

125 THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR LITTLE

1. Start a collection of something you are both interested in like stamps, rocks, coins, comics, bugs, dolls, figures, sports cards, etc.
2. Walk, train, and play with your dog together.
3. Pop popcorn (the "old fashioned" way, not in the microwave).
4. Build a model car, plane or rocket.
5. Form your own book club (with other matches) and/or read together.
6. Go to a circus, fair or carnival.
7. Go horseback riding.
8. Draw, paint, work with clay, or do an art project.
9. Play charades, checkers, chess, backgammon, or any board or card game.
10. Take a bike ride together (making sure you both wear your helmets!)
11. Research your family trees together- the library and internet are great resources!
12. Attend your Little's school play or sporting event to cheer him/her on!
13. Fly a kite at the park- for an extra challenge, make your own kites!
14. Visit an area firehouse or police station.
15. Attend a Big Brothers Big Sisters Agency Sponsored Activity (check our website <http://www.bbbsnw.org> or call your Match Support Specialist for current events).
16. Feed birds or go to a park and feed the ducks.
17. Go roller skating, skate-boarding, roller-blading or ice skating (wearing appropriate safety gear).
18. Have a TV show you both watch every week, then call and talk about it.
19. Do a science project together using household products (ex. find out what happens to an egg soaked in vinegar.)
20. Make a calendar to schedule outings on and then plan ahead!
21. Go to local art fairs, festivals, and events (check local papers, community calendars and the free circulars near the entrances or exits of grocery or other stores for ideas).
22. Watch a parade.
23. Go bowling.
24. Check into local history/archeology.
25. Go swimming or even play with the water hose or sprinkler in the backyard (make sure you and your Little both have privacy for changing).
26. Volunteer to help build a house for Habitat for Humanity, deliver food for Meals on Wheels, walk dogs at the Humane Society, help out at a homeless shelter or food pantry, or volunteer at a Big Brothers Big Sisters event.
27. Keep a journal of all your outings together and what you liked/disliked about each.
28. Make friendship bracelets, or do other crafts together.
29. Play Frisbee, catch, basketball, volleyball, touch football, croquet, badminton, etc.
30. Visit a local courthouse and observe a court hearing.

31. Make paper airplanes and gliders.
32. Write a newsletter together to send it to your friends and relatives.
33. Go apple picking and try different apple recipes with your apples.
34. Make caramel apples.
35. Make Halloween costumes.
36. Go rock climbing at a local climbing gym.
37. Visit a local museum (check out the Paul Bunyan Logging Camp, Chippewa Valley Museum, Dunn Co. Historical Society Museum, etc.)
38. Play golf or putt-putt, or just hit golf balls at a driving range.
39. Volunteer at a nursing home.
40. Make wrapping paper from old magazines and newspapers.
41. Show him/her how to maintain their bike-replace chain, repair brakes, etc.
42. Teach him/her how to change a flat tire (if old enough).
43. Make an obstacle course in your yard or local park and time each other.
44. Make puppets and put on a show for friends or family.
45. Use sidewalk chalk and draw pictures on the sidewalk.
46. Let your Little drive... at a go-cart track!
47. Go to a gem and mineral show.
48. Go to a local beach, build a sandcastle.
49. Look at your Big Benefits list and pick a low cost activity you enjoy.
50. Let your Little do chores (wash the car, wash the dog, garden, etc.)
51. Let your Little run errands with you (make grocery shopping educational-teach them how to read a label or work on budgeting, apply the same ideas to other errands).
52. Eat lunch with your Little at school (be sure to call Big Brothers Big Sisters and let us know that you intend to do this, so we can call ahead and confirm to the school that you are our volunteer).
53. Explore your local areas (Beaver Creek Reserve, Hoffman Hills, Dunn Co. Lion's Club animal park, Irvine Park Zoo, Big Falls, Lake Wissota, Coon Forks, etc.)
54. Go geo caching (Don't know what it is? Look at this website <http://www.geocaching.com>).
55. Go Christmas caroling or volunteer to wrap gifts for a group like Toys for Tots.
56. Prepare a meal together from start to finish-try finding good recipes online or in your favorite cookbook.
57. Take a walk and take a camera to photograph interesting objects along the way.
58. Write a letter to your Little on your match anniversary telling what you've noticed about him/her in the last year. Ex: Positive changes, growth or maturity.
59. Make your own cards for holidays, birthdays, and other special occasions for friends and relatives.
60. Take your Little to your place of employment, talk about the education and preparation you needed to do your job.
61. Help your Little with homework or a school project.
62. Help your Little make a card or present for Mother's Day/Father's Day/Christmas or a parent's birthday.
63. Trim the hedges, mow the lawn, rake the leaves, and do other yard work together.
64. Build a bird house or feeder.

65. Visit a park or the Farmer's Market.
66. Play Frisbee Golf at Mt. Simon, Wakanda or another local park.
67. Learn a new language together.
68. Write and send letters in the mail to each other, or get pen pals.
69. Share family/vacation pictures with each other.
70. Create a Match scrapbook or photo album to record all your fun times together.
71. Start a garden-indoors or out.
72. Carve a pumpkin together-don't forget to roast the seeds!
73. Make a log cabin, picture frame, or anything you can think of out of popsicle sticks.
74. Try new restaurants together (check the Big Benefit list for discounts).
75. Go to the movies, or rent one (be sure to check the movie rating and get parent's permission).
76. Watch a fireworks show.
77. Teach him/her how to change the oil in your car, or any handy skills you may have.
78. Complete a jigsaw puzzle.
79. Go to an auto show, boat show, tractor pull or stock car races.
80. Make up new lyrics to a song-maybe even about your match.
81. Make your own t-shirts with fabric markers and colored glue or tie-dye!
82. Enjoy cloud watching on a nice day.
83. Bake a cake, cookies or brownies or make candy.
84. Visit your church or your Little's church.
85. Have a picnic (make your own sandwiches, etc).
86. Make a collage on "friendship" or your Little's life using pictures and headline from old magazines and newspapers.
87. Visit the Humane Society, play with the kittens or walk dogs (call ahead for shelter policies).
88. Look up new words in the dictionary.
89. Have your Little teach you something.
90. Plan for a money earning project and save money for a special event.
91. Listen to music together.
92. Blow Bubbles.
93. If your Little is a teenager, practice completing job and college applications.
94. Show your Little your high school yearbook, baby pictures, old report cards, etc.
95. Go on a camera scavenger hunt – Make a list of the things you want pictures of before you go and let your Little take the pictures.
96. Build a snowman/woman.
97. Play a musical instrument or learn one together.
98. Spend time on a college campus (call the admissions office to get a free tour).
99. Teach your Little good telephone etiquette, how to leave messages, and how to use emergency phone numbers.
100. Take a first aid class together.
101. Set up a lemonade stand and donate the money to charity.

102. Build a time capsule (if you plan to bury it, don't forget to call Digger's Hotline first).
103. Roast marshmallows, make s'mores.
104. Go to a football, basketball, baseball or any other sporting event together (call Big Brothers Big Sisters to check for free tickets).
105. Go fishing at a local lake, stream or river (if fishing from a river bank, please wear life jackets!)
106. Fish at "Eat My Fish" in Dunn Co. where you can catch, clean, cook and eat your fish all in one outing).
107. Take a boat ride (make sure you both wear your life jackets!)
108. Go tubing, canoeing or rafting (don't forget your lifejackets!)
109. Go skiing, sledding or build a snow fort.
110. Go to a planetarium (college campuses often have them).
111. Go bird watching.
112. Collect fall leaves and identify the trees they fell from.
113. Pick up litter at a local park.
114. Go to the YMCA (free with Big Benefits Card in Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, Hudson, River Falls, and New Richmond)
115. Go swimming (make sure you know your Little's swimming ability).
116. Paint a fence or a room.
117. Teach him/her how to build a campfire.
118. Go to a local farm to pick raspberries or see the spring baby animals.
119. Find a location on a map using a compass or GPS.
120. Teach your Little how to read a map.
121. Go to a dog show, cat show, horse show, etc.
122. Learn to juggle.
123. Plant a tree or shrub.
124. Go to a dance performance, concert or art show (check local universities for student shows which are often low cost or free).
125. Do litter patrol, adopt a highway, visit a recycling center.