

bigger together news

CELEBRATIONS

April 2024



We turn 40 years old this year!

On November 4, 1984 our organization began it's journey to serve southwest Colorado youth. To date, we have served over 3,000 matches including each of you.

Thank you for always advocating for the Power of Mentorship.
It Takes All of Us to Be BIG.

Match Anniversaries

Brian & Mike- 2 years
Luka & Kahla- 5 years

THINGS TO DO



JUST FOR MATCHES

Purgatory Ski Passes- ([check resort schedule](#))
Purgatory Ski Resort
Open to all matches and students on the waitlist.
Cost is free, RSVP to pick up your passes.

April 6, 1-3pm - BBBS Watercolor Painting Class
ELHI Community Center, Ignacio
Open to all matches and students on the waitlist.
Cost is free, RSVP ASAP.

April 12, 6-8:30p - Durango Dark Sky Celebration
The Powerhouse
Cost is free, no RSVP needed.

April 13, 7p & April 14, 3p - FLC Music Dept - Joseph Haydn's the Creation
FLC Community Concert Hall
Tickets required, 18 and under free, no RSVP needed

April 14, 1-2p - Powerhouse Magic Workshop
The Powerhouse
Cost is \$9.50 per person

April 20, 9a-3p - Earth Day EV Ride & Drive "Bilingual Cultural Event"
Fairgrounds & Durango Rec Center
Cost is free, no RSVP needed.

April 20, 10:30a-3p - Earth Day Durango 2024: Planet vs Plastic!
Buckley Park
Cost is free, no RSVP needed.

April 27, 1p - BBBS Bowling
Rolling Thunder Lanes, Sky Ute Casino
Open to all matches and students on the waitlist.
Cost is free, RSVP required by April 25.

May 11, 2p - BBBS Paintball
Southwest Paintball
Open to all matches and students on the waitlist.
Cost is free, RSVP required by May 9.

May 26, 8a - Narrow Gauge 10 mile & 5K Race
Santa Rita Park
Littles are free and Bigs are 50% off, when running together
Contact your program staff for coupon codes to use at sign up

To RSVP or for more info, text: [970.247.3720](tel:970.247.3720)
Give 3 days for response or contact your Program Staff directly.

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Happy Pappy's Pizza 'n Wings

Matches can stop by Happy Pappy's for 50% off their order! While you are there, be sure to congratulate them on recently winning the Spirit of Durango Award, presented by the Durango Chamber of Commerce in recognition of their community support and prioritization of youth empowerment. Well deserved!

Purgatory Ski Resort

A huge THANK YOU to Purgatory for their generous donation of ski and tubing passes for our matches! We are so grateful for their continued support!

[Check out our full list of community partners.](#)

FOR THE ADULTS

Love and Logic Parenting Skills Class
Tuesdays - April 2, 9, 16 & 23, 5:30-7:30p
Ignacio Elementary Library

Challenging Conversations with Youth
Wednesday, April 10, 5:15-6:45p Pine River Library - Bayfield
Wednesday, April 24, 5:15-6:45p Sunute Community Center - Ignacio

Educational Surrogate Parent Training
Thursday, April 18, 9a-12p
The Arc of SW Colorado

Team Up La Plata Transportation Survey

Team UP La Plata is looking into how transportation limits youth in La Plata County from attending out-of-school activities, and wants to hear from you!

LOCAL PERKS



Wheelee Cool Bike Program

Does your student need a bicycle, or help in restoring one they currently have? Wheelee Cool was started in 2021 to help more kids gain access to bikes. They have offered to partner with BBBS to make sure that all of our youth have the means to ride. If interested, talk to your program manager or text [970.247.3720](tel:970.247.3720). To learn more, [click here](#).

Charity Care - Medical/Dental Assistance

Charity Care offer discounts or bill forgiveness of medical and dental expenses, depending on the family's income. To learn more, [click here](#).

Emergency Assistance

(Rent, Utilities, Childcare, Transportation, etc.)

Community Emergency Assistance Coalition is committed to supporting families who might be experiencing financial difficulty. To learn more [click here](#).

Youth Recreation Scholarships

Scholarships are available for youth interested in programming or facility passes. For more information visit the Parks and Rec Administration Offices or call [970.375.7321](tel:970.375.7321).

Dial-A-Ride Rural Transit

Road Runner transit has expanded. [Click here](#) to learn more.

FREE Computers to Families

Bresnan has donated three refurbished computer set ups for BBBS Families. If your family needs a computer in your home, please reach out to your staff partner to coordinate.

FREE Haircuts for Littles

Hair Fusion Salon offers haircuts when they have cosmetology students in their program. Contact your BBBS staff partner to schedule an appointment.

WE GIVE BIG THANKS



Leavitt Group
TBK Bank
Katz Family Fund
Mountain Bike Specialists
Charlie Peterson



Your Team is here to support Bigs, Littles & Families.

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