

Family Reunion Suggestions

Themes

Circus, Beverly Hillbillies, Family Olympics – serious or funny, Army, Disneyland, Pirates, Pioneers, Carnival, Fairy Tales, Western, Scriptures, Music, Sports, Luau, Futuristic, Scouting, Holiday, School, Jungle, Ancestor Countries,

Flyers/Letters/Email

Extended Family – 6 months to a year – Closer Family – up to 6 months

Location and Time

Same Place – same time – a central location or have it around an ancestor birthplace or birthday

Every 3-5 years for extended family Every year or every other year for close family

Reunion funding

Set an amount each year or have it depend on the reunion

Keep enough in the fund after the reunion to pay for stamps and notification for next reunion

Activities – Remember to involve everyone

Talent show, genius Kits, Family awards, Honor Family members (brothers and sister), Family Name word search or other paper games. Crafts for younger ones, temple session, marshmallow guns, Olympic activities, bubbles, relays, rent the swimming pool or bowling alley, have a spiritual activity, service project for family or community

Fabulous Food

Make assignments by having different families in charge of different meals Or bring your own food if 1 meal

Pot luck meals or Charge an amount and someone buys all the food but each family helps fix it and clean up

Cook Grandma's Favorite Recipes and/or make a recipe book to share

Name Tags

Can go with theme – label who you are related through

T-Shirts – color coded for each family – family name on back – iron on pictures

Neckerchiefs – oversized Dog Tags – Hats

Helpful Hints

Extra water – Bring Shade – Just in case (first aid kit, sunscreen, extra toilet paper, etc)

Ice Breakers

Guess who's who from previously sent in baby pictures

Family bingo – Find your relative – sign in sheet – signatures – Scavenger Hunt

Historian/Genealogist

Sign in table - Coloring books - update lists of addresses, phone numbers & emails - Bring family group sheets

Addresses and Invitations

Someone to be in charge of Family Address Book which includes emails

Invites or reminders (a post card) can go along with the theme

Send early and then send closer to event

Photo Opportunities

Costumes

Prop (car, home, place, ancestor pictures)

Individual families Group picture

Have skits

Can tell ancestor stories

Book of Mormon Charades

Family Songs or Family Home Evening

Family treasures to display and tell their stories

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