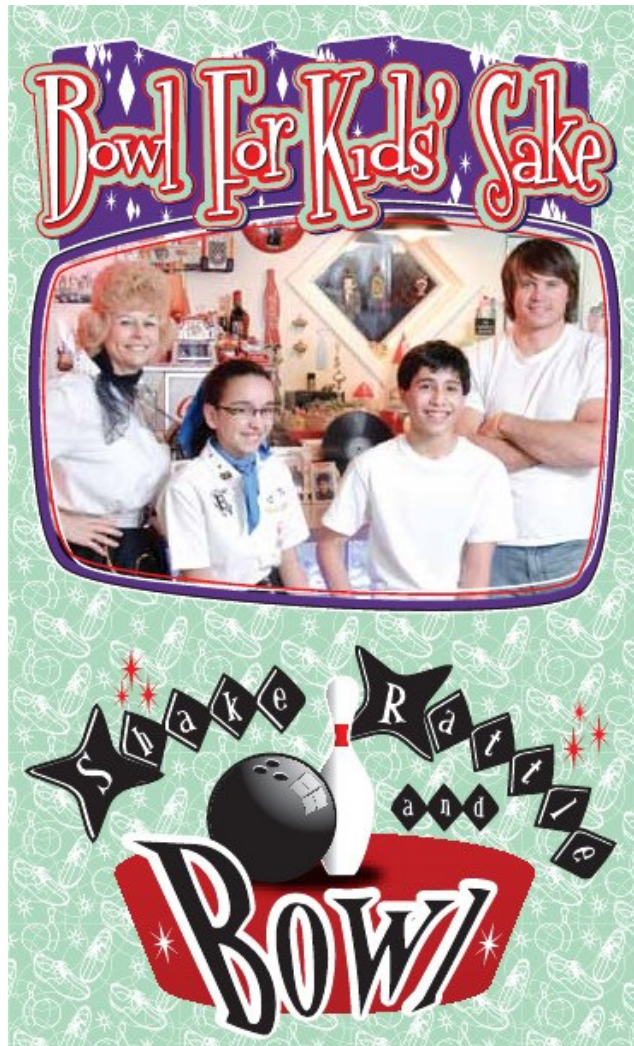
All Bowlers Receive...

- A Bowl for Kids' Sake 2011 t-shirt
- Pizza & soda at the event
- Chance to win door prizes

## Every dollar raised helps local youth

An average match costs \$700,  
which covers...

- Volunteer Recruitment
- Interviewing
- Criminal Background Checks
- Reference Checks
- Professional Match Support
- Match Activities
- Liability Insurance



This year's theme is the Rockin' 50's,  
so dress up as your favorite  
T-Bird or Pink Lady!

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### MENTOR TRAINING WEDNESDAY MARCH 9

All NEW BBBS  
volunteers must sign up  
for **mandatory**  
mentor training. Two  
sessions are offered:  
*11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.*; or  
*5:30-7:30 p.m.* You  
need only sign up for  
ONE (1) session. If you  
are unable to attend  
either session, please  
contact our office to  
set up an alternate  
training date.

**PLEASE RSVP!**  
Call Penny at  
**334-1632** or email  
[penny@bbbsse.org](mailto:penny@bbbsse.org)

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

Register at [www.bbbsse.org](http://www.bbbsse.org) or call 334-1632

*no deposit necessary to register*



# Community Calendar

EVENTS ARE NOT AFFILIATED WITH OR ENDORSED BY BBBS

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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

March. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>

**Skyforce Basketball** – Catch the Skyforce home games at the Arena beginning at 7 p.m. BBBS has received generous donations of 12 tickets per game. All BBBS participants (children's immediate families, included) can call to receive tickets, which will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 334-1632 for more information. Remember: Activity Cards can get matches buy one get one free tickets!

March 2, 23, 27

**Stampede Hockey** – Ice action begins at 7:05 p.m. at the Arena. BBBS matches receive FREE tickets to home games (see Activity Card for details).

March 2

**Job Corps Community Night** – Learn about the nation's largest federally funded education and career training program at this FREE event from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Main Library. Free food and beverage. Current students will be present to share their experiences. For more information, call 274-6068.

March 3

**Storm Dance Clinic** - Toddlers to Tweens can learn cheerleading and dance moves with the Lightning Girls. Class is held at Morningside Community Center beginning at 6 p.m. Registration is required. Please note child's age. Cost is \$3. For more information call 367-8222.

March 4

**Fun & Fitness Friday** – Children ages 6 and younger are invited to MariCar Community Center for this FREE event beginning at 1:30 p.m. Ride around the gym on various toys, jump on inflatables, or run through the obstacle course.

March 4

**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!

March 4

**Movie Night at the Museum** - Bring a blanket and pillow and settle into the Old Courthouse Museum for a FREE showing of "Who Framed Roger Rabbit." Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 6:45 p.m. For more information call 367-4210.

March 4

**Family Nite Out** – MariCar Community Center hosts this FREE event at 6:30 p.m., featuring various activities and games. For more information, call 367-8222.

March 5

**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 replica of the #20 Home Depot race car.

March 7

**Financial Aid Night** – Staff and volunteers will be on-hand from 5:30-8:30 p.m. to assist high school seniors in completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form online. The event takes place at the Instructional Planning Center, 201 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street. A FREE dinner will be served. Bring Social Security numbers, birthdates, W2s, and 2010 tax forms for parents/guardians and students (if applicable). For more info. call 367-4282.

March 7 & 8

**Jazz on the Upper Great Plains Festival Concert** – Augustana College hosts this FREE event, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on March 7, and 8 p.m. on March 8. The festival features about 50 high school bands from across the Midwest; also, Northlanders Jazz Band will perform. For more information, call 274-5451 or visit [www.augie.edu/events](http://www.augie.edu/events).

March 12

**Build & Grow Clinics** - Lowe's offers FREE kids' projects beginning at 10 a.m. This month, build a wooden table-top basketball shoot-around game.

March 13

**St. Patrick's Day Parade** - The day's FREE activities begin around noon in downtown Sioux Falls with the parade beginning at 2 p.m.

March 17

**Kid's Activity Day** – The Old Courthouse Museum invites kids to enjoy the *Luck o' the Irish*, a fun and FREE learning and craft activity in which they make an item to take home. Classes are 9-11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m.

March 18, 19 & 20

**South Dakota Horse Fair** – The Expo Building at the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds hosts this FREE annual event from the South Dakota Horse Council (beginning noon March 18, and 8 a.m. March 19 and 20). Activities include Horseman Challenge, Ranch Rodeo, Horse Judging, Hippology, Horse Safety, vendors, youth stick horse contest, Stallion Avenue, and Breed Boulevard. For more information visit [www.sdhorsefair.com](http://www.sdhorsefair.com).

March 19

**Sioux Falls Oyate Wacipi** – The Multi-Cultural Center hosts this FREE cultural event beginning at 5 p.m. with a FREE community dinner (food donations appreciated), followed by grand entry of at 7 p.m. Festivities run through midnight. For more information, call 334-4060 or email [sfoyate22@yahoo.com](mailto:sfoyate22@yahoo.com).

March 30

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

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](http://www.sfjb.org/events).

## ACTIVITY CARD PICK OF THE MONTH

### Empire Bowl

3800 S. Westport Ave.

Mentor buys 1 game of bowling, mentee receives FREE game\*!

\*Excludes bumper bowling



## 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.**

# MATCH OF THE MONTH

NAS BB Paul Fosheim & LB Marlowe  
Matched since October 2007

## Big Brother Paul

*Why did you become involved in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program?* I had just graduated from college and a friend referred me to the program. Marlowe came to me with some literacy issues and his language use was not the best. I knew I would be able to help him improve. Slowly but surely, each time we got together I saw progress.

*What do you like best about having a mentee?* My wife and I are busy people, but when I do find time to spend with Marlowe, it's how I feel at the end of the day that makes it all worthwhile. Spending time with Marlowe makes me feel awesome. I am trying my best being a male role model for him. I am not perfect but I try. I am blessed to have him in my life because he also has taught me a lot about life and growing up. How the kids look at the world is completely different and sometimes we forget to stop and enjoy the little stuff.

*What is your favorite activity you have done together?* We have done a lot together. Sledding, ice skating, shooting rifles, taking walks, playing arcade games, working on a snow-blower engine, card/board games, sports, and so much else. It's the boating and fishing Marlowe seems to love the best. We love spending time in the boat. We have a lot of conversations about life and its struggles, especially being Deaf. Learning how to work the boat isn't as easy as it looks, either, but he embraces the challenges with a smile ear to ear :)

*How has having a mentee helped you?* I learn a lot more about myself in regards to how to learn how Marlowe learns. He is only 12 going on 13, still young, but life is going to come at him fast. I keep telling him good job and encourage him to keep going. Life sucks, I know, but the rewards are there. I hope he sees that through exposure to my life style, my wife's success, as she is deaf, too. At the end of the day, I feel good about myself and pray he continues to choose the right path to making himself a productive young man in society.

## Little Brother Marlowe

*What do you like best about being matched with your mentor?* He's helped me learn things. He's fun to be with. And he's always happy and positive.

*What is your favorite activity you have done with your mentor so far?* We've done a lot together. We recently worked on an engine together, we attend a lot of CSD activities together (CSD is a non-profit organization that interprets and offers other services for the deaf and hard-of-hearing), go ice skating, and we go fishing. Fishing is my favorite thing to do with Paul.

*What would you say to a Little interested in Big Brothers Big Sisters?* Hurry! You need to get a Big because it's so much fun!

*How do you think having a mentor has helped you?* He's helped me learn more about my deaf culture and how to be a successful deaf person. He helps me to feel proud of myself for who I am.



## NEW MATCHES

NAS BB Dane Hortness & LB Robert  
NAS BB Leif Nomeland & LB Torrence  
NAS BB Paul Gilmore & LB Robert  
NAS BS Gerrie Grauf & LS Paris  
NAS BB Dalton Walker & LB Brent  
NAS BS Onna Houck & LS Patricia  
MM Beth Thomas & YM Hannah  
MM Bev Ballenger & YM Josie  
MM Sarah Woods & YM Jazmine  
MM Candice Smith & YM Kimberly  
BS Shirley Lauer & LS Emma  
BS Whitney Fretham LS Becca  
BS Kristy Mouw & LS Kimburley  
BS Kara Schuester & LS Mary-Kate  
BB John Schlimgen & LB Parker  
BB Aaron Tarnasky & LB Ryley  
BC Wanda & Scott Reed & LB Ethan  
BB Kale Merrell & LB Jayden  
BS Kelsey Lund & LS Holli

## MATCH ANNIVERSARIES

### 1 YEAR

NAS BB Randell Beck & LB Lonnie  
NAS BS Alisha Dykstra & LS Aiysha  
NAS BS Mackenzie Landholm & LS SkyeAnn  
MM Karen Plooster & YM Victoria  
MM Katie Clapper & YM Heavenly  
Core BC Robert & Theresa Decker  
& LB Anthony  
Amachi BS Joan VanBuskirk & LS Stevielee  
Amachi BC Justin & Becky Swoboda  
& LB Chase

### 2 YEARS

NAS BC Tim & Lisa Kacena & LB Josh  
NAS BS Abby Ernster & LS Santana  
MM Kris Ticknor & YM Amanda  
MM Carolyn Carlson & YM Jessica  
Amachi BC Pam & Lonn Scheid & LS Pamala  
Amachi BS Nancy Gunner & LS Karisma  
Amachi BS Cori Colon & LS Tasha  
Amachi BS Kim Hubers & LS Reanna

### 4 YEARS

MM Michelle Bruns & YM Cynthia  
Core BB Bart Plocher & LB Justin

## BBBS Monthly Event

Saturday, March 12

**Carousel Skate**—Join BBBS at Carousel Skate anytime from 1-4 p.m. This is a MATCHES ONLY event and mentors will need to bring Activity Cards to receive FREE admission for mentees (\$6 admission for mentors). Come ready to rock and ROLL!

**Nominate a mentor for the 2011 Spirit of Volunteerism Awards** through the Help!Line Center. Winners will be selected in categories including youth, group, adult, and corporate humanitarian. Winners of the youth, adult, and group awards will receive a \$500 award made payable to the charity of his/her choice! Nominations are due April 1. For more information, visit [www.helplinecenter.org](http://www.helplinecenter.org) or dial 211.

## Tax Information for Mentors



Big Brothers Big Sisters is pleased to inform mentors of the following tax deductions:

- **Deduct \$.14 cents per mile incurred in picking up and driving the mentee around.**
- **You may also deduct the cost of meals, tickets, museum admissions, etc., which you spend for the mentee. However, you cannot deduct costs you incur for your own meals, tickets, etc.**

While BBBS encourages quality time rather than money spent on the Little to be the most important in the relationship, we trust you will find the above information welcome and useful.

## FREE Tickets to Sporting Events!

**Do you or your mentee enjoy basketball or hockey?**

BBBS received a generous donation of **SKYFORCE** basketball tickets and we have several dozen remaining for the rest of this season's home games. Call BBBS at 334-1632 or email [melissa@bbbsse.org](mailto:melissa@bbbsse.org) to get your **FREE** tickets today (first come, first served)!



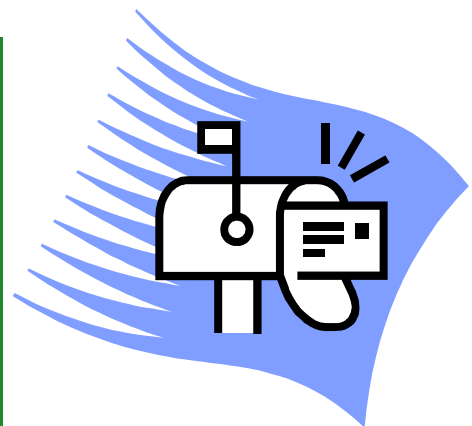
Also, if you're already matched, your Activity Card gets you **FREE Stampede** tickets. Just call Wendy (with Stampede) at 336-6060 ext. 201 for your tickets!

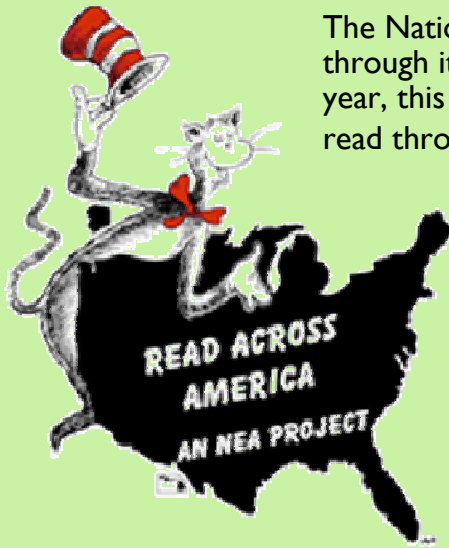
## Mentoring Advice & Tips

*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 would you pass on to other mentors? Tell us and we'll print it in our newsletter!*

*Sage advice from Big Sister Shawna: "When life gets busy and I don't have the time or energy to do an activity with Anthony, I send him a text message (to his mom's phone) letting him know I am thinking about him. Also, I stock up on cute "Thinking of You" or "Miss You" cards at the dollar store so I can send him a card if it's been a while since we got together. Everyone loves getting mail! It's important for Littles to know you still care about them even if you haven't had time to meet with them.*





The National Education Association (NEA) is building a nation of readers through its signature program, NEA's Read Across America. Now in its 14th year, this year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources.

NEA's Read Across America Day takes place each year on or near March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens, and books, and you can too!

**On March 2,  
the National Education Association calls  
for every child to be reading in  
the company of a caring adult.**

## CHECK OUT THESE READING ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR MENTEE!

### Barnes & Noble Storytime

Join others for FREE **Dr. Seuss stories and activities**. Barnes & Noble is located at 3700 W. 41st Street. Events begin March 1 at 10 a.m. Call 362-1500 or visit [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com) for a list of more reading events throughout March.



### Library Storytime

Join **Siouxland Libraries' special storytimes** featuring some of our favorite stories, songs and finger plays in honor of Read Across America Day.

Main: Tuesday, March 1 - 10:05 a.m.

Caille: Wednesday, March 2 - 10:05 & 10:45 a.m.

Oak View: Wednesday, March 2 - 10:05 & 10:45 a.m.

Ronning: Thursday, March 3 - 10:05 & 10:45 a.m.

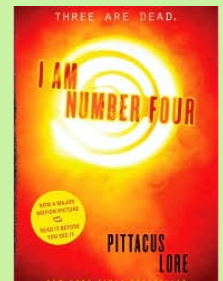
Visit [www.slkids.org/kids\\_activities](http://www.slkids.org/kids_activities) for a list of more reading activities for kids.

# storytime

### Get Teens Reading, Too!

**Become movie critics.** Read a book, and then watch the movie together. Try popular hits, including "I Am Number Four," or the Hunger Games series (first movie release date in 2012). Check the library for more fan faves. Or try old favorites, including the Harry Potter series, Huck Finn, or Hatchet. Then become movie critics and debate if the book or movie was better.

**Read together.** Get two copies of each school-required reading book: one for you and the other for your mentee. You can each read alone, but it's a great way to open up a dialogue with your mentee about a great book.



## SAVE THE DATE!

We need **VOLUNTEERS** to help us raise money with the **Thunder Ball Toss** at upcoming Sioux Falls **Storm** indoor football games! *Volunteers receive a FREE ticket to the game!*

**Thunder... What?** Thunder Ball Toss is the point in the second quarter of the game when dozens of mini footballs are let loose, aimed at a target in the center of the arena. The ball closest to the target wins cash! Thunder Balls are sold for \$2 per ball or \$5 for three balls. Each ball is numbered and the name of each child throwing the ball is recorded to ensure the winner receives his or her prize.

**Why are we doing this?** As the organization selling Thunder Balls, Big Brothers Big Sisters earns cash! Essentially, we make 50 percent of the proceeds (the winner takes home the other 50 percent). Plus, did we mention FREE tickets to the game?!

**If you want to help:** We need we need 10-15 volunteers for each game, April 15 and May 7. You can volunteer with your mentee and you can choose to volunteer at both games or just one. We'd be extremely appreciative for your help! Volunteers should arrive at the Arena around 5:45 p.m. (game time is 7 p.m.).

## Contact Us!

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## Upcoming BBBS Events

### March 2011

**March 12, 1-4 p.m., Carousel Skate**

Matches Only! Lace up your skates and join BBBS staff for an afternoon of rockin' and rollin'. Admission is \$6 (you must have your Activity Card to receive this special BBBS price).

### April 2011

**April 12 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mentor Social at Old Chicago**

MENTORS Only! Discuss mentoring issues with staff and other Bigs in a relaxed, social atmosphere. Food and drink on your own dime.

**April 28 TBD BBBS at the El Riad Shrine Circus**

Matches Only! Join BBBS under the big top for a night of fun!



Matches had a blast jumping around and playing the arcade games at February's BBBS event, located at Xcite Family Fun Center. Join us every month for BBBS activities!

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