



2021 PROGRAM EVENTS

MARCH



Friday, March 5, Big Little Open Gym at the YMCA

Thanks to our partnership with the YMCA, we are able to provide monthly Open Gym experiences for our Bigs and Littles.

Grand Traverse YMCA West

Friday, March 5

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

[3700 Silver Lake Road, Traverse City](#)

FREE Admission

Enjoy Open Gym unstructured activities with your Little, such as basketball, football, soccer, dodgeball, swimming, the walking track, or just play and hang out. When arriving, please let the Membership Desk know that you are there for the Big/Little Open Gym.

Required

- Littles must bring a signed parent waiver to participate. *Please click the link to print a paper copy of the waiver:* <http://www.gtbayymca.org/guest-waiver.pdf>.
- Along with the guest waiver, a COVID waiver must also be filled out for anyone using the facility: <https://podio.com/webforms/24603037/1802374>
- Masks are required at all times while inside the facility

Friday, March 5 & 12, Big Little Golf: Bay Meadows

Bigs and Littles are invited to have some fun with the golf simulator at [Bay Meadows Family Golf Course](#). Enjoy individualized coaching tailored to meet every match at their level of golf experience. Beginners welcome! Learn gripping, putting and chipping techniques and play a simulated golf game. Clubs provided. Wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothing.

RSVPs are required and needed as soon as possible to reserve Bay Meadows' space and staff time. Choose one session from four 1-hour spaces over two dates. Limited to 4 matches per session. First-come, first-served.

Date: Friday, March 5 or Friday, March 12

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 pm or 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Bay Meadows Family Golf Course

5550 Bay Meadows Dr, Traverse City

RSVPs required ASAP to Krista.Goldman@bigsupnorth.com or 231.590.7519.



Thursday, March 11, Bigs Social: Bigs Conference Room

Join us for a Bigs Social to connect with the team at Bigs & other volunteer mentors to socialize and share experiences and ideas for your match.

Bigs Social

Thursday, March 11 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Michigan

900 E Front St, 2nd floor conference room, Traverse City

Use the East entrance off the parking lot and take the stairs or elevator to the 2nd floor

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APRIL



Friday, April 2, Big Little Open Gym at the YMCA

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MAY



Tuesday, May 18, Big Futures - Personal Finance

Tuesday, May 18 | 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Civic Center Pavilion

1213 W. Civic Center Dr., Traverse City

Encourage financial success for your teen by learning how to create a budget, understand credit, open a checking account, keep a ledger, and more. Facilitated by Big Brother Rob Mittelstaedt and open to Bigs, Littles and/or parent/guardian. RSVP required to krista.goldman@bigsupnorth.com or call 231.946.2447 ext 223.



JUNE



Wednesday, June 16, Big Little Fishing Charter: Discovery Center, 5 – 9 pm

Spend an evening fishing on West Grand Traverse Bay with Captain Alonzo Knowles of Fish-X-TC. His 32' Chris Craft Commander is one of the safest and most comfortable charter fishing boats on the bay. Captain Zo will endeavor to put you on the fish and provide you with memories to last a lifetime. Limited to 6 passengers (3 Bigs & 3 Littles), first-come, first-served.

For reservations, contact Matt McDonough at the Discovery Center and reference Big Brothers Big Sisters charter fishing trip for Bigs and Littles.

Discovery Center
13170 SW Bay Shore Dr.
Traverse City, MI 49684
cell 231.409.4285

Fri-Sun, June 25 – 27, Big Little Summer Camp: Higher Ground at Lake Louise

Bigs teams up with Higher Ground at Lake Louise to bring our Bigs, Littles and families a weekend camp experience like no other. Higher Ground at Lake Louise offers a beautiful beach, fun and safe lake activities and a setting away from all the noise and distractions of everyday life. Click [here](#) for more information.

Friday, June 25 - Sunday, June 27
Higher Ground at Lake Louise
10750 Stafford Road, Boyne Falls
\$5 per camper

To register, click [here](#), or visit highergroundatlakelouise.com and enter code BBBS. Questions? Contact registrar@hgatll.com or call 616.772.3040

By reservation, Big Little Sailing: Tall Ship Manitou

Sail on the Tall Ship Manitou, a replica of an 1800's "coasting" cargo schooner, similar to those that sailed the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean. Specifically designed for passenger service, there is plenty of space for sitting and moving around the decks while under sail. Her overall length of 114 feet, beam of 21 feet, and displacement of nearly 100 tons ensures a comfortable, relaxing motion.

Available any time except July and August. For reservations, contact Matt McDonough at the Discovery Center and reference Big Brothers Big Sisters sailing trips for Bigs and Littles.

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By reservation, Big Little Boat Tour: Discovery Cruise

Enjoy a unique, fun-filled 2 hour sightseeing cruise onboard The Discovery, a 65' two deck vessel designed to resemble that of an early 20th century steamboat. She is one of the first passenger boats of her kind to navigate the waters of Grand Traverse Bay. Cruising the scenic west bay, listen as our Captain guides your adventure with historic, fascinating commentary on our beautiful city. Feel a part of the activities taking place on the water, enjoy nature and view the lovely waterfront homes, Maritime Academy and much more.

Available all summer. For reservations, contact Matt McDonough at the Discovery Center and reference Big Brothers Big Sisters Discovery Cruise for Bigs and Littles.

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