



The Big Update

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Big Deal Discount Club

Our discount program provides discounts and special offers for Bigs and Littles at designated locations. Visit the Mentoring Tools section of our Web site for the ever-expanding list of participating Big Deal locations. If you go to one of these businesses, please let them know how much you appreciate their participation.

Watch for a New Web Site!

BBBS of Metro Milwaukee's Web site is getting a make-over. We'll be launching it soon with new resources for Bigs and Littles! Watch for an email announcing the launch.

Greetings!

We hope you will enjoy this issue of The Big Update, filled with lots of no-cost and inexpensive activity ideas and area events.

Have you heard about our Invite-a-Friend match activities? They're a great way to introduce a friend to BBBS and the Big experience. The kickball game on Sept. 15 was a lot of fun, with 30 Bigs, Littles and friends enjoying a spirited game. The next Invite-a-Friend is Sun., Oct. 5, the BBBS Halloween Party. So, get costumes together for you and your Little and invite a friend to share in the fun (see below for details).

Have a great autumn and happy Thanksgiving! The next Big Update will be arriving in your inbox in December.

Fall/Winter Activity Ideas

Pick Apples or Pumpkins - Spend a few hours in a [local orchard or pumpkin patch](#). Bring your harvest home and bake a pie or carve your pumpkin.

Friday Night Lights - See a football game at the high school your Little will attend or return to your alma mater. For other games near you, check out the [All-American Youth Football League](#) schedules.

Tour the Library - Get a taste of Milwaukee's culture and history with a free tour of the [Central Library](#) on Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. (meet in the rotunda). After the tour, check out the Betty Brinn Children's Room or Bookseller Coffee Shop.

Meet a Sky Hunter - Go beak-to-beak with one of [Schlitz Audubon Nature Center's](#) birds of prey. Each Saturday and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. a raptor handler will showcase a falcon, hawk, owl, vulture or eagle. It's free with admission (Bigs-\$4, Littles-\$2). Enjoy the fireplace, take a hike or climb the observation tower.

Make Wrapping Paper - Get a big roll or big sheets of paper and gather up lots of markers, crayons, stickers and stamps. Make your own wrapping paper for holiday gifts.

Follow the Tracks - Check out a book on animal tracks from the library. Go to a park and try to identify which animals have been walking in the mud or snow.

Ride the Jingle Bus - Take a [40-minute, narrated bus tour](#) of downtown Milwaukee's holiday light displays for only \$1/person. Free hot cocoa, coffee and cookies. The bus operates Thurs.-Sun., Nov. 21-Jan. 4 from 6-9 p.m.

Oct., Nov. & Dec. Events

It's always a good idea to call ahead to check for last-minute changes or cancellations!

Harvest Fest - Enjoy music, crafts and games in celebration of the autumn harvest.
When: **Sat., Oct. 4**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Where: Central Library (814 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee)
Cost: FREE

Fire Department Open House Party - Meet Sparkey the fire dog and see antique fire trucks, police cars and a special landing by Flight for Life. Free balloons and treats for kids.
When: **Sun., Oct. 5**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Where: Brookfield Fire Department (645 Janacek Rd., Brookfield)
Cost: FREE

BBBS Halloween Party - Join other Bigs and Littles for games, face painting, crafts, snacks and trick-or-treating, hosted by Buy Seasons, an online costume retailer. Costumes optional but encouraged.

Bring a friend! RSVP to [Tracie](mailto:Tracie@bbbsmilwaukee.org) at 414-258-4778, ext. 251, or tthacker@bbbsmilwaukee.org.

When: **Sun., Oct. 5**, 2-5 p.m.

Where: Buy Seasons (5915 S. Moorland Rd., New Berlin)

Cost: FREE

Papermaking - Learn the art of recycled papermaking. Call to register: 414-964-8505.

When: **Thurs., Oct. 9, 16**, 4-6 p.m.

Where: Urban Ecology Center (1500 E. Park Pl., Milwaukee)

Ages: 12+

Cost: FREE (donations appreciated)

Halloween at the Zoo - There are two Halloween events at the zoo with reduced price admission, Boo at the Zoo and Trick-or-Treat Spooktacular. Get your costumes on and see some animals!

When: **Fri., Oct. 17; Sat., Oct. 18; Fri. Oct. 24; Sat., Oct. 25**

Where: Milwaukee County Zoo (10001 W. Blue Mound Rd., Milwaukee)

Cost: Oct. 17-18 Bigs-\$5.50, Littles (6-12)-\$4; Oct. 24-25 Bigs-\$6.50, Littles (6-12)-\$3.50

Get Petrified at the Pettit - Go through a spooky maze and cemetery, haunted by the Doom on Durham Drive Players.

When: **Sat., Oct. 20, 27 and Sun., Oct. 21, 28**,

1-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Where: Pettit National Ice Center (500 S. 84th St., West Allis)

Cost: FREE (*Write "VIP Pass from Big Brothers Big Sisters" on a slip of paper and present it at the ticket window.*)

Grand Pumpkin Illumination - View hundreds of carved pumpkins on display and trick or treat at designated local shops in Delafield's historic downtown, followed by not-so-spooky ghost stories and songs.

When: **Sat., Oct. 25**, 4-8:30 p.m.

Where: Downtown Delafield

Cost: FREE

Hunting Moon Pow Wow - Experience traditional Native American food, dress, dance and drumming.

When: **Fri., Oct. 31 - Sun., Nov. 2**

Where: Wisconsin Expo Center at State Fair Park

Cost: FREE admission, Parking-\$5

Free Days at the Zoo - Enjoy the zoo for free!

When: **Sat., Nov. 1 and Sat., Dec. 6**

Where: Milwaukee County Zoo (10001 W. Blue Mound Rd., Milwaukee)

Cost: FREE admission, Parking-\$10/vehicle

Domes Grand Reopening - See the new-and-improved Domes for free. Experience a desert oasis, tropical jungle and special floral garden.

When: **Wed., Nov. 5**, 5-7 p.m.

Where: Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee)

Cost: FREE

Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival Kick-off Extravaganza - Help electrify downtown and enjoy entertainment, live music and fireworks.

When: **Thurs., Nov. 20**, 6 p.m.

Where: Pere Marquette Park (Old World Third St., between State and Kilbourn, Milwaukee)

Cost: FREE

Milwaukee Holiday Parade - Kick off the season with this 100-unit parade, a Milwaukee holiday tradition.

When: **Sat., Nov. 22**, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Where: Downtown Milwaukee

Cost: FREE

Waukesha Christmas Parade - Marching bands, floats and a special visit from a very special guest

When: **Sun., Nov. 23**, 4-5 p.m.

Where: Downtown Waukesha

Cost: FREE

Harry Connick, Jr.'s The Happy Elf - When Eubie finds himself in Bluesville, his elf-ness is put to the test as he is determined to make the town smile in time for Christmas. This holiday musical from Harry Connick, Jr. captures the joy of the season.

When: **Fri., Nov. 28-Wed., Dec. 24**

Where: First Stage Children's Theater (929 N. Water St., Milwaukee)

Cost: FREE ticket for Little, 15% off ticket for Big (*Advance purchase required. Contact Desi at First Stage to order tickets: 414-267-2964 or drosas@firststage.org.*)

Breakfast with the Reindeer - Come to a festive breakfast with live reindeer, donut holes, milk, hot cocoa and candy canes. Get a free Polaroid of you and your Little in a big, red sleigh.

When: **Sat., Dec. 6**, 9 a.m.-noon

Where: Downtown Delafield in Clock Square

Cost: FREE

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