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Seattle Family Reunion Issue 2

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Seattle Reunion Committee

2026 AAD
Reunion Hosts

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GREETINGS FAMILY,

This is our second newsletter for the upcoming SEATTLE FAMILY REUNION in July 2026. The Seattle Reunion committee is actively planning an exciting weekend for everyone. We started working and planning almost immediately after the Atlanta Reunion.

We've included hotel information and assessment amounts so you can start planning and setting aside funds to ensure you are *"In the House"* when we meet in Seattle next year!

Sincerely,

Your Reunion Committee



Seattle Family Trivia Question?

Did you know that there are _____ AAD family members residing in Washington in the Seattle area?



Seattle Reunion Hotel Details

The **DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Seattle Airport – Southcenter** is our reunion hotel for 2026. The AAD hotel rates are **\$279 per night** for a King bed or two Double beds. The hotel stay includes a complimentary breakfast for two people each morning. To reserve your room:

1. Click the **hotel link**: [AAD Family Reunion](#)
2. Family reunion dates: **Thursday, July 16 – Sunday, July 19, 2026**

Or **call 1-800-222-8733** or local reservations at 206-575-8220 to book your reservation and provide them with the **group code AAD**.

Email the reunion committee if rooms are unavailable or if you encounter any issues reserving your hotel rooms. Please get in touch with aadfamilyreunion@gmail.com

Registration Fees

The 2026 AAD Family Reunion Registration Fees are listed below. We are working to include as many activities as possible in the registration fee. More details on family activities will be shared in upcoming newsletters.

- **\$150 per adult** (15 years old & up)
- **\$110 per child** (3 – 14 years old)
- **Free** for 0 – 2-year-old (infants and toddlers)

We strongly encourage you to **make installments** early to make this as affordable as possible. You can send payments starting now until May 16, 2026.

For example, for a family of three – two adults and one child, age 10. The total registration fee would be \$410. If you send in payments of \$45.55 per month (starting now), you will have your total paid by May 16, 2026.

Payment Link – www.paypal.com/paypalme/aadfamilyreunion

Ensure you **select “FRIENDS & FAMILY”** to avoid more fees being added to the reunion account.

You can also mail a check to: Delna Gray, 1296 Cronson Blvd. PO Box 3007, Crofton, MD 21114

The **AAD Family Reunion website** is available for you to view reunion information, <https://aadfamilyreunion.org>

We will update the website with more detailed information over the next month. Check back soon!

SOME POPULAR SEATTLE LANDMARKS & TOURIST SPOTS

Historical Places:

- **Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park** – Learn about Seattle’s role in the 1897-98 gold rush at this free museum in Pioneer Square.
- **Smith Tower** – Opened in 1914, this was once the tallest building west of the Mississippi. Visit the observatory for stunning views.
- **Historic Chinatown Gate** – A vibrant landmark marking the entrance to Seattle’s Chinatown, celebrating the city’s cultural heritage.
- **Log House Museum** – Operated by the Southwest Seattle Historical Society, this museum showcases the history of West Seattle.

Tourist Attractions:

- **Space Needle** – Seattle’s most iconic landmark, offering breathtaking views from its observation deck.
- **Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP)** – A must-visit for music, sci-fi, and pop culture fans.
- **Hiram M. Chittenden Locks** – Watch boats pass through the locks and visit the fish ladder to see salmon migrating.
- **Starbucks Reserve Roastery** – Located in Capitol Hill, this immersive coffee experience offers rare blends, specialty drinks, and a behind-the-scenes look at Starbucks’ roasting process.
- **Original Starbucks at Pike Place Market** – Visit the first-ever Starbucks store, opened in 1971, and see its historic signage and original design
- **Olympic Sculpture Park** – A stunning waterfront park filled with monumental sculptures and green space.
- **Post Alley** – A historic passageway known for its charming shops, cafes, and the famous Gum Wall.

FREE ACTIVITIES

Jimi Hendrix Park 2400 S Massachusetts St, Seattle, WA 98144 Open Daily, 4 AM-11:30PM



Located next to the Northwest African American Museum, Jimi Hendrix Park celebrates the life and legacy of Jimi Hendrix, as well as the multicultural community in which he grew up. At the Jimi Hendrix Park, you’ll find a welcoming green space, a chronological timeline of Jimi Hendrix’s life and career, a butterfly garden, and sculptures. For music lovers, this is one of the best things to do in Seattle for free!

Pike Place Market



Opening in 1907, **Pike Place Market** is the oldest continuously operating farmers’ market in the country (Seattle in July is the best time to visit for tons of produce). This iconic Seattle landmark has been a bustling hub of commerce and community for over a century, attracting locals and visitors alike to shop for fresh produce, artisanal goods, and unique crafts.