



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon

Summer Newsletter

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June 2018

Nominate "Bigs with Badges"!

Do you have a friend or family member who is in any type of law enforcement, is a fire fighter or paramedic who you think would be an awesome mentor? We received a grant to match ten children with Bigs with Badges; therefore this summer, we are asking all of our BBBSCO supporters and Bigs to nominate a Big with a Badge. This amazing program will help build trust and comradery between law enforcement and the youth of Central Oregon. This person should be caring, reliable, able to spend 4 to 12 hours a month with his/her Little at the child's school or out in the community, and willing to have a lot of fun! It is simple! Go to our website (www.bbbsco.org) and fill out the form to nominate a Big and we will take it from there. You may also call or e-mail our office to make your nomination. Contact 541-312-6047 or e-mail Bridget at balbert@bbbsco.org. It is our goal to have these ten matches made by the end of summer, so please don't delay and GO BIG!



This is 8 year old Jackson and he can benefit from being matched with a Big with a Badge! Nominate your Big now!!



Save the Date
Comedy For Kids' Sake
A Red Carpet Event
October 26th
Tower Theater

For ticket and sponsor information
Please visit bbbsco.org or call 541.312.6047



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Do you want to learn how to play the ukulele with your Little?

The Cascade School of Music is offering four of our matches the opportunity to take monthly free ukulele lessons together! What a wonderful way to bond with your Little while learning a new skill! You will be provided with ukuleles and lesson plans in order to practice with your Little throughout the month. This is such a fantastic opportunity for both Bigs and Littles! Please contact Jenna McCann at jrand@bbbsco.org if you would like to register both you and your Little. We will sign up matches on a first come first serve basis, so don't delay! A Big thank you to Kate Hanni and the Cascade School of Music Board for making this happen!

Site-Based End of Year Celebration

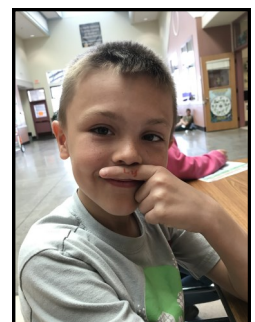


Our Site-Based matches celebrated the end of the school year with a BIG party!

Many of these matches have been together for multiple years, therefore it was a teary goodbye. We look forward

to matching more Redmond elementary students with caring teenage mentors from Redmond Proficiency Academy and Ridgeview High School next fall! For More information on

our Site-Based Program, contact Rosie at rlaurie@bbbsco.org.



Mentoring Tip: Now that school is out for the summer, your Littles may not have much to do. Get them away from the screen and enjoy all of the great outdoor activities Central Oregon has to offer! (Check out p. 5 for ideas!)





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Oregon Big Sister of the Year!



We are so proud of our Big Sister Adalie for winning Oregon Big Sister of the Year! Adalie & Laycee have been partnered for 5 years, and really enjoy spending time together. Laycee loves that Adalie is always up for trying new activities, especially activities that are goofy and possibly a bit childish. Adalie loves that Laycee tries to make their activities centered around a theme, for example, eating Pilot Butte drive-in on top of Pilot Butte. They both love superhero movies and probably spend too much money on movie popcorn. They are also both surprised and happy by how much they like being partnered, and are looking forward to many more years together. Thank you Adalie for being such a wonderful support, friend and mentor to Laycee! Happy five year anniversary you two!!!

Charity Nights for BBBSO



A BIG thank you to Spork for organizing a charity night for BBBSO last month! They donated 10% of their day's proceeds raising over \$700 to help match more children with caring adult mentors.



Thank you to the entire Spork team!



Eastside 10 Barrel Charity Night

August 21st

5:00pm-9:00pm

All proceeds from food sales will be donated to BBBSO!



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jefferson County News & Happenings

Some people may not know that we have a thriving satellite BBBS office in Madras! Program Coordinator, Alex Penalosa has worked hard to build and foster a Site-Based program this year, resulting in twenty-six high school students mentoring Littles from two local elementary schools.

He recently organized a QPR training with these high school students to teach them practical and proven suicide prevention techniques. Furthermore, Alex invited these Site-Based matches to a “Bingo Lunch”, where they played Bingo, had lunch and discussed the importance of recognizing bullying behaviors and ways to prevent bullying. During another Site-Based event, local Jefferson County Firefighter Onasis Adame spoke to the Bigs and Littles about firefighting and why he does this very important work. Soon the Site-Based matches will have their end of the year party, where they will celebrate the friendships formed during the past school year with fun games and tasty snacks!

Alex is also getting ready to launch an Ambassador Board for Jefferson County. This Board will consist of local professionals willing to represent BBBS as we make known who we are and what we do for the children of Jefferson County.



Firefighter Onasis Adame speaking to the Site-Based students about his role at the Jefferson County Fire Department.

Match Activities

The following match activities have been scheduled for Bigs & Littles to enjoy together! Please contact Jenna McCann for specific details and to R.S.V.P. Sign up early to ensure a spot! (jrands@bbbsco.org)

June 23: Volunteer opportunities available at Central Oregon Pride Festival

July 14: Pine Mountain Observatory overnight camp out *(You must be matched for at least one year to attend to attend this event.)*



August 17: Water skiing at Big Lake sponsored by “In His Wakes”

August 22: Rafting the Deschutes River with 7 Peaks Adventures



Match Anniversaries!

June

Matched for 6 Years

Andy & Bryce

Matched for 4 Years

Nancy & Brianna



Matched for 3 Years

Andrea & Angel

Matched for 1 Year

Zilaida & Alba

Andres & Steve

Liliana & Lesli



Congratulations to Andy & Bryce who are celebrating their 6 year match anniversary! Bryce is turning 18 years old this year and graduating from our program. Thank you Andy for being such a wonderful mentor to Bryce!

July

Matched for 5 Years

Adalie & Laycee

Matched for 3 Years

Tracee & Breanna

Kimberly & Glenn



Matched for 2 Years

Amy & Megan

Daniel & Kaya

Katelyn & Yaire

Matched for 1 Year

Kimberly & Gabrielle

Michael & Samuel



Happy 3 year match anniversary to new Advisory Board Member, Tracee Tuesday and her Little Sister, Breanna!

August

Matched for 5 Years

Carol & Yaritsi

Matched for 2 Years

Mackenzie & Ashley

Julie & Addie



Happy 5 year anniversary to Carol & Yaritsi!! They enjoy hiking, swimming, going to the movies, shopping and much more!

Matched for 1 Year

Rhonda & Kaimana





Central Oregon Summer Events

Many children are often housebound in the summer when both parents work, therefore as mentioned in the “Mentoring Tip”, here are some fun events and activities you can enjoy with your Little this summer!!



Bend Brew Festival: June 16-19— BBBSCO is one of the beneficiaries! You and your Little can enjoy the music and yummy food before 5:00pm! Volunteers over 21 are needed to pour beer! Go to bendbrewfest.com to sign up.



Bend Summer Festival: July 13-15—Browse the art stalls and food trucks in downtown Bend.



Oregon High Desert Classics Horse Show: July 18-22 & July 25-29—Enjoy the beautiful horses at this free event that raises money for all programs of J Bar J Youth Services, including BBBSCO.



Balloons Over Bend: July 27-29— Witness the hot air balloons floating over Bend and then enjoy the Children’s Festival on July 28th at the Deschutes Historical Museum.

- Attend Munch & Music on Thursdays in Drake Park
- Take a dip in a lake
- Fish
- Ride bikes
- Beat the heat at the library
- Hike a new trail
- Float the river
- Garden
- Visit a farmer’s market
- Kick up some dust at the Deschutes County Fair and Rodeo
- And of course, attend the BBBSCO scheduled Match Activities



Trinity Presbyterian Church is generously sponsoring 15 of our Littles to attend Ascension Cove Summer Camp in Cove, OR!! If your Little wants to enjoy a fun and free sleepaway camp, contact Jenna at jrandts@bbbsco.org.



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THANK YOU!

Newsletter questions or comments? Do You feel inspired to share a story or picture of your match? Please send it to Bridget and she will be sure to share it in our next Newsletter. Please e-mail Bridget at balbert@bbbsco.org or call 541.312.6047.