

**Blackwell Family Association**  
**72th Annual Blackwell Family Reunion**  
**July 26-28, 2024**

**DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2024**

(Hotel & Reunion Registration)

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**HOTEL REGISTRATION**

**Marriott Newport News City Center, 740 Town Center Drive, Newport News, VA 23606**

The Blackwell Family Reunion group rate per night is \$183.85 (\$159.00 plus \$24.85 state/local taxes).

Room reservations: Call 866-329-1758 or reserve online using the [registration link](#).

Complimentary Parking

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**REUNION REGISTRATION**

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

*(Dues are non-refundable)*

*Use Separate sheet for additional names*

**Annual Dues**

Child    Adult

(Under 18 yrs.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_      \$12.00      \$25.00

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Dues**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Existing lifetime membership installments of no less than \$100.00 annually.

*(New lifetime memberships are not being accepted at this time.)*

**Lifetime Installment**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**How Many**

**T-SHIRTS**

\_\_\_\_\_ Child @ \$15.00 ea.      How many \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult @ \$20.00 ea.      How many \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult @ \$23.00 ea.      How many \_\_\_ 2XL \_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_ 4XL      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total T-Shirts**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PARK ADMISSION**

\_\_\_\_\_ Child @ \$26.00 ea. (5-11 y/o) Listed Lunch\* \_\_\_ Vegetarian/Vegan \_\_\_      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Child @ \$32.00 ea. (12-17 y/o) Listed Lunch\* \_\_\_ Vegetarian/Vegan \_\_\_      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult @ \$48.00 ea.      Listed Lunch\* \_\_\_ Vegetarian/Vegan \_\_\_      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Park admission includes lunch and activities (listed in the Schedule of Events).      **Total Admission \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Children 4 years old and below are free. Children 5-11 years old are \$26 each. Children 12-17 years old are \$32 each.

\*Lunch includes *Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Mac n Cheese, Baked Beans, Rolls, Bottle of Water, Drinks.*

*(Sample menu)* Please inform of dietary restrictions on the reverse side.

**MINGLE & DANCE (Live music provided by COREY EL & THE FAM BAND)**

\_\_\_\_\_ All Attendees @ \$40.00 ea.      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A light assortment of hors d'oeuvres will be served.      **Total Admission \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed for Dues, T-Shirts, Park Admission, Mingle and Dance \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Make check/money order payable to **Blackwell Family Reunion** and mail with a copy of this form to Charles Jones, 7949 Tamarind Drive, Richmond, VA 23227. Contact Charles if you wish to pay via **Zelle** at (804) 337-1928 or [cj7949@verizon.net](mailto:cj7949@verizon.net).

**Registration Deadline: 5/31/24**

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**72<sup>th</sup> Annual Blackwell Family Reunion**  
**July 26-28, 2024**

**Marriott Newport News City Center and Yorktown Beach Picnic Area**  
Commemorating 290 Years Since the Enslavement of Ama and Tab

**REUNION SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, July 25, 2024**

8:30 p.m. EST **General Meeting** via Zoom (all are invited to attend)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7036181176?pwd=NVImlRElYZGcwMWJrcnFlazh5VmxpZz09>

Meeting ID: 703 618 1176

Passcode: jV5U6e

**Friday, July 26, 2024**

**Marriott Newport News City Center Hotel**

3:00 p.m. Hotel Check-in

4:00 p.m. Registration & Meet and Greet – **Marriott Great Room** (in lobby)

*(Membership cards, t-shirts, wrist bands, are picked up at Registration Table.)*

**Saturday, July 27, 2024**

**Yorktown Beach Picnic Area**

9:00 a.m. Arrive in Yorktown *(Parking accommodations discussed on the next page.)*

10:00 a.m. Ceremony commemorating 290 years since Ama and Tab were enslaved in Africa.

- Meet at the corner of Water & Read Street
- Opening Prayer and Libation
- Spoken Word Performance by Dr. Shawnrell Blackwell
- Historic Speech on Ama and Tab in Yorktown by William E. Blackwell, II
- Group Photograph (Wear your Family Reunion T-Shirts)

11:00 a.m. Blackwell Family Reunion - Cookout Style

- Lunch, Anniversary Cake, Grace Cup, Roll Call of States, In Remembrance, **Raffles**
- Special Acknowledgement of Elders

12:00 a.m. Fun and Games at the Park

- Board and card games, music and dance, competitive sports, and interactive activities for all ages.

4:00 p.m. Depart the Park

**Marriott Newport News City Center Hotel**

7:00 - 12 a.m. Mingle & Dance – **Marriot Blue Point Room**

· Corey El & The Fam Band · Light Hors d'Oeuvres · Business Casual Attire

**Sunday, July 28, 2024**

**Marriott Newport News City Center Hotel**

7:30 - 8 a.m. Closing Prayer and Benediction – **Marriott Great Room** (in lobby)



Family not staying at the hotel can drive directly to Yorktown.

For Family departing from the Marriott Newport News City Center.

- **8:15 a.m.** meet in the parking deck.
- **8:30 a.m.** depart together to assist family with safe and timely arrival to Yorktown.

Arrival at Yorktown and free parking options.

- **9:00 a.m. Three primary (free) parking locations.**
  - Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center, **1000 Colonial National Historic Pkwy, Yorktown, VA 23690**
  - Riverwalk Landing Parking Deck, **300 Water St, Yorktown, VA 23690**
  - Yorktown Beach Picnic Area, at the end of Water Street

After parking, walk to the corner of Water & Read Street. *Historic note:* According to the Blackwell Family Historian's research; this is the site where the slave ship *Doddington* disembarked Ama and Tab on June 18, 1735.

- **10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony.** Please arrive early enough for our large family group to get organized on the beach.
- **Walking directions from the Visitor Center to the corner of Water & Read Street**
  - Take the walking trail to the left of the Visitor Center, cross the Footbridge, continue the trail.
  - Continue straight on Main Street as you pass the Victory Monument to your right.
  - Turn right at Read Street and walk down the hill.
  - Gather on the other side of the street on the beach.
- Dropping off Elders and people with special accommodations
  - Drop them off in the parking lot at the corner of Water & Read Street.
  - Park if available, otherwise drop them off, and park in one of the above listed designated spots.
- The Trolley picks up from the Visitor Center and the Parking Deck every 20-35 minutes for free.

Movement from the corner of Water & Read Street to the Beach Picnic Area

- **11:00 a.m. Blackwell Family Reunion – Cookout Style**
- **Walk down the Water Street sidewalk to the Beach Picnic Area**
- Pick up elders and people with special considerations at the Water & Read Street parking lot, and drop them off in the parking lot of the Beach Picnic Area. We cannot reserve or block-off parking because this is a National Park.
  - **Tobacco Road Foot Trail is the most direct route to depart from the Picnic Area to the Visitor Center**