

Layer Family Reunion (LFR) Update

July 2023



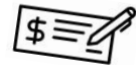
Greetings & Blessings Family



Mark your calendars! The LFR is coming soon - Labor Day Weekend 2023. Let's all get excited as we work together to make LFR 2023 a SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

- If you want to pay by check/money order, please make payable to '**Layer Family Reunion**' and mail to:

Lana Brown
9200 Windy Oak Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772



Reminders for the Upcoming LFR

- New Planning Committee Members – you can find the contact directory in this newsletter (see below). In addition, newsletters will be sent out to update the family on progress and/or any changes made.
- Communication Channels – please reach out to your local Family State Rep for all questions.
- Your Contact Information**
 - PLEASE SHARE, SHARE, SHARE your contact info. In addition, please let our team know the best way(s) to reach you. Whether it is Facebook, email, text, personal phone call or flyer in the mail please let us know
- Your Dues for 2023 – Deadline Aug. 14th, 2023**




- DUES INCREASED (\$30 every year) – These funds are used for food catering, park booking fee, D.J, photography, supplies, & church donation.
- LFR Cost of attendance:
 - All Adults (family/guests) - **\$30**
 - Kids aged 8 to 17 - **\$15**
 - Kids under 8 – **Free**
- Methods for payment see below:
 - CASH APP: \$pharaohll
 - Lana Brown
 - lane.brown2@verizon.net



- For CASH APP, in the memo section include your FULL NAME
- FOR ALL PAYMENT METHODS, send detailed email to Lana Brown specifying the Family Branch you fall under (see directory below) and the number of people you're paying for (list their first and last names)

Weekend Itinerary

Date	Event	Time & Location
Saturday, Sep. 2 nd	Meet & Greet (Coffee Hour)	Buckeystown UMC #80 6923 Michaels Mill Rd. Buckeystown, MD 21717
	Memorial Service	- Meet & Greet @10 AM (T-shirt, weekend itinerary, and food wristband pick for State Reps) - Memorial Service @11 AM
	Evening Kickback @5pm	Fourth Dimension Fun Center 4725 Arcadia Drive Frederick, MD 21703
Sunday, Sep. 3 rd	Cookout* (Catering by R&R Catering)  Park Hours: 8am to 8pm	Ballenger Creek Park 5420 Ballenger Creek Pike Frederick, MD 21703 Park Pavilion #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">2pm: Arrival time2:30-4pm: Family Games (light refreshments will be provided by LFR)4-6pm: Food will be served<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Concurrently: Begin age-based Games & Activities7pm: Clean up begins (state reps and volunteers)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8pm: Park closure
Monday, Sep. 4 th	Farewell Breakfast @10am	Golden Corral Buffet & Grill 5621 Spectrum Dr, Frederick, MD 21703

*Sunday Cookout Details: Will be catered ([R&R Catering](#)). Everyone pays to eat (kids ages 8 & under eat for free). Wrist bands will be issued and will serve as meal tickets (LFR Dues include food ticket).



What to Bring on Sunday?

- **BYOB.** We understand that everyone likes different beverages, and it can be difficult to accommodate everyone's preferences. Therefore, we are encouraging each family member to bring their own choice of beverage. This will also help reduce waste and expenses.



We kindly ask that you bring enough for yourself and a little extra to share, if possible. The LFR will provide water and tea (ice will not be provided).

- Are you an entrepreneur? Creator? The LFR will have an entrepreneur booth! Bring your business cards and product samples to advertise your business. This will be a great way for family members to support each other and learn about new products and services.



- **Sweets & Treats Potluck**
It's time to get your sweet tooth ready! From cakes to cookies, brownies to tarts, you are welcome to bring any dessert that tickles your fancy. We encourage you to bring enough to share, so everyone can get a taste of your delicious creation. LFR will provide cupcakes.



Visit Our Family Website

- www.layerfamily.org



LFR T-shirts



Official LFR 2023 T-shirts will be provided by *RC Imprints*. Please contact your local Family State Rep for more information.

- Design: **Royal Blue** T-shirt with voted design winner – see below.
- How to Order:
 - 1) Send your T-shirt order and money to designated State Rep (see contact info below)
 - 2) Reps will compile orders/collect money and send to Whitney on a monthly basis (via cash app)
- **Order Deadline** - **Deadline Aug. 14th, 2023**
- Cost: **\$30** per shirt
 - Adult Sizes (unisex): 4X, 3X, 2X, XL, L, M, S
 - Youth Sizes (unisex): XL, L, M, S



Lodging

Please note there has been a price increase in hotels across the board in recent years (please plan accordingly). As always feel free to stay at a more affordable hotels that best fit your budget. Or consider coming as a group and stay at an Airbnb. The hotel designated as the location for LFR will be Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott.

Hotel Options		
Hotel	Cost per night	Details (Address & Phone)
Fairfield Inn & Suites	\$150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5220 Westview Drive Frederick MD 21703 (301) 631-2000

Mainstay Suites	\$93	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7310 Executive Way Frederick MD 21704 (301) 668-4600
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Both hotel options have indoor pools and breakfast options. If you need any assistance with booking, please contact our Family Trips/Events Committee Chairperson [Tracey Lewis](#) (Traceylewis.inteletravel.com).

Call to Action

We need VOLUNTEERS and your RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Speakers or performers for Memorial Service (Saturday) – please contact Whitney (wjlayer04@gmail.com) if you're interested.



Gift Basket Silent Raffle (Sunday)



We're excited to announce that there will be a silent raffle (instead of giveaways) at this year's family reunion! We've come up with some amazing, themed baskets that you won't want to miss out on.

Here are just a few basket examples that could be up for grabs:

- Movie Night Basket:** This basket is filled with all the essentials for a cozy night in. It includes popcorn, candy, a cozy blanket, and a selection of classic movies.
- Beach Day Basket:** Get ready for a day of fun in the sun with this beach-themed basket. It includes sunscreen, a beach towel, beach ball, and other beach essentials.

- BBQ Basket:** Fire up the grill with this BBQ basket, which includes all the tools you need to cook up a delicious meal. From spices and marinades to grilling tools and aprons, this basket has it all.
- Self-Care Basket:** Take some time for yourself with this self-care basket. It includes spa essentials like bath bombs, candles, and a luxurious robe.
- Sports Fan Basket:** Show your team spirit with this sports-themed basket. It includes jerseys, hats, and other fan gear.

These are just a few examples of the amazing baskets that will be available at the silent raffle. One free ticket will be provided to all wristband attendees and more tickets will be available for purchase. We can't wait to see which ones you'll bid on!

Layer Family Memorial Scholarship (LFMS) Update:

A Layer Family Memorial Scholarship has been established with initial funds from our Layer Family Reunion in 2019 with family contributions of \$1000.00. The goal is to establish the Layer Family Memorial Scholarship to disseminate awards beginning 2025 and thereafter biannually. Awards will be in multiple amounts to eligible family members.

Our primary objective to reach this goal is to form a committee. At this year's family reunion, more information will be shared and an opportunity for family to be part of this fantastic endeavor to support those who seek higher education. The start-up committee appreciates your support!



Start-up Committee:

- Marcia Howard
- Shirley Ambush
- Vernon Ambush

Opportunities to Join the LFR Planning Committee

REMINDER: All decisions are voted on by the LFR Planning Committee. In addition, the reunion is planned and executed as a group.

Some of our current LFR Committee members would like to step down. Dinah Layer's last year leading was 2019 and she has officially stepped down as president. Whitney Layer (who lead the virtual reunion in 2021) will be serving as Head of LFR Planning Committee for the upcoming in-person 2023 reunion.



Beverly Pannell (Treasurer) & Lana Brown (Financial Secretary) would like 2023 to be their last year serving in their current positions. We are seeking 1 additional volunteer to do an apprenticeship with them during their last year. Note, Darselle Parker will serve as *Treasurer-in-Training* for 2023.



We have several open positions within our family that urgently need to be filled. These positions are essential for the smooth running of our family events throughout the year. We are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated individuals who are passionate about helping our family grow and thrive.

The following positions are currently open:

- **Family State Representatives (State Reps)¹**
from MD/PA – see openings and role description below
- **Financial Secretary** – contact Whitney for more details (wjlayer04@gmail.com)

JUNIOR COMMITTEE

As the generations of our family grow and evolve, we have realized the importance of maintaining our family ties and traditions through regular family reunions. With this in mind, we are excited to announce the formation of a Junior Layer Family Reunion Committee, aimed at engaging and empowering family members aged 20 years and below.

We believe that the future of our family lies in the hands of the younger generation and, as such, we want to provide them with the opportunity to actively participate in the planning and execution of our family gatherings. The Junior Committee will work alongside the Adult Committee to ensure that the needs and preferences of all family members are taken into consideration.









We invite all family members aged 20 years and below who are interested in joining the Junior Family Reunion Committee to get in touch with us as soon as possible. We look forward to working with and learning from our younger counterparts as we continue to strengthen our family ties.

¹ State Reps Roles & Responsibilities:

- Attend monthly planning meetings (via zoom)
- ASSIST your regional family members with QUESTIONS and communicate committee decisions and important info to local members in your state
- Bring suggestions/feedback/concerns from family members to the monthly committee meetings
- VOTE, help brainstorm, and provide suggestions for the LFR event
- Encourage payment of dues from local state family members
- DAY OF HELP – tasks varies and will be delegated as needs arise

LFR Planning Committee Members








Leadership Team

Position	Name / Email	
 Head of Planning Committee		Whitney Layer wjlayer04@gmail.com
 Assistant		Chantel Malone Chanipann@gmail.com
 Treasurer		Beverly Pannell annpann65.bp@gmail.com <i>(Darselle Parker as Treasurer in Training)</i>
 Financial Secretary		Lana Brown lane.brown2@verizon.net

Visit our family website for more information on committees and members:

<https://layerfamily.org/committees>

Activities/Games Committee

Category	Activity Host - Name / Email		Category	Activity Host - Name / Email	
 Young Adults & Kids		Faith Layer Flayer2799@gmail.com	 40+		Marcia Howard melh1220@gmail.com
 21+		Karl Layer Karl.layer@yahoo.com	Day of Volunteers (Kids)		Whitney Layer wjlayer04@gmail.com

Game Schedule for Sunday's Cookout:

Family Games (2:30pm – 4pm)

Tug-of-War, Potato Sack Race, Egg Toss

Aged-based Games & Activities (5pm – 7 pm)

See activity host contacts above.



LFR Planning Committee Members

Maryland/Pennsylvania 		New Jersey 	
Family Branch	Local State Representative - Name / Email	Family Branch	Local State Representative - Name / Email
 Addison Layer	 Cammie Layer-Hopper cammie304@comcast.net	 Calvin Layer	 Melody Clark (716) 370-3767
 Mildred Onley	 Lynn Whiten DandLWhiten@gmail.com	 Donald Layer	 Whitney Layer wjlayer04@gmail.com
 Samuel Layer		 Betty Brazil	 Tyffani Howard howardtj4@gmail.com
 Minnie Leekins		 Roger Layer	 Sarah Torres tink0213@gmail.com
 Ada Ambush	 Lana Brown lane.brown2@verizon.net	 Jimmy Layer	 La'Shawn Austin Lashawnaustin26@yahoo.com
 David Layer		 Family State Representatives (Points of Contact) Any questions or concerns please reach out to your LOCAL committee member and/or family branch representative	
 Tessie Layer-Delauter	 Darselle Parker darsellep@gmail.com (Treasurer in Training)		
North Carolina 		Florida 	
Family Branch	Local State Representative - Name / Email	Family Branch	Local State Representative - Name / Email
 David Layer	 Katina (Layer) Wooten Msnurse1126@aol.com	 Samuel Layer	 Toni (Layer) Dorsey Tonidorsey6216@yahoo.com
 Donald Layer	 Marcus Layer Marcus.layer@gmail.com (Website Admin)	 Donald Layer	 Tessaye (Layer) Lomon tessyb13@gmail.com

If you are having any hardship with attending the reunion please contact your state/family representative on the LFR Planning Committee