



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF JOHNSON COUNTY MENTORING PROGRAMS

Spartan Life Afterschool Program

Impact 6th, 7th and 8th grade youth each Thursday during the school year from 1:45-3:15 PM at Solon Middle School in Solon, IA. Volunteers and youth are matched and supported in 1-to-1 caring relationships, while also growing individually and as a group with fun, hands-on, and interactive activities. Students, mentors, and facilitators from BBBS and 4-H help define core club values and create experiences responsive to students' interests, challenges, and strengths. Club will meet Thursdays 1:45pm - 3:15pm.

Knights of Lightning Afterschool Program

Volunteers and youth from North Central Junior High are matched and supported in 1-to-1 caring relationships, while also growing individually and as a group with fun, hands-on, and interactive activities. Students, mentors, and facilitators from BBBS and 4-H help define core club values and create experiences responsive to students' interests, challenges, and strengths. Club will meet Wednesdays 4:00-5:30pm.

School Based Mentoring (Elementary or Secondary)

Volunteers meet with a student once a week AT school. At the elementary level volunteers often meet at lunch and/or recess for 50 to 60 minutes. The focus is on being a friend and mentor. At the secondary level (primarily 7th and 8th graders) volunteers meet with students at a designated time during the school day. The focus is on developing a friendship and also coaching the student to have a more successful school experience.

For Elementary School-Based we will be working with Kirkwood Elementary and Horn Elementary this Fall. For Secondary School-Based, we will be working with Southeast Junior High, Northwest Junior High, City High, and West High.

Community-Based Program

Community-based mentors and youth are matched and supported in 1-to-1 caring relationships, meeting regularly for fun activities in the community. BBBS also organizes optional free, fun events every month for our matches (this has looked a bit different during the pandemic). We'll use your interests and personalities to ensure a good match.

Requirements for all programs:

- Must have reliable access to a vehicle
- 18-month commitment (can be flexible with School-Based and After School programs)
- Must be a reliable and responsive communicator
- Application process (interview, references, background check)
- Community-Based Mentoring only: Meet a minimum of 6 hours per month with your Little [these requirements are flexible during the pandemic, and can include virtual meetings]

Monthly BBBS Bridge Events for Youth

This volunteer opportunity is in development. We will be developing a list of volunteers who are not able to make the commitment to our 1:1 mentoring programs, but who would like to be able to help support youth at our events. Volunteers will be required to submit to a background check and take some online training. They will have the opportunity to sign up every month to volunteer at BBBS-sponsored events.

***Child safety is our highest priority.** Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County conducts a thorough background check on every volunteer in our program, and every relationship is closely monitored and supported by a professionally trained mentoring specialist.*

To start your application, go to [BBBSJC.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/](https://www.bbbsjc.org/get-involved/)

QUESTIONS? Email Dina- dina@bbbsjc.org