

AAD Family Reunion

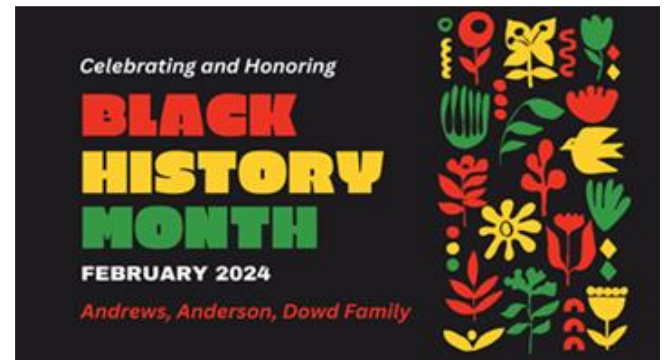
Black History Month Newsletter

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Pay your Assessment & Reserve your Hotel Rooms

Atlanta is a popular city, and they host a lot of events during the summer. The reunion committee needs to confirm reservations/plans, and we need your financial commitment to get an accurate headcount and logistics lined-up.

Please **Pay** ASAP & Thank you!

Atlanta's African American community has woven a tapestry of rich contributions into the very fabric of American history. From the ashes of slavery and Reconstruction, they built a vibrant city, leaving an indelible mark on social justice, education, arts, culture, and business.

Pioneers of progress: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy and institutions such as Atlanta University Center, a consortium of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and the election of seven consecutive Black Mayors since 1974 which include Maynard Jackson, Ambassador Andrew Young Jr., Kesha Lance Bottom, and the current mayor Andre Dickens.

Cultural cornerstones: Artistic giants like Alice Walker, Toni Morrison, and Tyler Perry who gave voice to Black experiences. Grammy Award-winning artists, Ray Charles, Jermaine Dupri, T.I., Arrested Development, Ludacris, and Outkast are a few of the influential musicians from Atlanta.

Economic engines: Black entrepreneurs like Alonzo Herndon, one of the nation's first Black millionaires. Robert F. Smith, philanthropist who paid-off Morehouse student tuition in 2019, Tope Awatona inventor of Calendly software, and H.J. Russell & Co. world renowned commercial and residential real estate mogul.

Atlanta's Emerging Entrepreneurs: Jennet Jackson [Weathered Not Worn](#) Bryan Chatman and Stanzel Jackson [Fruition Hat Company](#), Marguerite Pressley Davis [Finance Savvy CEO](#), Bea Dixon [The Honey Pot](#), Kamal Grant [Sublime Donuts](#), Bunnie Hilliard [Brave and Kind Bookshop](#), Anthony Sanders and O. Osiris Ballard [Atlanta Breakfast Club](#), and Chris Classic [Savoir Faire](#) are a few of the rising entrepreneurs in the ATL.

Atlanta remains a hub for Black enterprises, fostering economic empowerment and opportunity. The legacy of Atlanta's rich Black History continues to inspire and shape America's present and future, reminding us that our journey continues.

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Family Reunion Registration Fees & Other Information

Registration Fees

The 2024 AAD Family Reunion Registration Fees are listed below. We have worked to include as many activities as possible in the registration fee. You will have free time to explore the city, but the activities in our agenda are part of the fees except for the family reunion t-shirts that will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.

We are working to make this an enjoyable experience and sharing the pricing with you now so you can plan and prepare for the upcoming 2024 Family Reunion.

- **\$175 per adult** (11 years old & up)
- **\$110 per child** (3 – 10 years old)
- **Free** for 0 to 2 years old infants and toddlers

Payment Link - paypal.me/aadfamiliyreunion

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

Visit the AAD Family Reunion page for more details:
<https://aadfamilyreunion.org>

Schedule at a Glance

Thursday, July 18, 2024

- Reunion Check-in and weekend agenda details.
- Family Meet & Greet (Embassy Suites)

Friday, July 19, 2024

- Free time to explore Atlanta
- AAD Family Banquet (Embassy Suites)

Saturday, July 20, 2024

- Wear your AAD Reunion T-shirts
- Family Picture
- Tour the Atlanta area by bus
- AAD Family Meal (Popular Local Spot)

Sunday, July 21, 2024

- Breakfast & Family Meeting

Atlanta Reunion Hotel Details

The **Downtown Embassy Suites at Centennial Olympic Park** is our reunion hotel for 2024. The AAD Hotel Rates are **\$199 per night** for a King Bed or 2 Double Beds (limited). To reserve your room,

1. Click the **hotel link**: [Embassy Suites Atlanta Centennial Olympic Park Hotel \(hilton.com\)](https://hilton.com)
2. Enter the reunion dates: **July 18 - 21, 2024**
3. Enter the **Group Code**: **91L** for the *AAD Family Reunion* rate.

Or call **1-800-EMBASSY (362-2779)** to book your reservations and give them the **group code 91L**. Please do not call the hotel directly.

Email the reunion committee if rooms are not available or you have any issues reserving your hotel rooms, please email [aadfamilyreunion@gmail.com](mailto:aadfamiliyreunion@gmail.com)



Local Activity in Centennial Park

The reunion committee has factored in free time for you to explore the downtown Atlanta area. There are several attractions within walking distance from the Embassy Suites hotel in Centennial Park. We hope you plan time to visit some of the attractions that are steps from the hotel.

	<p>The <u>Georgia Aquarium in Downtown Atlanta</u> contains more than 11 million gallons of water and exhibits hundreds of species and thousands of animals across its seven major galleries. The aquarium features beluga whales, whale sharks, manta rays, sea otters, penguins, and many more amazing creatures.</p>
 <p>Children's Museum of Atlanta</p>	<p><u>Children's Museum of Atlanta</u> is the only educational venue of its kind in Atlanta. The Museum strives to spark every child's imagination, sense of discovery and learning through the power of play through community outreach initiatives, educational programs, and exhibits designed for children ages 0–8.</p>
	<p><u>Centennial Olympic Park's Fountain of Rings</u> is the centerpiece of Centennial Olympic Park and is one of Georgia's famous landmarks. Millions of visitors enjoy the world's largest interactive Olympic Ring symbol fountain. Children from around play in and enjoy the water jets which create a safe, cool area for Downtown Atlanta.</p>
	<p>The <u>National Center for Civil and Human Rights</u> is a museum dedicated to the achievements of the civil rights movement in the United States and the broader worldwide human rights movement. The Center's iconic exhibitions feature the papers and artifacts of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; the history of the civil rights movement in the U.S.; and stories of struggles for human rights around the world.</p>
	<p><u>Zoo Atlanta</u> allows you to explore the natural world with hundreds of animals at one of Georgia's most beloved destinations. Do not miss the African Savanna, featuring African elephants, giraffes, zebra, meerkats and more. Other highlights include giant pandas and one of North America's largest populations of great apes.</p>
	<p>Towering nearly 20 stories above Centennial Park, the <u>SkyView Atlanta Ferris Wheel</u> features 42 climate-controlled + private gondolas providing guests with breathtaking panoramic views of downtown Atlanta and the surrounding metropolitan area.</p>
	<p>The <u>College Football Hall of Fame</u> immortalizes the greatest of the amateur gridiron. Explore our captivating interactive exhibits showcasing the heart, pageantry, and traditions of College Football, be a part of the game. Three floors, five themed galleries and over 50 interactive exhibits, including a 47-yard football field and a three-story wall of over 750 college football helmets, awaits visitors.</p>
	<p><u>World of Coca-Cola</u> allows you to explore the fascinating story of Coca-Cola – the world's best-known beverage brand. Travel through time as you learn about Coca-Cola's history, put your nose to the test in Scent Discovery, sample beverages from around the world, and discover our newest immersive experience, Beverage Lab where magic meets the science of beverage innovation!</p>