



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Central Missouri

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Match of the Month



Big Sisters Amanda Koellner and Lauren Smith are matched with Little Sisters—who are also sisters—Kanisha and Tynesha. And together they have many good times!

Favorite Experience? Both Amanda and Lauren said their favorite experience was the BBBS camping trip earlier this year. Amanda said they participated in activities like archery, fire building and campfire sing-a-longs. "it was a great bonding experience and they learned a lot about each other."

Favorite Activities? Lauren says eating with her "Little," Tynesha, playing basketball, going to parks and hanging out. "We have fun no matter what we do." Amanda's favorite activity with her "Little", Kanisha, is bowling. "Although we don't get strikes and spares we have a great time doing it."

What do you like best about being a Big Sister? Lauren says getting the chance to hang out with Tynesha. "She's a blast!" Amanda says "I love the feeling that I'm making a difference. When I pick her up she's so excited for whatever activity we have planned. We always have so much fun together and the smile on her face makes the whole experience worthwhile."
"Littles", Kanisha and Tynesha love the experiences they've shared with their "Bigs."

Favorite Activities? Kanisha said camping and learning archery while Tynesha also said camping and learning about animals and mouse traps.

Something Funny about your Big Sister — Tynesha says when they went camping overnight she found out that Lauren snores! Kanisha said when Amanda and Lauren came to their house once "we ran to each other in slow motion like they do in the movies."

Favorite Word for both Big Sisters — COOL!

**100 Men in 100 Days Challenge
A Plea to Join Us**

A Crisis — Columbia, Missouri is facing a crisis in our community... a crisis involving young people spending more and more "time on the streets" involved in drugs, shootings, robberies, and muggings, all the while hooking up with unsavory peer groups. Because of this, young people are spending less and less time being kids and distinguishing behavior that is right from wrong.

According to the Columbia Police Department 1, 289 arrests have been made January 1, 2008—August 31, 2008 involving Columbia youths ages 0-17. Many of these young people have been arrested multiple times on a variety of charges. But just think—1,289 arrests. Is this a crisis? Are these youth at risk?

OUR PLEA — **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri wants to "Change the Way Children Grow Up In Columbia"; This is our theme as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary year in Columbia. To start making that "change" we have begun recruiting 100 Men in 100 Days to become friends with more of Columbia's young people—especially boys—by offering guidance throughout their growing up years.**

Statistics and research prove **mentoring works** and that one-on-one friendship is something any of you can do.

Make It Happen — Dr. Jim Ritter, Interim Superintendent of Schools; and Tom Dresner, Interim Police Chief are co-chairs of the "100 Men in 100 Days" Challenge. With their help and the help of other committed Columbians, we are working to open doors, to recruit more men as mentors. **Will you join us? Will you ask a friend of yours to join? Will you talk about the value of mentoring to those you know and ask if we can speak to their civic, church or friends group about this need?**

He Stepped Up to Help — An anonymous, big-hearted business leader in Columbia has pledged to give \$100 for each male mentor recruited. He accepted the challenge to help **Will you help by giving a child just one hour a week of your time?**

Fun Things To Do This Fall

Each month we have a Calendar of Events to give Bigs ideas about fun things they can do with their Little Brother or Sister. But just about anything can be fun. Here are some other ideas and these will lead to you thinking of lots of things on your own.

Make your own unique and unusual wrapping paper—Get a roll of white paper or just brown grocery sacks. Use markers, crayons, stickers, glue, glitter or other interesting art materials and create away!

Play checkers or chess—Show your Little how to play. If you don't know how, yourself, get a book and learn together. Practice whenever you have time together.

Read out loud—Find a play script that has interesting characters. Read to each others with each reading different characters. Practice different voices and act out the parts of the play.

Go for a walk—That's it! Just go for a walk. Look at how the trees look different now. Look at seeds along a path. Watch the squirrels collect nuts and climb trees.

Learn about famous people—Get a calendar or book with birthdays of famous people. Make a game of learning about whoever happens to have a birthday on the day you and your Little meet.

Cheap Eats

Jimmy's Steak House—10% discounts (excludes beer)

Pizza Hut—20% discount (excludes beer)

Buffalo Wild Wings—Monday's Kids eat for 99-cents

Fazoli's—Tuesday's 5-8pm-kids eat for 99-cents

Shakespeare's Pizza—Mondays purchase a large 2-topping pizza and receive an 8" 1-topping pizza per child (up to 3 pizza's) for children 12 & under.

Backyard Burgers—Tuesday and Thursday after 4pm, kids(13 & under) eat free per paying adult

Bambino's—Sunday's 5pm-close, buy an adult entrée and one kid (12 & under) eats free

Bennigan's—Tuesday's after 4pm, 2 kids (10 & under) eat free per paying adult

Lone Star Steak House—Kids under 12 eat free all day Tuesday's & until 4pm Saturday's

CiCi's Pizza—Wednesday nights kids (10 & under) eat for 99-cents

Discounts & Tickets

Columbia Billiards—Free Pool for Bigs/Littles before 6pm (except Sat.)

Columbia Entertainment Co.—Free seat for Little with purchase of seat for Big

Great American Cookie Company—Buy three cookies, get one free

Mud Room—\$7 for Bigs and \$3. For Littles 12 and under (not including pieces)

Perche Creek Golf Club—Bigs regular price, Littles free for miniature golf

Andy's Frozen Custard—Free medium drink with purchase of Concrete or Sundae

Stephen's College—\$1. Per person at Macklanburg Playhouse (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

T.A. Brady's—\$1. Bowling game, free shoe rental and ½ price billiards.

Sparky's—Every day kids get a free kid-sized scoop of ice cream for each paying adult.

Mexico Discounts

Mexico School District—Matches get in free at all school sporting events

Mexico YMCA—Matches get free use of facilities

Mexico Cinema III—Matches get into movies for \$5. a pair

Mexico Country Club—Matches can use swimming pool & golf course free

Help Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri Win

To help us win this amazing contest, simply stop by one of the locations listed below in Columbia and Jefferson City, and register **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri** as the nonprofit of your choice. The entire process takes less than two minutes, including the time to park. Only one registration is allowed per person and the competition ends Nov. 26, 2008.

We would greatly appreciate you taking a few moments out of your day to benefit the "little moments that make a big difference" in the lives of children in Columbia.

Thank you for your time and support,

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri

Premier Bank locations in Columbia

Downtown: 15 S. Fifth Street (near Flat Branch)

East: 3200 Golden Bear Drive (off Clark Lane near Home Depot)

South: 300 Diego Drive (off Bethel near Gentry Middle School)

Premier Bank locations in Jefferson City

815 West Stadium Blvd.

3525 Missouri Blvd.

300 Ellis Blvd.



BBBS Events in November

November 9 — Sunday — Ice Skating Party at the Ice Arena in Jefferson City. Time to be determined. RSVP quickly to ericayoung@bbbs.org or call 874-3677, ext. 221.

Events Around Columbia

November 7 — Friday — Family Fun Night at the ARC. 7-9pm. \$3.00 a person.

November 15 — Saturday — “Fowl Shooting” Contest (free throws for a turkey) 9-11am—Armory Sports Center. All ages. \$1. For 10 free throws.

November 22 — Saturday — Holiday Tour and Toy Exhibit, Maplewood Home at Nifong Park, 11:30am-3:30pm, \$5.00 for adults and children over 5.

Events at Daniel Boone Regional Library

Monday—November 10--Reading to Rover ▶5:30-7:30 p.m. Program Room, Children’s Area

Read to dogs from Ann Gafke’s Teacher’s Pet Therapy Dogs . This is a fun and unique way to help improve children’s literacy skills. Kindergarten age and older.

Monday—November 24—Singing Games and Circle Dances 7-7:45pm, Program Room, Children’s Area

Connect with 5-8-year-olds through music as you play singing games and do circle dances. Music educator Margaret Waddell will lead you in activities that are known to help memory, language, and physical and emotional development in children. **Registration begins Tuesday, November 11.**

Dates to Remember

Columbia Public Schools

11/14 — Parent Teacher Conference: no school for elementary students

Mexico, Moberly, and Columbia Public Schools

11/22 to 11/28 — Thanksgiving Holiday

Sports at Mizzou

Football — Faurot Field — Tickets - various prices. (Check with BBBS office about availability of free tickets)
Saturday, Nov. 8 — Tigers vs. Kansas State

Basketball — Mizzou Arena
Saturday, Nov. 8 — Tigers vs. Missouri Southern @7pm
Saturday, Nov. 15 — Tigers vs. Prairie View A & M @ 3:30pm
Monday, Nov. 17 — Tigers vs. Chattanooga @ 7pm
Sunday, Nov. 30 — Tigers vs. Oral Roberts @ 3pm
Tuesday, Dec. 2 — Tigers vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff @ 7pm

Volleyball — Hearnes Center Arena — Tickets - \$5 for adults, \$3 for youths (Check with BBBS office about availability of free tickets)
Sunday, Nov. 9 — Tigers vs. Oklahoma @ 1pm
Wednesday, Nov. 19 Tigers vs. Kansas State @ 6:30pm
Wednesday, Nov. 26 — Tigers vs. Texas @ 6:30pm
Friday, Nov. 29 — Tigers vs. Texas A & M @ 6:30pm

Wrestling — Hearnes Center Arena
Saturday, Nov. 8 — Black & Gold Meet @ TBA
Saturday, Nov. 22 — Tigers vs. Hofstra @ 2pm
Sunday, Nov. 23 — Missouri Open @ All Day

Upcoming Holiday Events - Mexico

November 22 — Saturday — Holiday Parade—10am around the Square

December 4-7—Thursday - Sunday—A Christmas Carol presented by the Mexico Community Theatre. 7pm Thursday-Saturday; 2pm Sunday. For information call Sandy Benn at 581-2100, ext. 234

Upcoming Holiday Events - Columbia

November 23 — Sunday — Columbia Jaycees Holiday Parade—3pm on Broadway

December 3 — Wednesday — BBBS Christmas Party for Community-Based Mentors and their “Littles”. Rockbridge High School. Time to be determined. RSVP to ericayoung@bbbs.org or call 874-3677, ext. 221

December 6 — Saturday — Columbia Kwanza Celebration — 2 - 5pm — Douglass High School Gym. FREE.