



**Big Sister Association**  
of Greater Boston



## October 2018

*Hi Big Sister,*

*We have several fun activities taking place in October below! Make sure to check each event website directly for the most up-to-date times and locations. If you have questions or need additional activity ideas, please connect with your Match Support Specialist and they will be able to assist you. Follow our [Facebook](#) page for news, other activity ideas and ticket opportunities.*

*Have a great fall with your Little Sister!*

*All the best,  
The Big Sister Boston Match Support Team*

**Note: All activities on this calendar are free unless otherwise listed.**



### **HONK! Festival of Activist Street Bands**

**Friday, October 5 through Sunday, October 7**

**Somerville**

**All Ages**

This awesome annual 3-day free festival brings socially-engaged brass bands from all over the United States and the world to Somerville for a celebration of music, community and activism. The event takes place in different locations around Somerville and Cambridge and includes parades, performances and lantern-making. Click [here](#) to get more information about the schedule and locations.

### **Scavenger Hunt at the Esplanade**

**Saturday, October 6 from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Community Boating Inc.**



### All ages

Come celebrate the fall foliage with the Esplanade Association's A-to-Z Scavenger Hunt! Go on an adventure through the Charles River Esplanade as you learn about its history, activities, and life along the Esplanade. Spots are limited. Click [here](#) to register.



## Columbus Day Parade

Sunday, October 7 at 1:00 PM

East Boston

All Ages

Boston's spectacular Columbus Day Parade features an eclectic mix of marching brass bands, vintage cars, performers, floats, military units and Colonial militias, Italian-Boston organizations, Duck Boat floats, politicians and more. Click [here](#) for more information.



## Free Ferry Day

Sunday, October 7

Long Wharf North

All ages

Hop aboard for a free trip to Georges or Spectacle Island! Don't miss the final weekend of 2018 ferry service to the islands. Explore historic Fort Warren on Georges Island or walk Spectacle Island's sandy beaches and winding trails. Click [here](#) for more information.



## Big Sister Boston Opportunity: *The Hate U Give* Movie Pre-Screening

Tuesday, October 9 from 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Showcase Cinema Revere

13+

Join other Big and Little Sisters for a free pre-screening presented by Showcase Cinema. This movie is rated PG-13 and may not be appropriate for all Little Sisters. Space is limited. Click [here](#) to register.



## Big Sister Boston Opportunity: Roslindale Day Parade

Sunday, October 14 from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Roslindale

All ages

We are excited to march in the 43rd Annual Roslindale Day

Parade! Join us to support the girls of Roslindale and Greater Boston. Friends and family are welcome! The parade is about two miles long, so wear comfortable walking shoes, bring a water bottle and dress for the outdoors. Click [here](#) to register by Friday, October 5.



## **Boston Book Festival**

**Saturday, October 13**

**Copley Square**

**All ages**

Boston Book Festival hosts author presentations, panels, and hands-on demonstrations. A street fair in the square features exhibitors and live music throughout the day. There are plenty of events for kids and teens. Click [here](#) for the schedule.



## **Big Sister Boston Opportunity: Halloween Party**

**Saturday, October 20 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Boston Nature Center**

**All ages**

Please join us for a spooky afternoon of nature and Halloween-themed fun at the Boston Nature Center, sponsored by Boston Scientific! Enjoy a trick-or-treat nature walk, a mad scientist station, pumpkin decorating, spider races, dancing and more! Costumes are encouraged, and Sisters will have the opportunity to participate in a costume parade with awards. Lunch will be provided. A portion of this event will take place outside, so please plan to dress for the weather. Event will take place rain or shine. Please contact Kasey at [kolson@bigsister.org](mailto:kolson@bigsister.org) or 617.236.8064 with any questions. Click [here](#) to register by Friday, October 12. Space is limited and first come, first served.



## **Head of the Charles Regatta**

**Saturday, October 20 & Sunday, October 21**

**Cambridge**

**All Ages**

The Head of the Charles Regatta is one of the world's largest rowing events. Watch rowing teams compete from all over the country and admire the sights of autumn along the banks of the Charles River in Cambridge. Along the three-mile course, spectators can celebrate at the Regatta's rowing and fitness expo, take in all the action at the boisterous Reunion Village and indulge in some of New England's best fare from local chefs and restaurants. Click [here](#) to visit their website and learn more.

## **22nd Annual A Cappella Competition**

**Saturday, October 20 & Sunday, October 21**

**Faneuil Hall Marketplace**

**All Ages**

On Saturday, October 20 and Sunday, October 21 Faneuil Hall Marketplace hosts the 22nd Annual A Cappella Competition! Watch



as over 40 of New England's best A Cappella groups compete for cash prizes and the winning title. Click [here](#) for more information.



## Halloween Pet Parade

**Saturday, October 27 at 12:00 PM**

**Faneuil Hall Marketplace**

**All Ages**

Dress up your pet and parade around Faneuil Hall Marketplace or just go to enjoy the parade! Registration is only required for the costume contest. Click [here](#) for more information or to register.



## Pumpkin Palooza

**Saturday, October 27 and Sunday, October 28**

**Lawn on D**

**All Ages**

This event will have tons of Halloween fun for all ages! Pumpkin carving, costume parade, train, and more. Click [here](#) for more information.



## Fog x Kids: Engineering in the Fog

**Sunday, October 28 from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Arnold Arboretum**

**Ages 8+**

Discover the Fog at this drop-in activity at the Arnold Arboretum. Make your own glasses to create your up close and personal Fog. No registration required. Click [here](#) for more information.



## Astronomy After Hours

**Fridays in October from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

**Museum of Science**

**All ages**

The Museum of Science offers an evening full of astronomy-themed fun every Friday through October. On clear nights, visit the Gilliland Observatory on the roof of the Museum's parking garage, where you can view stars, planets, the Moon, and other astronomical phenomena. The Museum has a hotline which is updated by 5:30 PM each Friday with more details. Call 617-589-0267 or click [here](#) for more information.

## Haunted Movie Series



**Saturdays in October at 6:00 PM**

**The Salem Common**

**All ages**

North Shore matches - Grab a blanket and head over to Salem Common at dusk for an outdoor showing of some favorite family-friendly movies that will put you in the mood for a spooktacular Halloween! Click [here](#) for a list of movies.

## For Big Sisters Only

### Big Sister Social: Yoga Wine Down

**Thursday, October 18 from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**Ink Block**

Join us for our fall Big Sister Social, the Yoga Wine Down! The event will consist of a yoga class suitable for all levels, followed by a wine reception. Let's celebrate our wonderful mentors with some yoga and some wine! *Wine and cost of class included in \$5 admission fee. Event is 21+.*

**Please note this event is strictly for matched Big Sisters only.**

**[Click here to register!](#)**



## Featured Partnership: The Genki Spark

Want to give Taiko drumming a try? The Genki Spark offers public workshops for beginners, no experience necessary! Big and Little Sisters can get \$10 off if they participate in a workshop together.

Contact [The Genki Spark](#) directly to take advantage of this discount.



## Activity of the Month: Apple Slice "Cookies"

### What you need:

Apples  
Nut butter  
Toppings!  
(Mini chocolate chips, coconut, nuts, granola, etc.)

Click [here](#) for full instructions on how to make Apple Slice "Cookies"!



**Have an idea for a fun and free activity?  
Tell us, and we'll share it in the next calendar.**



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