



Big Activity Update

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the
Illinois Capital Region

March 2010

BBBS Computer Lab Coming Soon!

BBBS recently received grant funding to open a computer lab on the 3rd floor of our office for any Littles in our program and/or Community Based Matches. The computer lab will be available for use during office hours (for use after school and during summer and school breaks). One Saturday a month, the computer lab will be open for a Saturday Academy for more hands on training and use of educational software for math, reading and foreign language.

We hope to have the computer lab ready within the next month. More information will be available soon so check the website and your email. We hope our Bigs and Littles will use the computer lab for school projects, educational games, typing and a general understanding of how to use a computer and computer programs. Please take advantage of the opportunity as a match activity that will also help improve reading, math and foreign language skills.

Save The Date!

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Wednesday, April 21 at 6:00pm
Route 66 Conference Center

Look for an invitation and announcements about the event in the coming month.

This dinner is only for Bigs and a guest. Please do not bring your Littles.

Become A BBBS Ambassador Council Member

As a BBBS Ambassadors' Council Member you have the opportunity to meet and work with other people in the community who are passionate about BBBS. Ambassadors' Council members help the agency with fundraising events, including BINGO on Sunday nights, Bowl For Kids' Sake and our Applebee's Golf Outing in May. Many of our Ambassadors' Council members are currently Bigs who also volunteer their time to promote BBBS and help raise money for the agency. If you are interested in the Ambassadors' Council or have questions about the time commitment, please contact Amanda at 753-1216 or visit the website at bbbscapitalregion.org/aboutusphp.

Upcoming Events

March Events

5 **Romeo & Juliet**; Sangamon Auditorium; 8pm; Little gets in free when Big buys a ticket

6, 7, 13, 14 **Maple Syrup Tree Tapping**; Lincoln Memorial Gardens; 1, 2, 3pm; FREE

13 **St. Patrick's Day Parade**; Downtown Springfield; 10am; FREE

13 **Super Saturday**; Illinois State Museum; 10am-4pm; FREE

20, 21, 27, 28 **Maple Syrup Pancake Breakfast**; Lincoln Memorial Gardens; 8am-Noon; FEE

21 **Giant Flea Market**; Illinois Building; 8am-4pm; FEE

27 **Spotlight On Ice**; Nelson Center; 2-4pm & 7-9pm; FEE

March School Closings For Corporate Mentors

Springfield #186

Please make note of days when 186 is out of school or has early dismissal and adjust your mentoring schedule accordingly. If you have questions, contact Erica at 753-1216 or at eseaton@bbbscapitalregion.org

March 1: No School

March 12: 60 Minute Early Dismissal

March 26: 60 Minute Early Dismissal

Spring Break: March 29-April 2

Glenwood Intermediate School

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Don't miss

Bowl For Kids' Sake 2010!



It's not too late to get a team together for Bowl For Kids' Sake! You don't have to be a good bowler to participate. It's not about the bowling, but having fun to help the kids in our community! It's easy to do:

Find 4 people to bowl with you

Pick a date/time to bowl

Collect pledges either in person or online

Win prizes and have fun

Sangamon County Bowl

King Pin Lanes in Springfield

Friday, March 5th: (9:30, 10:30)

70's and 80's Night

Saturday, March 6th: (12, 1, 2, or 3 pm)

Cops For Kids/Superhero Day

Friday, March 12th: (9:30 FULL, 10:30)

Hawaiian Night

Saturday, March 13th: (1, 2, or 3pm)

Sports Mania

Friday, March 19th: (9:30, FULL 10:30)

Country Night

For more information or to register a team, call 753-1216, email events@bbbscapitalregion.org or visit