



Big Times

Big Brothers Big Sisters the Glacial Lakes Region

Little Moments. Big Magic.

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Big Big Get-Away

A fundraiser to support BBBS

All funds raised stays local and goes to support mentoring in the
Glacial Lakes Region

Raffle tickets are available at \$10 each to win one of 4 Get-Aways:

~One week in Cabo San Lucas/ & a \$1,000 airline voucher

March 16-March 22, 2009

~Two Special Memories (Pheasant Hunt & Terry Redlin Print)

4th Annual Youth Hunt at Oak tree Lodge Sept. 19-21, 2008

~ Duluth Getaway– two nights at The Edge waterpark hotel, passes for four to the Vista Fleet Excursion, four passes to OmniMax Theatre and to the Glensheen Historic Estate, \$50 gas voucher and \$50 restaurant gift card.

~ SD Treasures in the Black Hills– two nights at the Radisson Rapid city , four passes for the 1880 train, Reptile Gardens, Rushmore Borglum Museum and National Presidential Wax Museum, \$50 gas card and \$100 dining certificate.

Drawing is May 16, 4pm at the Watertown Regional Library

Need not be present to win! Order your tickets today by calling 886-1554. Credit Cards accepted.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sioux Empire receives the 2007 BBBSA Gold Standard Award!

(BBBS of the Glacial Lakes is a Satellite office of the Sioux Empire)

Big Brothers Big Sisters' Nationwide Leadership Council will honor Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sioux Empire with a Gold Standard Award for achievement. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sioux Empire is one of 24 agencies selected from a nationwide network of over 400 to receive this prestigious award.

The Gold Standard award recognizes Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies that have demonstrated pace setting performance throughout the year. Agencies that have shown a revenue growth of 10% or more, a 10% increase in the number of children served in mentoring relationships, matches, and that meet a quality standard are considered to be top performing.

“On behalf of our entire network, I am pleased to honor Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sioux Empire for its exemplary performance,” said Judy Vredenburg, president and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. “The Gold Standard Award is given to our very highest achievers for their sustained impact in helping children reach their potential. I am proud to acknowledge their successes and grateful for their breakthrough leadership in service to their communities and to the country.”

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sioux Empire, as a Gold Standard Award winner, is in the top 6% of Big Brothers Big Sisters across the country. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sioux Empire will be recognized at the Big Brothers Big Sisters National Conference in St. Louis, Missouri in June.

Monthly Activity

May Event: Tuesday May 20 5:30– 7:00pm

Kite Day: Kites and snacks free

Family & Friends Invited

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Have a Friend Mentor



Boundaries in Mentoring

All human relationships have boundaries or rules about what is and isn't permitted. Usually in mentoring, the mentor brings up the topic of boundaries (sometimes calling them "expectations" or limits) and also guides the discussion toward agreement about which ones the partnership will honor.

We don't have a list of firm rules but do suggest that you and your mentee come to an agreement about the following and more:

- How often, where, and how long (in weeks or months) you'll meet
- Who will "manage" the relationship and how that will look
- Communication in between your meetings
- Style preferences (e.g., how each of you would like to give and receive feedback, how you prefer to communicate, punctuality habits)
- Mentee "homework," if any
- Physical/touch boundaries (What's comfortable? Are each of you huggers, or not?)
- Confidentiality (what is strictly between you, what you as the mentor must report, if anything)
- Gifts

Handling Boundary Dilemmas

Even when you discuss a set of working rules or boundaries, you'll probably forget to cover something...or your mentee will misinterpret (or even ignore) what you agreed upon. When this happens, take it in stride. Patiently and yet firmly reiterated your agreement (or your preference if the rules weren't clarified to your mentee) and try again.

If your mentee continues to push the boundaries and take unfair advantage of your generous mentoring, you may have to be firmer and even call a halt to the relationship.

-Source: www.mentoringgroup.com-

Match of the Month

Shay and I have been matched for over a year now. We get together once a week and do a variety of activities. Over the past year we have done crafts, gone on walks, bicycle rides, fished, road 4-wheeler, played board games and cards, we have shopped and gone out for supper. We like to attend community and school events and have volunteered. Our goal for the coming year is to continue to have fun together and do more volunteering.



New Matches

Taylor Templeton BB / Bryton LB

Ann Hanson MM / Stephanie YM

Waiting List

Little Sisters— 3 Little Brothers—7

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