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Welcome to ATLANTA GEORGIA

Bringing Southern Hospitality Back!

Thank you to all the family that attended the 2022 Las Vegas reunion! You voted to make Atlanta the next family reunion destination and your family reunion committee is working to create an exciting experience for you!

We are excited to meet with you again. For family members who have not attended an event yet, we are eager to meet you in Atlanta!

We are less than 1 year away from our next family gathering and we are busy putting plans together so please review the hotel information and other details in this newsletter to allow you to start planning to attend.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to one of the committee members if you should have any questions or email our general email box with any information you wish to share or communicate, adfamilyreunion@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Pour Reunion Committee

Atlanta Reunion Committee



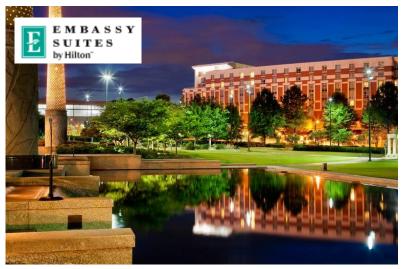
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EMBASSY SUITES CENTENNIAL OLYMPIC PARK

267 Marietta Street Atlanta, Georgia, 30313

We have selected the Downtown Embassy Suites at Centennial Olympic Park as our reunion hotel for 2024. The hotel is centrally located and close to many local attractions. We believe you will enjoy the larger rooms, two room suites, and cook to order free breakfast!

HOTEL RATES are \$199 per night for One King Bed or Two Double Beds. Please use the link below with **Group Code: 91L** for the *AAD Family Reunion* rate.

Embassy Suites Atlanta Centennial Olympic Park Hotel

Or **call 1-800-EMBASSY (362-2779)** to book your reservations. Please do not call the hotel directly.

Next July will be a VERY BUSY time in Atlanta so we want to ensure everyone has their accommodations booked. We have a limited number of rooms reserved. Book your hotel reservation earlier so if we need extra rooms, we can request more rooms while they are still available. You can cancel up 72 hours prior to arrival without cancellation penalties.

HILTON REWARDS

If you are Hilton Rewards member, remember to sign in when reserving your room to attach your number to the reservation.

If you are not a Hilton Rewards member, here is a link for your convenience to sign-up sign up in advance with our <u>Hilton Honors</u> program.



The AAD Family Reunion website is available for you to view reunion information.

https://aadfamilyreunion.org

We are in the early stages of development, but we are updating the site with more detailed information over the next month.

Check back soon and often!





Family Reunion Committee's Planning Survey

Please complete the AAD Family Reunion Interest survey to help us plan and estimate cost for the upcoming reunion in Atlanta.

Your input helps us keep the cost down and ensure we spend quality time together.

AAD Family Reunion Interest Survey

Please complete by 8/27/23





ATLANTA'S BLACK HISTORY

As the committee work on planning our family activities, we wanted to take a few moments to highlight Atlanta's rich Black History!

Sweet Auburn Neighborhood

The Sweet Auburn Historic District is in a historic African American neighborhood along and surrounding Auburn Avenue, east of downtown Atlanta.

Sweet Auburn was known as the "the richest negro city in the world." and its thriving black-owned businesses played a key role in the Civil Rights Movement by providing economic support and resources.



Hattie McDaniel was the first African American to win an Oscar but could not attend the premier.

Gone with the Wind was a hit movie in 1939, thanks in part to the acting skills of Hattie McDaniel. She was rewarded with an Academy Award that year for Best Supporting Actress, becoming the first African American to win the coveted prize. She was also the first African American nominated for an Oscar. However, when the movie premiered in Atlanta no Black actors in the film, were allowed to attend because of Georgia's strict segregation laws. She did go to the Hollywood premiere.



Soul prodigy Ray Charles recorded what eventually became Georgia's official state song *Georgia on My Mind* back in the '60s, and the state and its capital have flourished with a

colorful musical heritage ever since. Its musical scene has made great cultural contributions, ranging from rhythm n' blues and soul to Southern rock and hip-hop. Ray Charles was one of the first inductees at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1986.

AROUND THE "ATL"

Around the country including Atlanta, people are celebrating **50 Years of Hip Hop!**

Visit the renowned **Trap Music Museum** with your free time!



630 Travis St. NW Atlanta, GA 30318

The Trap Museum is the first hip-hop museum to celebrate the reality of southern-based trap music, located on the Westside of the city. The museum is founded by *Rapper T.I.* and business associate William "*Bem*" Sparks. For a small entry fee, you can participate in 30-minute tours that consist of reading displays.

With reservations, you can participate in their onsite Escape Room, as well as gain free access to the museum. Plan to test your knowledge and find out how much you know about Hip-Hop icons and other influential stars.



If you are planning to arrive at the AAD Reunion on Thursday, you can participate in **Sip and Trap Thursdays**. Be sure to make advanced reservations, as this is a popular event.

The Trap Museum is said to be "one of the best musical landmarks in the deep South".

~ National Geographic

ATLANTA FUN FACT!

There are over 70 streets named 'Peachtree' in Atlanta.