



Pass It On!

Outdoor Mentors



UPCOMING PASS IT ON EVENTS

Sat., September 27

Harper County Youth Deer Hunt. Contact Kansas BBBS at (316) 263-3300 for details.

Z Bar Youth Deer Hunt, Group #1. Contact Kansas BBBS at (316) 263-3300 for details.

Sun., September 28

Z Bar Youth Deer Hunt, Group #2. Contact Kansas BBBS at (316) 263-3300 for details.

KDWP Deer Hunt in Anthony, KS. Contact Kansas BBBS at (316) 263-3300 for details.

Fri. - Sun., October 3 - 5

Cross Timbers Outdoor Camp. Contact BBBS of Butler County at (316) 321-7763 for details.

Sat., October 11

Upland Training Hunt at the Flint Hills Hunting Preserve. Contact BBBS of Sedgwick County at (316) 263-3300 for details.

Sat., October 18

Pheasant Hunting Class in Junction City. Contact BBBS of Junction City at (785) 238-1650 for details.

Audubon Society Big For A Day at the Chaplin Nature Center. Contact BBBS of Sedgwick County at (316) 263-3300 for details.

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September 2003 Program Update

Welcome new Pass It On Coordinator, Gene McCauley!

A new face has been organizing *Pass It On* events this summer. Gene McCauley, a 30-year veteran of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, has joined Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters staff as coordinator of the *Pass It On* program.

"When we put out the word that we were looking for someone to coordinate the program for Kansas, we had a number of outstanding applicants step forward," said Mike Christensen, director of outdoor mentoring projects. "Gene was an excellent choice for this position. He just stepped in and began putting things together."

Gene comes to Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters with a long history in the outdoors, beginning with his days as a youngster in northeast Kansas.

"Soon after my birth in Kansas City, my folks returned to their roots in Holton



Gene McCauley, Kansas Pass It On Coordinator, helps a Little Brother hold up his fish during a Big For A Day event in Clark County.

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A Wild Summer

Matches Enjoy Fishing, Shooting, and More!

For too many youth, summer vacation means two months of staying inside the house and watching television, playing video games, or surfing the internet.

But for Littles in the Pass It On - Outdoor Mentors program, this summer offered new opportunities to enjoy fun outdoor activities.

Read on to find out how some Littles spent their summer vacation!

Fishing at the Z Bar Ranch

In June, eight matches from Sedgwick County traveled to Ted Turner's Z Bar Ranch, southwest of Medicine Lodge, to enjoy a great morning of fishing.

Ranch manager Keith Yearout gave a short safety talk (watch out for rattlers!) and gave volunteers and Littles a brief tour of the facility. Matches viewed a golden eagle from the Topeka Zoo that will

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Texas Agency Kicks Off Pass It On Program

The Pass It On - Outdoor Mentors program is in full swing in **Texas**, with the state's first **Pass It On program coordinator, Chip Martin**, now hired! Chip, whose background includes 10 years as Texas' Quail Unlimited Regional Director, will begin piloting the areas Pass It On program by arranging several outdoor events throughout the Lone Star State.



outdoorsmen and women with our programs.”

“I’m looking forward to hitting the ground running with this new position,” Chip said. “Texas has a rich outdoors tradition that will let us bring many new men and women to Big Brothers Big Sisters and let us involve a great number of our Littles in outdoor activities.”

Chip is already making plans to schedule dove and quail hunts for this fall.

Janet Ardoyno, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Abilene, said that she was excited about the opportunities Chip could bring to the program.

“Chip’s contacts with outdoors organizations, and his passion for kids will be a great asset for Big Brothers Big Sisters in Texas,” she said. “We are looking forward to engaging more

He will also be working with local conservation organizations to get Texas Littles involved with a wide variety of other outdoor experiences including fishing, boating, canoeing, and nature appreciation.

For more information about Pass It On events in Texas, call Chip at (325) 660-3599 or e-mail him at txquail@bitstreet.com.

Pass It On is in the News!



This summer, the Pass It On - Outdoor Mentors program received national recognition with articles appearing in several major outdoors publications.

The Pass It On program was featured in the May issue of *Sports Afield*, the summer issue of *Outdoor Life*, the special Puppies Edition of *Retriever Journal* and *Pointing Dog Journal*, and the July/August issue of *Quail Unlimited*.

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To view these and other articles about the Pass It On program, visit www.ksbbbs.org/passiton.

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- a farming community,” Gene recalled. “There I grew up hunting, fishing, chasing coyotes, scouting and working on farms.”

His background also includes a degree in Fish and Wildlife Biology from Kansas State University, eight years as a fisheries biologist with the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission, and 22 years as a game warden for Cowley and Chautauqua Counties.

Now, Gene is eager to pass on his knowledge of the outdoors and help the Kansas Pass It On program grow.

“I enjoy Pass It On activities and expect to realize even more enjoyment as I get acquainted with folks across the state,” Gene said. “Those of you that I’ve already met are wonderful, caring people and I say thanks for all you do. Together, we can make a difference!”

NSSF Recognized for Support of Pass It On

At Big Brothers Big Sisters' 2003 National Conference Awards Banquet in June, the National Shooting Sports Foundation and the STEP OUTSIDE program were honored as recipients of the President's Circle Award. This award is given out annually in recognition of individuals, corporations, and foundations that have contributed \$25,000 or more to Big Brothers Big Sisters over the previous year.

In 2002, NSSF donated \$35,000 in start-up funds to Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Pass It On program. NSSF and STEP OUTSIDE exceeded their 2002 donation to outdoor mentoring this year, by making a gift of \$250,000.



Judy Vredenburg, president/CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, presents the President's Circle Award to Jodi Valenta, director of recruitment and retention for the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

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Sat., November 1
Sedgwick County Youth Upland Hunt. Contact BBBS of Sedgwick County at (316) 263-3300 for details.

Friends of the NRA Youth Hunter Challenge. Contact BBBS of Cowley County at (620) 221-7766 for details.

Sat., November 22
Audubon Society Big For A Day at Quivira Wildlife Refuge. Contact BBBS of Sedgwick County at (316) 263-3300 for details.

Sat. and Sun., November 22 - 23
David Segui Celebrity Hunt and Trap Shoot. Contact Kansas BBBS at (316) 263-3300 for details.

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Flyfishing Big For A Day

be released on the ranch as soon as it can fly, as well as a prairie dog town and booming lesser prairie chickens.

Then, it was on to the main event. Immediately after the first Little cast a line, he had a strike from a three-pound bass! Throughout the morning, bass, catfish and bluegill were reeled in with regularity.

By lunchtime a light sprinkle had begun, so everyone loaded up and went in for a buffalo burger lunch. All in all, everyone enjoyed great fishing and a fun day in the outdoors!

Flyfishing with the Flatland Flyfishers Club

Eight Wichita Littles got to try a new outdoor activity this summer – flyfishing! The Flatland Flyfishers Club cosponsored this event and provided all of the fly rods, reels, and the flies to Littles.

Volunteers and Littles were matched up for a morning of flyfishing at Wichita's Great Plains Nature Center. Each Little received personal instruction from their volunteer on how to hold and cast their rod. After practicing casting with a colored yarn fly, it was time to see if the Littles could hook a whopper of their own!

Everyone landed a few fish, and each Little also enjoyed the experience of using a fly rod. That afternoon, they learned to tie their own flies.

By day's end, every Little was a flyfishing fanatic. Thank you to the 14 volunteers from the Flatland Flyfishers Club for hosting a terrific event!

Skeet Shooting with the Ark Valley Gun Club

Although hunting season isn't until the fall, Littles had no shortage of opportunities to practice their shooting skills during the summer months. Pass It On Bigs and Littles enjoyed an evening of skeet shooting in Wichita, cosponsored by the Ark Valley Gun Club.

Ark Valley Gun Club members first provided Bigs and Littles with some instruction on proper skeet shooting techniques. Then, Bigs and Littles tried their hand at target shooting by turning some clays into dust. Gun Club members gave Littles individual instruction throughout the afternoon, and by the end of the event, everyone had broken a few clays!

Thank you to the Ark Valley Gun Club. We look forward to having PIO teams in the next Skeet League.

See page 4 for more photos of the summer's Pass It On activities!



Skeet Shooting in Wichita

Summer Fun In The Outdoors!

Youth from all across the Sunflower State took advantage of the hot summer temperatures to participate in new Pass It On activities.

Top, a Big Brother helps his Little learn to fly fish during an August Big For A Day event in Wichita.

Left, Douglas County Big Jeremy Glauner looks on as Littles pose with their shot-guns during a Big For A Day event at the Cedar Hill Gun Club.

Right, Big Sister Terrilee Jones and her Little Sister Donna Black show off the bass they took home from Z-Bar Ranch, owned by Ted Turner.

Bottom, a match enjoys fishing together during a local OKKids (Outdoor Kansas for Kids) Day event.



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