

Subject: Bigs & Littles - Registration Closing Sept 15th!

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Don't miss this opportunity! Registration Closes Tomorrow - Sept 15th

We are launching the FCCNY Bigs and Littles program! This flexible, just-for-fun social program is for all regions, ages, and genders. The goal is to get FCC kids together, one-on-one, for ongoing companionship, friendship, and enjoyment.

Bigs, ages 9-16, will be matched with Littles, ages 1-12. (Those in the 9-12 age range can choose to be a Big, Little or both.) Geography will be our priority, although we'll take into consideration ages, interests and requests.

From late September 2009 through June 2010, we ask that you commit to at least:

- 1 email or online contact per month
- 1 snail mail contact per month (letter, art project, photo, etc.)
- 1 face-to-face contact per month (unless we can't find you a local match)

There are no mandatory meetings. Face-to-face contact can be handled in any way you prefer-although we'll offer plenty of suggestions and hope all the participants will make suggestions! A stipend will be offered to families wanting to hold a small gathering, plan an outing or buy group-rate show or event tickets. But one-on-one meetings at the playground, after school or over a snack are also fine.

We're planning for some small surprises and treats along the way, too!

Register at www.fccny.org by September 15, 2009. The charge is \$10 per Big or Little per year, and current FCCNY membership is required. (Fee waivers/scholarships available.) Once you sign up, you'll receive links to the application and the Yahoo group, our primary method of communication. Matches will be made in mid-September.

Questions? I've got pages of answers! Contact Jennifer Maslowski at jennem22@yahoo.com or 917-509-2861.

If you are interested, don't wait any longer...it's only a few days away! There are over 50 children already participating and this is a great start for launching a new program.

It's an easy, flexible, inexpensive, and definitely rewarding way to connect with FCC and it's members.

Here's a link to all the information you need for learning more and subscribing:

<https://www.fccny.org/resources/B&Ldesc&faq.pdf>

Hope to see more Long Islanders involved!

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