



I forgot the most important outing – from the BLC

 Happy fall y'all!!!  from the BLC!

PUMPKIN PATCH /APPLE PICKING match outing Saturday October 14!!



County Line Orchard

Bus will leave from BBBS (560 W Lake Street in Chicag) at 9A!

Please check County Line's website for info!

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

The bus is free and the Orchard is **FREE** to enter, but you'll pay for any pumpkins, apples or sunflowers you take home as well as apple cider donuts/concessions or kids area activities.

\*The Bee yurt is a really fun free educational activity!

(I HIGHLY recommend getting some donuts!!)

SO excited to go on this outing and I can't wait to meet more of you AND your littles



For matches who live In Indiana or would prefer to drive – we will arrive at 10AM. Please meet us there!

Please reply (email or Slack) to Presley, Zac or Dawn to reserve your seats on the Bus

**Please excuse my tardiness!!!** October snuck up om me! October is such a great month. There are so many awesome things for your match to do in this newsletter, go out and have some fun! Try something new. Do something you've never done before! Email me for tickets. Discount codes are used directly with the organizations.

**Tailgate 2023** is coming! We want to let you know about one of BBBSChi's biggest fundraising events of the year: October 21st from 6:30 – 10:30pm Tailgate Party @ Soldier Field, United Club. It's an evening of live music, dancing, games, great food and drinks – plus an entire network of BBBSChi supporters coming together to rally behind their favorite sports teams and Big Brothers Big Sisters!

We appreciate all the ways you are there for your Little and contribute to this mission: by helping to recruit other Bigs & Littles, by participating in match support, outings and BBBSChi events, and sharing your thoughts and opinions!

Because you are such a critical part of this mission, we would LOVE to have you at the Tailgate party this year. There are two ways for Bigs to get tickets:

- We are offering discounted tickets to our Bigs. Tickets will be discounted \$100 on single and couples tickets and will cost: \$200 for one or \$400 for a pair. The code for this discount is BIGGERTOGETHER and the [link to purchase is here](#).
- Our sponsors are donating tickets for Bigs. We will raffle off **16** pairs of tickets on October 6th. Please confirm you and your guests' availability and then reply to this email to be entered into the raffle!

We hope to celebrate together on October 21! Email or slack me to get in the drawing – name will be drawn on 10/11.

We're not alone in being grateful for what you do, The Laugh Factory, 3175 N Broadway, is offering FREE tickets to all Bigs! Just use the code: BIGBROTHER when you purchase your tickets! Grab some friends & go have some laughs!

**News from the BIGS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL!!**

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. **Slack is also the best place for tickets & last minute opportunities – don't miss out!** You don't have to join the committee to join Slack – Just sign up here! [https://join.slack.com/t/bbbschibigs/shared\\_invite/zt-23cgyh16p-OlO2oc~BrNhVKatGnLkd8w](https://join.slack.com/t/bbbschibigs/shared_invite/zt-23cgyh16p-OlO2oc~BrNhVKatGnLkd8w)
- Big Peers --- Experienced Bigs can sign up to mentor a new Big. This is a great way to create community! 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!).

**BLC SOCIAL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Big's Sports League**

The Social Committee received interest from other Bigs in joining a sport's league.

Please complete form here to express your interest in joining our team: <https://forms.gle/1WTW5whkwziuZVjy9>

**Big's Happy Hour Meet Ups – October's Happy Hour:**

The Social Committee will plan Bigs Happy Hours on the 3rd week of every month!

October 18th, 2023 at 6:30 PM: Ravenswood

Location: O'Shaughnessy's Public House,  
4557 N Ravenswood Ave, Chicago, IL





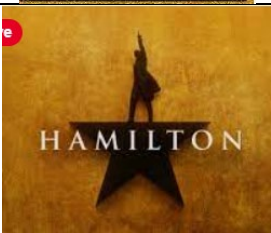


\*Please note, this event is not sponsored by BBBS and the Bigs are responsible for the cost of the event.



Please check the [Social Calendar](#) for the latest and greatest details

PLEASE REPLY TO this email (or slack Dawn) for FREE tickets to these great shows!

	<p><b>LYRIC OPERA OF CHICAGO – free tickets</b>  Civic Opera House  20 N. Wacker Drive  <b>The Daughter of the Regiment</b>  Saturday, 11/4, 7:30 p.m  Best for ages &gt;10  Reply</p>
	<p><b>LYRIC OPERA OF CHICAGO- free tickets</b>  Civic Opera House  20 N. Wacker Drive  <b>Jenúfa</b></p>

 <p>Jenůfa</p>	<p>Sunday, 11/26, 2:00 p.m Good for teens and young adults</p>
 <p><a href="https://youtu.be/NPZV1Fy6fbk">https://youtu.be/NPZV1Fy6fbk</a></p>	<p>Chicago Symphony Orchestra Family Concert Orchestra Hall 220 S. Michigan Ave. Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> 11 or 12:45 Guest conductor François López-Ferrer, members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra embark on a musical journey around the world.</p>
	<p>Broadway in Chicago Beetlejuice Auditorium Theater 50 East Ida B. Wells Drive Friday, 11/17/23 @ 7:30 pm</p>
	<p><b>Broadway in Chicago The Wiz</b> Cadillac Palace 151 W Randolph St Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00</p>
	<p><b>Broadway in Chicago Hamilton</b> Nederlander Theater 24 W Randolph St Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm</p>
	<p><b>Broadway in Chicago Hamilton</b> Nederlander Theater 24 W Randolph St Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm</p>
	<p><b>Chicago's Sky Deck For FREE (\$75 Value)</b> 233 S Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL 60606:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tickets based on availability.</li> <li>• Monday through Thursday (9AM-10PM)</li> <li>• Friday, Saturday &amp; Sunday (9 to 10 AM)</li> <li>• Sunset hours will not be available (6:30-7:30)</li> <li>• Book by Emailing Andres <a href="mailto:ACarino@theskydeck.com">ACarino@theskydeck.com</a></li> <li>• (312.875.9449)</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://theskydeck.com/">https://theskydeck.com/</a></p>
	<p><b>The Color Factory FREE (\$120 Value)</b> 233 South Wacker Drive, Lower Level 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tickets based on availability</li> <li>• Sunday through Thursday (10 AM-7PM)</li> <li>• Friday &amp; Saturday (9AM – 8 PM)</li> <li>• Book by Emailing John Connors <a href="mailto:jconnors@colorfactory.co">jconnors@colorfactory.co</a>.</li> </ul>



- (801 231 1112)
- Include BBBS in subject line
- Text if Urgent



[Jason and the Argonauts](#)  
 Saturday, October 21, at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.  
 Vittum Theater  
 1012 N Noble St  
 Inspired by the ancient Greek myth, Jason and the Argonauts follows the thrilling adventures of a young man and his friends as they embark on a courageous quest to find the Golden Fleece, facing formidable challenges



Sneakerhead University  
 133 S State St  
 BBBSCHI DISCOUNT CODE: TeamBig  
 Any design workshop (non BYOB)  
 Adult: \$4.99 (was 89.99)  
 Child: 49.99 (was 84.99)  
 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/>



**Winterland at Wrigley Field**  
 Thursday, 11/30/23 3-9:00PM  
 •Two general admission tickets to Wrigley Field  
 •Two Peppermint Pack attraction bundles (each pack includes Wrigley Field admission plus 10 attraction tickets redeemable for all rides and games)



NEW COOKING SCHOOL [Junior Chefs Kitchen](#)  
 Grand Opening Free Cooking Classes  
[Friday 3-4PM 11/17/23](#)  
[Friday 5-6PM 11/17/23](#)  
[Saturday 12-1PM 11/18/23](#)  
[Saturday 2-3PM 11/18/23](#)  
[Saturday 4-5PM 11/18/23](#)  
[Sunday 9-10AM 11/19/23](#)  
[Sunday 11-12PM 11/19/23](#)  
[Sunday 1-2PM 11/19/23](#)  
 ALSO CB matches, can sign up for any age-applicable class and can use this code **BBBS\_JCK20** for 20% off (so the total class price for both Big and Little would be \$28) for drop in classes.



Email [steffen@bbbschgo.org](mailto:steffen@bbbschgo.org) for tickets



HARRIS THEATER for music and dance  
[Upcoming Events](#)  
 Email [steffen@bbbschgo.org](mailto:steffen@bbbschgo.org) for tickets for ANY event!



Brooklyn Boulders - discount  
 100 S Morgan St, Chicago, IL 60607  
<https://brooklynboulders.com/chicago/>  
 \$15/person pass which includes gear rental and climbing

Use code: BBBS30

[Parent Waiver Required](#)

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!

## **Opportunities for your little: YOUTH EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

BBBS Chi Family University – October 18<sup>th</sup> 6 – 7:00. Applying to High School in Chicago. CPS school counselor Catherine Koski Will walk through the application process. [Sign Up Here](#)

BBBS Chi Family University – December 6<sup>th</sup> 6 -7 Intro to the FAFSA Eric and John from Get Schooled, [Sign Up Here](#)



[College Fair](#) SAT, OCT 14, 2023, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM CT ISADORE AND SADIE DORIN FORUM 725 W ROOSEVELT RD

[Funding Your Future Scholarship Expo](#) Wednesday, November 01, 2023 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

[Discover Computing](#) Discover Computing is a two-part program series designed to build a deeper understanding of computer science (CS) for and support a more diverse pool of individuals pursuing computer science and tech-related fields of study in Illinois for HS Freshman and Sophomore.

[Stem Academy - Paying For College](#) OCTOBER 16, 2023, 04: 30 PM - 05: 45 PM Calling all high school students! Join us on Zoom to discuss all things FAFSA from a parent and student perspective and how to pay for school.

[Exelon Stem Academy for HS Girls](#) NOVEMBER 8, 2023, 04: 30 PM - 06: 00 PM Join our Student Mentors in a light hearted engineering challenge to make the most efficient rubber band race car. We'll send you the materials you'll need to create your racer.

[Lifeguard Explorers!](#) Earn \$300 and get ready to have a GREAT JOB next summer!

[After School Matters](#) It's not too late to sign up – paid awesome activities for kids 14+ who attend a CPS school

Youth Peer Support Action Summit taking place November 10-11. The free virtual event, designed and led by youth, will unite young people and adult allies for conversation, relationship-building, and learning [Register Here](#)

[Party Per Purpose Teen Center](#) 3932 S California Free Therapy, Free Classes

[After School Writers Workshop Grade 1 - 8 Apply Here](#) Burst Into Books' Headquarters (11001 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60628).

Students will meet twice a week (Mondays and Wednesdays) from 3:30 pm to 6 pm. One hour will be dedicated to homework and 1.5 hours for the workshops. All participants will be developing their writings to become published authors!

[South Side Youth Support](#)

### **THINGS TO DO:**

**FREE October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Chicago Architecture Center Open House** <https://openhousechicago.org/> Sites are all over the city!  
BEST EVENT OF THE YEAR – PLEASE send pictures if you visit any sites!

[Chicago Halloween Happenings!](#)

[Suburban BEST DECORATED HALLOWEEN HOUSES!](#)

[Halloween Happenings!](#)

[Dia De Los Muertos Events](#)

**FREE Various Dates:** Trick or Treating! [Learn More Here](#)

**FREE Oct 9 – 23 Black Arts Month** <https://www.aaaachicago.org/blank>

**FREE Every Wednesday Night: Adler at Night** Every Wednesday, the Adler stays open late from 4pm-10pm so that folks can visit after work or school. And best of all, admission is free on those nights for Illinois residents. <https://www.adlerplanetarium.org/event/adler-at-night/>

**Sept 27-November 5<sup>th</sup> Jack's Pumpkin Pop Up** <https://www.jackspumpkinpopup.com/> Returning to a two-acre plot of land just west of Goose Island, Jack's Pumpkin Pop-Up saves you a trip to the suburbs by bringing a huge corn maze, more than 10,000 pumpkins, ax throwing, carnival games, food trucks, twinkling orange light displays and more fall fun to the city.

**FREE September 29-October 29<sup>th</sup> Lincoln Park Zoo Fall Festival** <https://www.lpzoo.org/event/fall-fest/>

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[Walk Walton](#) October 22<sup>nd</sup> a nature fest and fundraiser benefiting Homewood Science Center. Celebrate the science of the season at Homewood Izaak Walton Preserve in Homewood

[Corn Mazes](#)

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

[OPEN BOOKS PILSEN - Free kids books!](#)

Do you & your Little LOVE to do art? We have 3 GREAT opportunities to use that skill. Flyers are attached for information on all 3.

- Design the BBBS Chi Holiday Card – PLEASE design our card!!! Matches who enter will receive a gift card for an outing or more art supplies!
- Design a pair of Merrell Shoes- All BBBS Littles under the age of 18 may enter by downloading the coloring sheet attached. Then they should create a design inspired by the parks, trees, and outside environment, and email the design to [kidsshoe@wwwinc.com](mailto:kidsshoe@wwwinc.com) by November 3, 2023 at 11:59 PM EST. The winner will have their shoe produced in Merrell's Fall '24 line of product and will receive a scholarship up to \$3,000 towards furthering their education.
- Make Ornaments for Macy's stores - Macy's is inviting Bigs & Littles to design holiday ornaments that will be displayed in Macy's Herald Square Store windows in the heart of New York City! The holiday windows launch annually during the first week of November and serve as a seasonal destination for millions of people through December. Finished designs must be MAILED and RECEIVED by Macy's no later than October 25th. Please see the full list of design guidelines, templates, and mailing addresses attached

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](mailto:tickets@bbbschgo.org) is an easy way for people to donate tickets to our matches and 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/>

