

THE SACKETT FAMILY 2010 REUNION

Questions and Answers

As I promised, this letter will give you some of the details needed to make your arrangements to join us with arrival on July 19 and activities July 20 through 23 with departure on Saturday July 24.

My main objective is to be mindful of the current economic conditions and to do everything I can to keep costs down so everyone can afford to come to the reunion.

1. Why was the month of July chosen for the reunion ?
 - A. The month of July was chosen because many states have teachers and students still in school in June. Some start back to school as early as August.
2. Why was the third week of July chosen ?
 - A. The first week of the 4th has many people making personal plans to celebrate the fourth.
Many places are booked and reservations are hard to get. The second week is already taken for another reunion I am involved with and for some the fourth week is too close to school in August. So that left the third week.
3. Why was Vancouver, Washington and Portland, Oregon chosen for the reunion location ?
 - A. First reason was the Sackett committee requested that the next reunion be on the West Coast.
The second reason I live here, so it makes planning that much easier.
The third reason was made because of the relationship of the Sackett's originating from England and the relationship of the Hudson Bay Company from England settling in the Northwest claiming the land for England.
The British flag still fly's there at Fort Vancouver, Washington.
4. What is your experience with reunions ?
 - A. My experience with planning reunions has been for my husband's family. Planning fun games, prizes, gifts, researching, learning and socializing events.
5. What happens at Sackett Family reunions ?
 - A. I have never been to a Sackett Family reunion. For more info on past Sackett Family reunions go to the Sackett Family Association website.
6. Why has it taken so long to get information out to everyone ?
 - A. I signed on to head the reunion in late October and I didn't get much work done on it before heading out to Georgia for the holidays. I got back the first part of December and got ready for Christmas at home. This month I have been checking out facilities in person, getting quotes and the best prices for everyone.

7. What is the \$25.00, (15.3125 in GBP) registration for ?
 - A. This goes to the partial payment needed to hold hotels, events, charter buses, and for ordering special gifts. A block of rooms will be reserved.

8. What other costs have to be paid before we attend the reunion ?
 - A. There are costs of approx. \$100.00, (61.25 in GBP) for each person over the age of 12 years.

These costs are for travel, tours, and many other activities that will need to be paid to secure outside services. A breakdown of cost will be provided with registration request.

9. What other costs are there ?
 - A. Your cost for travel to the reunion via airplane, train, bus, car or RV. Your mode of transportation will be up to you. All of your meals and cost of your lodging will be your responsibility. There will be a list of different lodging available with one of them providing a free full dinner with all the beer, wine, juice, soda, milk or water you want to drink and free full breakfast.

10. What sort of activities can we expect ?
 - A. Get ready for some great fun activities we don't believe in sitting around and just talking and Playing cards. All of these activities will be paid for from your \$100.00 (61.25 GBP) and your \$25.00 (15.3125 GBP) registration fee. So no additional costs will be needed.

Not all plans have been made. I am finishing up on some activities this week.

One of the things we will be doing is going to the Portland Genealogical Forum in Portland, Oregon.

They are so excited to have us, they are willing to open their otherwise closed facilities on Friday, July 23, 2010 for a personal tour and help with research from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Another activity we will be part of is going back into time. We will start with having a lunch in the Grant House on officers row. Then we will walk over across the street to the Fort Vancouver visitors center where there is a gift shop and information about the fur trade that happened at Fort Vancouver. Then we will proceed to the Fort where the British flag still fly's. Here we will have a guided tour of the Fort that was built by the Hudson Bay Company. A British company that along with Britain claimed the Vancouver Fort and land as its own, here on American soil for many years.

We are also planning a Barbeque at Battle Ground Lake and if you're up to it playing a good old fashion game of baseball. You can also hike the trails around the Lake.

I am waiting to hear back on cost of two other tours. One too Multnomah Falls, Oregon and/or the Stern Wheeler ride on the Columbia River.

All these meals, activities, transportation and tours will all be paid for by your \$100.00 (61.25 GBP) plus \$25.00 (15.3125 GBP) registration fee.

Sent by the due date will secure your place.

11. How do I register and pay ?

A. Send me an email with your full name and address to
kathrynjames2@yahoo.com

I will send you a registration form along with hotel information. Instructions on where, when and how to finish signing up.

If you have more questions I can answer write me at the above email address or call.

12. Is there a way to donate ?

Yes, if you wish to donate to this reunion, you can donate by mailing to me at the address below. If you wish to have fund raisers to raise money for donations there are many different ways to. Some have garage sales and others have bake sales. You may have some more ideas.

I will apply donations where needed and if any is left I will pass it on to the next reunion. Donations are badly needed to keep costs down and car rentals or charter buses are not cheap to help get everyone to the various destinations.

I hope to see you at the reunion,

Kathryn James

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For Donations make out to Kathryn James and mail to;

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