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Subject: August Big's Bulletin! Lots of FREE events!

August is coming (and that means school...)! We have LOTS of awesome things going on this month! Please sign up for all of these fun things .

If you have NOT been to a **Cubs Game** – what are you waiting for??? We have some sensational seats for this week! Email me RIGHT NOW! Bigs, you are welcome to invite a friend if your little isn't available.

We just launched our BBBSCHI Big's Leadership Council (BLC).

The BLC is a new, Big-led group of volunteers tasked with improving the experience of our Bigs and increasing our strong sense of volunteer community.

There are four committees:

- BBBSCHI BIGS SLACK Launch team – Slack is your opportunity to connect with & learn from other Bigs. You don't have to join the committee to join Slack – Just sign up here! https://join.slack.com/t/bbbschibigs/shared_invite/zt-1yqwbfcae-ZomzdiiMfPQoypXMkdvMmA
- Big Peers --- Experienced Big can sign up to mentor a new Big. Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/bigpeers-signup>
- BLC Forums and Social Committee – learn more on the new BBBSCHI Slack Channel (and don't miss another outing!).

Inaugural BLC MATCH OUTING – AUGUST 18th Chicago Dogs 6:30 PM

Hang with other matches, free tickets, cheap food, lots of kids activities – laid back easy outing

CHICAGO DOGS ROSEMONT, IL

Impact Field

9850 Balmoral Ave, Rosemont, IL

Accessible by the blue line & free shuttle or \$3 parking

FREE Chicago Dogs BACKPACK GIVEAWAY!

Reach out to @ZachSchramm or @Presley ONeil on Slack!!

(Or email me & I will forward)

For all you SOX FANS – you asked for tickets – HERE YOU GO!!!!

August 21st 7:10 pm

Chicago White Sox v Seattle Mariners



August 24st 7:10 pm
 Chicago White Sox v Oakland A's
 @ Guaranteed Rate Field
 333 W 35th St, Chicago, IL 60616
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[FIELD DAY SIGN UP](#)

Join BBBSCHI and Dick's Sporting Goods for a FUN DAY. Dick's staff will help us with Basketball, Bags, Pickle Ball, and baseball. Fun and lunch will be had by all! Sign up and mark your calendars!



**BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS CHICAGO
 BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING EVENT**

August 5th 10-2
 BBBSCHI Office
 560 W Lake, 1st Floor
 If you're not available, your Little's Family can bring them!
[Sign Up Here](#)



LAKE COUNTY IL BIGS!!!

WEDNESDAY, August 9th, 2023
Backpacks, Haircuts and Tacos in North Chicago!!!!
 Runs from 2:00-7:00 – come when you can/ stay as long as you'd like
 Location Foss Park Golf Course (Pavilion), 3124 Argonne Dr, North Chicago, IL 60064.
 We will have a taco truck, haircuts (for boys, girls, littles & bigs), back packs, school supplies, crafts, games & raffle prizes
 We want everyone going back to school looking fresh! If you're not available, your Little's Family can bring them!
 Please use this sign-up form, so we know how many barbers (and tacos!) & backpacks:
<https://forms.gle/jVhwrC3wmENCivCCA>



BUD BILLIKIN PARADE
 We are walking in the Parade. We'll be meeting near the Parade Start at Intersection of King Drive & Oakwood Blvd. (more details to come).
Saturday August 12th, 10AM
 We are walking the two miles! [sign-up form](#)



PAWS – BBBS VOLUNTEER DAY
August 19th 1:00pm-3:45pm
 Littles must be 12+
 Paws Medical Center
 (3516 W. 26th Street):
 short orientation/tour/service project/animal socialization time
[SIGN UP HERE!](#) (limited to 10 matches)



CHICAGO CUBS – Get there before School Starts!!!
<https://forms.gle/URz8z7mJcLwhKfYkg>

Sign up for any games you are interested in. I will email you about two weeks prior & confirm your attendance. Sign up – it's GREAT FUN!!! We often have GREAT seats!!



Chicago's Sky Deck For FREE (\$75 Value)
 233 S Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL 60606:

- tickets based on availability.
- Monday through Thursday (9AM-10PM)
- Friday, Saturday & Sunday (9 to 10 AM)
- Sunset hours will not be available (6:30-7:30)
- Book by Emailing Andres ACarino@theskydeck.com

	<p>(312.875.9449) https://theskydeck.com/</p>
	<p>The Color Factory FREE (\$120 Value) 233 South Wacker Drive, Lower Level 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tickets based on availability • Sunday through Thursday (10 AM-7PM) • Friday & Saturday (9AM – 8 PM) • Book by Emailing John Connors jconnors@colorfactory.co. (801 231 1112) • Include BBBS in subject line • Text if Urgent
	<p>CHICAGO DOGS ROSEMONT, IL Impact Field 9850 Balmoral Ave, Rosemont, IL</p> <p>Wednesday, July 26th @ 6:30pm Tuesday, August 8th @ 6:30pm Friday, August 18th @ 6:30pm Wednesday, August 30th @ 6:30pm</p> <p>Email steffen@bbbschgo.org for tickets</p>
	<p>Repack at Great Chicago Food Depository Date: September 16, 2023 Time: 01:00 pm CDT - 03:45 pm CDT Location: 4100 West Ann Lurie Place, Chicago IL Littles 11 & Older Email steffen@bbbschgo.org</p>
	<p>Sneakerhead University 133 S State St BBBSCHI DISCOUNT CODE: TeamBig Any design workshop (non BYOB) Adult: 54.99 (was 89.99) Child: 49.99 (was 84.99)</p> <p>This base fee covers our instructor fee and materials that will be used during the customization! We look forward to creating with you! https://shuexperience.com/</p>
	 <p>FREE BIKES AND SWAN BOATS @ HUMBLDT PARK!!!</p>
	<p>Email steffen@bbbschgo.org for tickets</p>
	<p>HARRIS THEATER for music and dance Upcoming Events Email steffen@bbbschgo.org for tickets for ANY event!</p>
	<p>Brooklyn Boulders - discount 100 S Morgan St, Chicago, IL 60607 https://brooklynboulders.com/chicago/ \$15/person pass which includes gear rental Slots are reserved for BBBSCHI on Sat/Sun 10-6:30 Parent Waiver Required</p>

THINGS TO DO:



Elmhurst Umbrella Sky Installation

Through August 31st – send me pictures!!!!

- [Baha'i Temple](#)
- [Maxwell Street Market](#)
- Take a tour with [Chicago Greeter](#): a FREE 2-4 hour guided visit of Chicago. Greeter visits are customized based on your choice of neighborhoods, language and interests.
- Harold Washington Library Center: [top 10 things to do at HWL](#) including their maker's lab, winter garden, music practice rooms, and rotating events and exhibits!
- SUMMER NIGHT MARKET <https://navypier.org/events/summer-night-markets-2/>

Cheap Tickets:

<https://hottix.org/>

<https://www.goldstar.com/>

<https://chicagoonthecheap.com/>

EXPLORE OUTDOOR NATURE CENTERS

Crabtree Nature Center (Barrington Hills) – 847-381-6592

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center (Willow Springs) – 708-839-6897

River Trail Nature Center (Northbrook) – 847-824-8360

Sagawau Environmental Learning Center (Lemont) – 630-257-2045

Sand Ridge Nature Center (South Holland) – 708-868-0606

Trailside Museum of Natural History (River Forest) – 708-366-6530

The Grove, Glenview, IL

Indiana Dunes National Park

Pet Encounters:

<https://www.thecatcade.org/>

<https://treehouseanimals.org/cafe/>

<https://cuddlebunnyccc.com/> In Lakeview and SCHAUMBURG

<https://theregioncatcafe.com/> Merrillville, IN

Volunteering:

- Feed My Starving Children, Libertyville, Aurora & Schaumburg, <https://www.fmssc.org/get-involved/volunteer>
- Phils Friends, Addison, Wheaton and Crown Point IN, <https://philsfriends.org/volunteer/>
- Ronald McDonalds House- cookies from the heart, Oak Lawn, Winfield, Chicago, <https://rmhccni.org/get-involved/cookies-from-the-heart/>
- Northern Illinois Food Bank, various, <https://www.volunteer-northernilfoodbank.org/need/>
- Cook County Forest Preserve: BBBS is registered as a group, you just need a youth release (attached) <https://fpdcc.com/things-to-do/nature-centers/> <https://fpdcc.com/volunteer/#opportunities>
- Clean Up, Give Back <https://cleanupgiveback.org/>
- PAWS, August 19th 1-3 BBBS Volunteer Event! <https://forms.gle/IFXgTubgMFckBRs7>

Library Museum Pass - free or discounted

- **Air Classic Inc Museum of Aviation**, Sugar Grove <http://airclassicsmuseum.org/>
- **Aurora Regional Fire Museum**, Aurora, <https://www.auroraregionalfiremuseum.org/>
- **Cantigny Park, Wheaton**, <https://cantigny.org/>
- **Cernan Earth and Space Center at Triton College**, River Grove, <https://www.triton.edu/cernan>
- **Elgin History Museum**, Elgin, <https://elginhistory.org/>
- **Naper Settlement**, Naperville, <https://napersettlement.org/>
- **St. Charles Heritage Museum**, St Charles, <https://www.stcmuseum.org/>

FREE

- **Umbrella Sky Project**, Elmhurst, <https://www.discoverdupage.com/event/umbrella-sky-opening-party/6692/> Through May
- **Kline Creek Farm**, West Chicago, <https://www.dupageforest.org/places-to-go/centers/kline-creek-farm>
- **Millennium Carillon**, Naperville, <https://napervilleparks.org/location/millenniumcarillon>
- **Fox Valley Bike Trail**, various, <https://www.stcparks.org/bike-st-charles/> (bike rentals available)
- **Morton Arboretum**, Lisle, <https://mortonarb.org/>
- **Fullersburg Woods**, Oak Brook, <https://www.dupageforest.org/places-to-go/forest-preserves/fullersburg-woods>
- **Waterfall Glen**, Darien, <https://www.dupageforest.org/places-to-go/forest-preserves/waterfall-glen>
- **Knoch Knolls/DuPage River Park**, Naperville, <https://www.napervilleparks.org/knochknollsnaturecenter>
- **Herrick Lake Forest Preserve**, Wheaton, <https://www.dupageforest.org/places-to-go/forest-preserves/herrick-lake>

- **McDowell Nature Preserve** - Naperville, <https://www.dupageforest.org/places-to-go/forest-preserves/mcdowell-grove>
- **Dupage Forest Preserve**, <https://www.dupageforest.org/things-to-do/calendar-of-events>
- The 606 Trail- walk, bike, or run along this trail that spans Bucktown, Wicker Park, and Logan Square
- [Hiking and biking trails in Lake County, IL](#)
- [Hiking and biking trails in Cook County](#)
- [Hiking and biking trails in Lake County, IN](#)

BIGS! We APPRECIATE all the things you do to support your little! If you want to do a little more, here's some ways to help our agency to grow:

- Follow us & Engage on Social Media (@BBBSCHI)
- Tag Us (@bbbschi) when you post activities with your little (or send us the pics so we can share the awesome things you're doing)
- Join the BLC and ESPECIALLY our Slack Channel!
- Share information on our ticket donations program. tickets@bbbschgo.org is an easy way for people to donate tickets to our matches and a receive a tax deduction! As you know, matches LOVE all sorts of tickets!
- If you shop at Walmart, support BBBSCHI: <https://www.walmart.com/registry/registryforgood> - search 60661 for Big Brother Big Sisters Metropolitan Chicago
- Talk about being a BIG with people you know. Share our link if they are curious: <https://bbbschgo.org/volunteer/>

DID YOU KNOW that BBBSChi has two grants funded by our donors that are designed to enhance your match experience. Once you've been matched for greater than six months, start thinking about these and reach out to your MSS to plan!

- **Match Enrichment Fund (MEF)** – This is a fund to enrich your little and/or your match. If there is an enriching activity that you would like to try – this can help you fund that desire. Think classes, performances, events [MEF Details and Application Here](#)
- **The Akesh Experience** – This is a memorial fund reserved for transformational experiences. These experiences are the type that you and your little will be talking about for a long while and they require some dreaming and what ifs? Perfect for Matchiversaries and Birthdays!! [Akesh Details and application here](#)
Great creative and submit some fun things to do!

