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Subject: September Big Bulletin!

It's CRAZY THAT it's September! Littles are back in school. You are probably feeling like you should be back in school too! September is really the NEW year! This is a GREAT TIME to set some goals with your little. The very BEST time to create a Vision Board. (<https://www.canva.com/create/vision-boards/>). People who write down their goals are 42% more likely to achieve them. This is a great practice to model for your little.

Have you heard about 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-210lmsxnq-5UEwdSfKfrZ1QWX7kChOHQ
- 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:

Bigs 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>

Bigs Happy Hour Meet Ups

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

- September 21st, 2023 at 6:30 PM: Lincoln Park
Location: Replay, 2833 N. Sheffield Ave, Chicago IL

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

HOSTED BY BLC'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

BIG'S HAPPY HOUR

EVERY THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH

Things to Know:

- NOT sponsored by BBBS, unfortunately drinks are not on them
- Friends welcome, especially ones interested in joining BBBS!
- Different venue/weekday each month to accommodate everyone



Additional Questions?
Zach Schramm - zachattack38@gmail.com
Presley O'Neil - presleyoneil@gmail.com

SCAN FOR UPDATED SOCIAL CALENDAR










Next Social Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 PM. [Zoom Link here!](#)

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

PLEASE REPLY TO this email (or slack Dawn) for tickets!

	<p>WNBA CHICAGO SKY TICKETS!!!! Wintrust Arena 200 E Cermak Rd, Chicago, IL 60616 September 3rd 2:00 v New York Liberty September 8th 7:00 v Minnesota Lynx</p>
	<p>CHICAGO DOGS ROSEMONT, IL Impact Field 9850 Balmoral Ave, Rosemont, IL Wednesday, August 30th @ 6:30pm Email steffen@bbbschgo.org for tickets</p>
	<p>SOX FANS @ Guaranteed Rate Field 333 W 35th St, Chicago, IL 60616 September 14th 6:40 v Minnesota Twins</p>
<p>Youth Mental Health First Aid</p>   	<p>Thursday, September 14th 9:00-3:00 Online Training – free for BBBS Bigs</p> <p>Sign Up Here</p>
	<p>CUB'S Season Ticket Holder Family Day September 17th 1-3:30</p>
	<p>BBBSCHL – We have Architecture River Tours available. Reply if you are interested</p>



CHICAGO CUBS – reply to this email with date & if your little is confirmed

9/4/23 @ 1:20	v. Giants
9/5/23 @ 6:40	v. Giants
9/6/23 @ 1:20	v. Giants
9/7/23 @ 6:40	v. Diamondbacks
9/8/23 @ 1:20	v. Diamondbacks
9/9/23 @ 1:20	v. Diamondbacks
9/10/23 @ 1:20	v. Diamondbacks
9/19/23 @ 6:40	v. Pirates
9/20/23 @ 6:40	v. Pirates
9/21/23 @ 6:40	v. Pirates
9/22/23 @ 1:20	v. Rockies
9/23/23 @ 1:20	v. Rockies
9/24/23 @ 120	v. Rockies



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
- (312.875.9449)

<https://theskydeck.com/>



The Color Factory FREE (\$120 Value)

233 South Wacker Drive, Lower Level 2

- 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



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



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)

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/>



Biking & Boating Buddies
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF AMERICA

VIP CARD
This card is valid for **One Hour of Recreation***

Multi Use Card. This card can be used once per day on 1 multi-user product (i.e. Surrey) or on 2 single-user products (i.e. cruiser bikes). For participating locations visit: wheelrentals.com/BBBS

	<p>Thanks for visiting Wheel Fun Rentals! Please, tell us about your experience at comments@wheelfunrentals.com</p> <p>For a complete list of participating locations, rental products, and store hours please visit wheelfunrentals.com/BBBS</p> <p><small>*My and Little must be present. This card can only be used for one hour of recreation per day. Not valid on holidays or holiday weekends, with any other offer, or on Segway products. No cash value.</small></p>  <p>Wheel Fun Rentals 855-630-7770</p>  <p>FREE BIKES AND SWAN BOATS @ HUMBLODT 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>

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:

TECHBRIDGE Afterschool Girl's programs for grades 3rd – 8th grade – a \$3500 value that will inspire BIPOC girls to learn more about TECH!
<https://app.participate.com/pages/techbridge-girls-information-and-application-page>

HBCU College Fair September 2nd, 8:00 AM - 11:45 AM Soldier Field United Club for High & Middle Schoolers! [Top 6 reasons to attend an HBCU](#)



JOIN SARAH'S INN YOUTH COMMITTEE
"What I wish I knew about today, tomorrow, and the future"

Care about social justice?
Want an opportunity to lead?
Need community service hours?
Like pizza?

JOIN OUR MEETINGS!
We meet twice a month on Thursdays from 6-8pm

SCAN HERE TO JOIN



Nordstrom Youth Ambassadors Is your child excited to get a behind-the-scenes look at what goes on in the retail industry? We'll be hosting monthly virtual meetings for our participants to connect with mentors and professionals in merchandising. They'll have the opportunity to learn about marketing, social media, design, technology and more. We're looking to build an inclusive digital community for young adults, ages 14-22, by creating a platform to share your voice and values through mentorship experiences and so much more.

Mark Cuban AI Boot Camp for High School Students Are you ready to kickstart your knowledge of AI, machine learning, natural language processing, & more? Apply to participate in our NO COST AI bootcamp this fall (Oct 14, Oct 21, Oct 28, & Nov 4)!

[CPS Civil Rights Scholars Program](#) for CPS Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. This program was created to provide a cohort of high school sophomore, junior, and senior students with an opportunity to expand their leadership capabilities, build community across the District, and shape Chicago Public Schools' response to bias-based harm. DUE SEPTEMBER 18th!

THINGS TO DO:

FREE SEPTEMBER 2nd 3 PM– CHICAGO FOOTBALL CLASSIC – free tickets available! HBCU's Central State v Mississippi Valley State

THIS WEEKEND: <https://mykidlist.com/sunflower-fields/>

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/>

FREE September 9th 10-5 Harris Fest at Millenium Park www.harristheaterchicago.org/harrisfest free outdoor arts festival, programming will include pop-up performances, workshops and family-friendly activities from more than 15 Chicago-based music and dance organizations (and BBBSCHI – come say hi!).⁴

FREE September 9th International Greeter Day <https://www.choosechicago.com/chicago-greeter/> Free tours of Chicago neighborhoods

September 9th – October 29th The art & design of Qbert <https://www.chicagogamespace.com/>

September 23rd Chicago Water Lantern Festival <https://tickets.waterlanternfestival.com/chicago> Humboldt Park will be illuminated with thousands of floating paper lanterns during the Chicago Water Lantern Festival, which brings live music, food trucks and a photogenic spectacle to the West Side. Each ticket to the event includes a floating lantern kit that you can decorate with a marker before releasing it into the water

FREE September 23rd Mid-Autumn Festival <https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/events/chinese-mid-autumn-festival-burnham-1> The Mid-Autumn Festival is on the 15th of the 8th lunar month. It's also known as the Moon Festival. The in-person event will include community prairie planting, storytelling, Chinese folk dance performance, lantern making, acoustic music, tea and moon cake sampling, and lantern parade. This event takes place in the Set in Stone Gathering Space in the Burnham Wildlife Corridor, located at approximately 4000 S. Lake Shore Drive, just behind a parking lot off 31st St.

Sept 27-November 5th 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 29th Lincoln Park Zoo Fall Festival <https://www.lpzoo.org/event/fall-fest/>

FREE October 14th & 15th Chicago Architecture Center Open House <https://openhousechicago.org/> Sites are all over the city!

Corn Mazes

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

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 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/>

