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# Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region

## Newsletter

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SEPTEMBER 2011

### La Crosse September Match Activity - Volunteer Recognition Picnic

**Join Big Brothers Big Sisters in recognizing our Bigs and Volunteers of the Year and in saying thank you to all of our fantastic volunteers!**

**When:** Wednesday, September 21st, 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** Gun Club Shelter in Myrick Park

**Who:** Bigs and Littles matches from Winona, La Crosse, and Trempealeau are all welcome along with Littles who are on the waiting list (as long as they are accompanied by an adult).

**We will share a picnic, kickball other outdoor games, and door prizes.**

Call 608-782-2227 to RSVP today or sign up online at [www.7riversbbbs.org](http://www.7riversbbbs.org).

**Deadline for registration is Monday, September 19th by 4:30 p.m.!**

### Winona September Match Activity - Matches on the Mississippi

**Please join Bill Wichmann from "Let's Go Fishing, MN!" on the Mississippi!**

**When:** There will be two sessions to choose from (Tuesday, September 20th and Thursday, September 22nd—both shifts run from 5:30-7:30 pm)

**Where:** Winona Marina (61 Laird St., Winona)

**Who:** Bigs, Littles, and waiting list Littles accompanied by an adult. La Crosse, Winona, and Trempealeau matches are all welcome!

**Sign up deadline is Friday, September 16th by 4:00pm.**

For more information call the Big Brothers Big Sisters Winona Office at 507-452-2227 or visit [www.7riversbbbs.org](http://www.7riversbbbs.org). **\*\*Limited Space is Available\*\***

### La Crosse September Match Activity— Oktoberfest Torchlight Parade

**Fantastic floats, marching bands, and vehicles light up the night.**

**When:** Thursday, September 29th. Parade begins at 7 p.m.

**Where:** The Torchlight Parade route is as follows:

- Start at Kane Street and Gillette Street
- South on Caledonia Street
- Ends at St. James and Caledonia Streets

**Who:** Bigs, Littles, and waiting list Littles accompanied by an adult. La Crosse, Winona, and Trempealeau matches are all welcome!

For more information, call the Big Brothers Big Sisters La Crosse office at 608-782-2227

## Important Reminders!

- Keep us connected! This is a time of year for many address and phone number changes... Please inform us if you or your Little has experienced a change.
- Summertime Sleepovers... Be sure to complete overnight forms if you and your Little have an overnight scheduled. Simply go to [www.7riversbbbbs.org](http://www.7riversbbbbs.org) \*Click on "For Bigs and Littles" \*Scroll to "Overnights Visits Forms and Policy" All you need is there!
- Please be sure to check out website for fall activities for Bigs and Littles. We have many great fall activities coming up. We ask that you please call your respective office to get signed up!

# Upcoming Events

## Annexstad Scholarship Informational Sessions

If you are thinking about pursuing college and were a former Little in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program for a total of 18 months, the Annexstad Family Foundation could be a great opportunity for you! The Annexstad Scholarship is a renewable scholarship which helps meet the cost of tuition, books and room and board for students who demonstrate strong academic performance and a significant financial need.

The informational sessions are for Littles and former Littles, 13 and above, interested in a 4-year college degree. Pizza provided.

Please call to RSVP to the office location of your choice.

**In Winona:**  
 Tuesday, September 27th  
 5:00 pm  
 BBBS Winona Office  
 51 East 4th St. Suite 401

**In La Crosse:**  
 Thursday, October 20th  
 6:00 pm  
 BBBS La Crosse Office  
 1707 Main St. Suite 438

## Concert of Caring 2011

Big Brothers Big Sisters, Winona Office, will be the recipient of funds raised through the Winona Area Education Association's 2011 Concert of Caring. This year's concert is a celebration of song and more, featuring local talent and artists.

Bigs and Littles are encouraged to volunteer, handing out event programs, helping backstage, and even participating in the performance!

If you have talent you'd like to share, we'd love to have you! Please call the Winona Office for more information.

**When:**  
 Friday, October 14th  
 7:00 pm

**Where:**  
 Winona Senior High School  
 Auditorium  
 General Admission: \$10.00

\*Bigs & Littles get in FREE\*

## Winona Office Annual Fish Fry

Please join Big Brothers Big Sisters, Winona Office, for their Annual Fish Fry, hosted by the Eagles Club! You're in for a treat with the Eagles Club meal: All you can eat fish, fries or baked potato, coleslaw, and a bun.

We are in need of volunteers for 1 hour shifts! If you and your Little can help, please call the Winona Office. We would love to have matches represented at the fundraiser.

Note: Littles eat free with the purchase of Big's meal.

**When:**  
 Friday, November 18th  
 4:30-8:00 pm

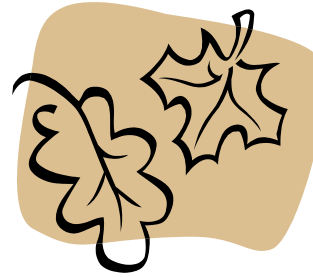
**Where:**  
 Eagles Club  
 210 East 4th St.  
 Winona, MN

Visit [www.7riversbbbbs.org](http://www.7riversbbbbs.org)  
 For more information!

## Ideas for Fall Fun

The leaves are falling, the weather is changing, and school is back in session--but the fun should not stop!

1. Volunteer to rake a neighbors leaves, but don't forget to have fun in the process!
2. Bake and enjoy an after school snack with your Big or Little.
3. Visit an apple orchard, enjoy some caramel apples and a hayride.
4. Go to a pumpkin patch and carve a pumpkin.
5. Create stained glass leaves by melting crayons in between wax paper (google it).
6. Take a bike ride around town.
7. Help your Little with homework.
8. Design Halloween costumes together and go trick-or-treating with each other.



Even with school back in session there are plenty of fall fun to be had!

### Shop at Kwik Trip and support Big Brothers Big Sisters

Buy Kwik Trip Scrip Gift Cards through Big Brothers Big Sisters, and 10% of the face value stays with our organization. You can use the card for the purchases you already make at Kwik Trip, and help Big Brothers Big Sisters at the same time, at no cost to you!

Contact your local Big Brothers Big Sisters office to buy gift cards!

## September, October & November Match Anniversaries

### 7 Years

Kellyn & Amy Kobs

### 6 Years

Shania & Kris VanAcker

Dustin & Andrew Boldt

Katie & Rebecca Stewart

### 5 Years

Bryan & Chris Meisch

### 4 Years

Gabbi & Bethany Johnson

Katie & McKenzie Mullen-Burkhart

### 3 Years

Ella & Valerie Rexroat

Jacob & Gareth Harman

Tyshai & Suzanne Peterson

Sophie & Nicole Judd

Mitchell & Kortney Spaeth

Quantasia & Brianna Schulthess

Eric & Conner Ellinghuysen

Makayla & Natalie Swanson

### 2 Year

Jonathan & Brad & Julie Garber

Carl & Paul Solberg

Zoie & Kay Gallion

Austin & Derek Oppelt

Desirae & Tara Grigsby

Dalton & Kari Lee

Samantha & Elizabeth Vieth

Nicole & Kathy Colvin

Connor & Steven Houdek

Brandt & Kayla Raduka

Halaynna & Olivia Schaefer

Tara & Sara Baird

Adrianna & Kelly O'Connell

Mackenzie & Kristen Carow

Ally & Casey Losinski

### 1 Year

Aaliyah & Liz Krahn

Joshua & Amber Mazola

Ana & Anne McFarland

Donavan & Nick Semingson

Alex & Clinton Nienhaus

Connor & Jay Wussow

Jayden & Garrett Eide

Justine & Bethany Watermolen

Abby & Sydney Rinn

Makenna & Rosa Edholm

Courtney & Madeline Kufus

Jordan & Chelsea Zettler

Maria & Decree Bjorkman

Victoria & MacKensie Bruring

Kilyanna & Kellyn McCormack

Yousef & Jay Asfeld

Eloisa & Courtney Elliot

Alex & Jake Weber

Tyler & Natalie Kalmes

Aaron & Jordan Pride

Kristin & Katelyn Paulson

Cambrie & Kianna Brown

Triton & Brooke Schilling

Molly & Nicolette Scheu

Symone & Tricia Langmeier

Coreen & Tammy Koxlien

Scott & Vincent Susa

Trey & Christopher Ask

Austyn & Tom Kidd

Sarah & Emily Fendt

Cheyenne & Blair Rummel

Veronika & Abigail Ross

Cerina & Kate Kessenich

Dalton & Ben Keleny

David & Andrew Taylor

Kaitlyn & Angela Gerding

Kori & Jessica Sempf

Caleb & Jerry Swim

Autumn & Madeline Heinrich

Renee & Alexa VonDonselaar

Hallie & Elizabeth Killian

Katrina & Grace Curran

Zach & Nate Dahl

Nik & Larissa Barr

McKenna & Emily Perry

Natasha & Abby Johnson

Shelly & Kirstie Wick

Alicia & Caitlin Cullen

Dalton & Mark Emlaw

Faith & Allison Anderson

Jamie & Anna Losinske

Natalie & Kara Laird

Devin & Mitch Pierson

Emilio & Erin Murray

Hope & Christine Wall

Elisabeth & Anna Quackenboss

Gracie & Hunter Johnson

Isiah & Alex Engelson

Cate & Amber Mckaig

Kasi & Monica Nelson

Jonah & Kennedy Johnson

Kaitlyn & Katie Betry

# Big Brothers Big Sisters **NEEDS YOU!**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region needs more MALE Bigs!  
If you or anyone you know is a positive male role model and would be interested in becoming a mentor for a child please apply online at [www.7riversbbbs.org](http://www.7riversbbbs.org) or contact a local office.

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