



From the Desk of Cherokee Edwards



*Hello Family,
It's a new exciting year and we're going to do our best to serve you even better than before. We have some new family members to introduce to you, couple of traveling tips for parents, and exciting news about how to plan your next family reunion. There are new adventures waiting for you in Florida. Plus, this year we really want to hear from you and your family. So, get ready for CE-TAC in 2008.*

Take Care and God Bless- Cherokee Edwards

Tips For Planning Your Family Reunion

For most families, summer months are a time for sharing the past, present, and future. Now, more than ever, it's time for families to become grounded in their family trees, strengthen ties, and count their blessings. Family reunions are often the key to unlocking unlimited potential. Here are some tips for planning your Family Reunion Institute:

1. Communicate with Family Members: Communication generates new ideas, information and helps to maintain interest over the months of planning for the reunion. Send out surveys soliciting the kinds of activities family members would like to enjoy.
2. Get Organized Quickly: Compile all the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of as many family members as you can find through your fam-

- ily network. Establish all the jobs such as: coordinator and treasurer, form committees to handle programs, hotels, family directory, caterers, entertainment, prizes, decorations, photography, souvenirs, mailing, name badges, t-shirts and clean up.
3. Set the Date and Location: After the committees have brainstormed and picked the theme and a vision for the kind of reunion that reflects your family's interest and values, planning experts recommend checking in with the local Tourism Bureau and Chamber of Commerce in the host to city to gather information about lodging, transportation companies, attractions, dining facilities, parks and entertainment.
4. Set Your Budget: Re-

unions are expensive, but with careful planning everyone should feel comfortable about attending and participating in all activities. Most reunions are treated like vacations to be enjoyed by the entire family.

5. Plan Far In Advance: Most experts agree that beginning six months to a year ahead of the reunion date is not too soon. The larger the reunion and the greater of activities, the more time is needed to plan to ensure that the events runs smoothly.
6. Set a Date For Registration and Payment: Set a deadline date for family

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- Travel Quotes
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New Year's Word Search

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- Party
- Favors
- Resolution
- Friends
- Family
- Times Square
- Countdown
- Auld Lang Syne
- Tradition
- Celebration
- Kiss
- Balloons
- Midnight
- Ring Out

Reminder Board



APR (Affinity Programs Rewards Number): We need these numbers from you family if you haven't already sent them to us. If you don't know them or haven't received yours yet just let us know by email.

Are You Willing To Host A Seminar In Your Area???

We are looking for families who are interested in hosting a seminar for families who want the opportunity to get the same services we offer you. Contact us to have one setup. Thanks to our New Jersey families, who hosted a seminar on April 11, 2008. It was a pleasure to see all you again! Please check our website or email us for more details and additional dates.

Family Reunions Cont'

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attendees, and allow plenty of time for the committee to confirm arrangements. Consider sending emails or a newsletter or create a website to update attendees of dates, timelines and news. Using online registration and payment cuts down on handling lots of paper.

7. **Double Check List:** Each committee should take another look at the to do's just in case something is overlooked. It is wise to confirm with vendors, musicians and caterers a few days before event.
8. **Share The History:** Step out of your comfort zone and meet relatives you don't know and

share family stories.

9. **Keep Plenty of Tissues, Wipes and Paper Towels Handy:** Outdoor and indoor events come with occasional spills and messes.
10. **Don't Forget Antacids and Fiber:** Too much rich food may create upset stomachs and throw off digestive systems. Keep handy antacids and other remedies.
11. **Travel Safely and In Style:** Have your car thoroughly checked out before getting on the road. Check brakes, belts, hoses, lights, windshield washer fluid, wiper blades, engine oil and coolant. Make

12. **Reserve Airline Tickets Early:** You get better choices and availability when you get ahead of the crowd. Also book auto rentals far in advance.
- Adding these tips to your list may make the difference between a fun filled family reunion and an unfortunate event. With thoughtful planning, you will be prepared and worry free.

Check out www.Ebony.com for info

Tips For Easy Travel With Your Children

Traveling with children is an art form. Perfecting it may take a bit of finessing, some creativity and a little common sense. However, the outcome will be a relaxing vacation your family will never forget.

Airport Travel With Children

Booking Your Flight and Seeking: *Always book your flight at non-peak travel times when flying with children. Also, check with the airline in advance to see if you can use an empty seat for your child; should one become available.*

Let's Roll: *Don't check your stroller immediately upon entering the airport. The stroller can help you carry things that you'll need and will come in very handy if there are flight delays and your child needs a place to nap.*

What To Carry On: *Create a list of items that you will need, be sure to pack your bag with necessities, such as baby wipes, extra diapers, a change of clothes for you and the children, baby bottles and sip cups. Bring bottles water, juice boxes and healthy snacks.*

Prepare For Boredom: *Kids need to be entertained. The technology boom has made the job of parents easier with portable DVD and CD players. For smaller children, consider buying a new toy to give to your child on the plane.*

The Ear Factor: *Many children suffer from ear pain during flights, especially during landing and take off. To help equalize air pressure in your child's ear, have them drink liquids during the flight, which encourage swallowing and allows the Eustachian tubes*

to open. Children older than 3 can chew gum to help with ear popping.

Tips for Road Travel

Some families will head for the open road this season, going to the annual family reunion can mean being in a car for extended periods of time. So here are a few tips for the ride.

Timing Is Everything: *While planning for your road trip leave very early in the morning or later in the evening in order to avoid traffic.*

Safety First:: *Most cars come with child safety locks, always use them when children are present. Also, make sure car seats are used for smaller children.*

Do Your Research: *Pack a picnic lunch and make sure that you will pass a park or resting place where you can relax with the children. Be sure to freeze some of the juices and bottled water the night before so you will have some cold drinks.*

Make Frequent Pit Stops: *American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that you stop every (2) hours in order to give the children a break.*

Road Trip Fun: *In order to quiet the "Are We there Yet," mantra there are a number of activities for them to do in order to help pass time. Have a travel scavenger hunt and print a list of things that your children can look for.*

It doesn't matter which method of transportation you decide to take , if you follow these simple tips, you will be at your destination before you know it.

Check out www.Ebony.com for more info.



Check Out Some of Our Newest Families



Maria Ammann of
Iyland, Pennsylvania



Larry & Marilyn
Arnold of Med Ford,
New Jersey



Valerie Burden of
Portsmouth, Virginia



Roger & Louise
Bissonnette of Gliford,
New Hampshire



Derrick & Devita
Booker of Annandale,
Virginia



James Bradley of
Annapolis, Maryland



Jon & Robyn
Chapman of
Gordonsville, Virginia



Russell & Patricia
Cutshell of Ft. Valley,
Virginia



Worrel & Patricia
Dalaney of Troutville,
Virginia



Bennie & Mildred Harvey
of Petersburg, Virginia



Charles & Vanessa
Hughes of Ewing,
New Jersey



William & Carol Inram of
Harrisonburg,
Virginia



Donnie & Brenda
Jenkins of Preston,
Maryland



Efrain & Giselle
Laureano of Clifton,
New Jersey



Janet & Theodore
Lewandowski of
Mohnton, Pennsylvania



Guadalupe & Laurel
Martinez of Bellefonte,
Pennsylvania



Ronald & Gilda
McAlarney of Olyphant,
Pennsylvania



Robin Horn & Mark
Mendell of
Landenberg,
Maryland



Rudolph & Hazel
Monroe of Temple
Hills, Maryland



Lewis & Barbara
Olszweski of Reading,
Pennsylvania



Angela & Donald
Pfahler of Newark,
Delaware



Jeanne & Floyd
Poupore of
Monroe, North
Carolina



James Santos of Old
Bridge, New Jersey



Wesley & Terrina
Sartin of Renoir,
Tennessee



Jo Ellen & Stephen
Segal of
Southampton,
Pennsylvania



Elliot & Brenda
Sohmer of Ellicott City,
Maryland



Lillie & Donnell Spencer
of
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania



Douglas & Lisa
Stidham of Joppa,
Maryland



Billy & Elise Templeton
of
Woodbridge, Virginia



Edwin & Shanika
Tolbert of Tuxedo
Park, New York



Thomas & Jennifer
Tucker of Suitland,
Maryland



Robert & Donna
Williams of
Manahawkin,
New Jersey



Fred & Joretta
Wright
of Downingtown,
Pennsylvania



Dennis & Diana
Moore of Hopewell,
Virginia

Invite Your Friends & Family

*Fill out the information below and we will invite your friends and relatives to join us for 3 days and 2 nights!

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Disney Adventures In 2008

New, exciting destinations were unveiled by Adventures by Disney for it's 2008 lineup of Family Adventure Travel itineraries. Look for magical new tours exploring exotic destinations such as China, Australia, Peru and Germany; and returning favorites to choice locals including the United Kingdom, France, Costa Rica and South Western United States.

In 2008, Adventures by Disney guests can stroll the Great Wall, Snorkel the Great Barrier Reef, or take Archery lesson in the "fairy tale" land of northern Germany.



More Attractions:

Cities of Knights & Lights: London, Paris

Coasting the Golden State: San Francisco, Los Angeles

Discovery Down Under: N. Queensland, Ayers, Rock, Sydney

Enchanted China: Beijing, Chengdu, Guilin, Shanghai, Hong Kong

Once Upon A Fairy Tale: Germany

Quest for the West: Jackson, Hole, Dubois, Yellowstone National Park, WY

Sacred Valleys & Incan Cities: Peru, Lima Sacred Valley, Arches

Southwest (US): Splendors, Sedona, Moab, Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Arches

Spirit of America: Philadelphia, Washington - DC, Williamsburg

For complete Listing, go to AAA.com

Florida: Seasons In the Sun

Florida is a destination that can turn vacation fantasies into reality. It's a place where there are open spaces of lush, verdant, wilderness, where more than 1,800 miles of stunning coastline lined with honey-colored and sugar-white sand awaits. Its almost impossible to accurately define the "short list" for sightseeing, but here are just a few suggestions:

Theme Parks

Orlando: (Walt Disney World Resort)

Magic Kingdom

Epcot

Disney Hollywood Studios

Animal Kingdom

(Universal Orlando Resort)

Universal Studios FL

Universal Islands of Adventure

Sea World Adventure Park



There's a new adventure coming to Sea World Orlando, and it promises to offer guests high speed thrills, close-up animal encounters, undersea adventures and wide sandy beaches. It's called Aquatica and it opens to the public in March.

Aquatica features the most thrilling water rides in the world with 36 water slides, six rivers and lagoons, more than 80,000 square feet of beach area. These distinct attractions will zoom, float, and splash guests through amazing animal habitats and undersea adventures.

Discovery Cove

Cypress Adventure Park

Winter Haven: Busch Gardens

To see more go to SeaWorld.com

Top 10 Travel Quotes

1. The more I traveled the more I realized that fear makes strangers of people who should be friends.
-Shirley MacLaine
2. A painting is never finished it simply stops in interesting places.
3. There's someone out there who needs you, You must live your life so that person can find you. -Jan Phillips
4. We must travel in the direction of our fear.
-John Berryman
5. There are 2 ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it. - Edith Whorton
6. I haven't had a perfect moment yet, and I always like to have one before I leave an exotic place. But you can never plan for one. You never know when they're coming. - Spalding Greg
7. You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have truly lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of Love. -Henry Drommond
8. One of the great things about travel is you find out how many good, kind people there are. -Edith Whorton
9. We don't receive wisdom, we must discover it for ourselves.
-Marcel Proust
10. There's no such word as Can't!



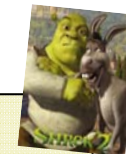
Forktown/Williamsburg Special Upcoming Events

Water Country USA.....Opens May 10



"Shagging on the Riverwalk" Beach Music Concert Series at Riverwalk Landing (Friday Nights)
 June 6-20, July 18-25 & August 1-15 6:30-9:30pm The third annual concert series is back and better than ever, featuring a variety of beach music suited for all ages. Don't forget your dancing shoes as you will want to try the area's largest outdoor dance floor. Free kids activities and food will be available to purchase. Event is free and open to the public.

"Movie Night on The Green" Friday May 10 **"Shrek the Third"**, Saturday, May 24 **"Happy Feet"**
 Movies began approximately 8:15pm. Enjoy an evening of family fun under the stars in Yorktown. Bring blankets and folding chairs as you take in a family-friendly outdoor movie at Riverwalk Landing in historic Yorktown. These fun events are free and open to the public. Concessions will be available for purchase.



Submit Your Article

During the previous year, we have added many families. We, would like to feature some articles about how Cherokee has helped you and your families with making your vacationing dreams come true. In an effort to do this we would like feedback from you. If you would like to have your information featured, please reply to us by July 30, 2008. Thanks for your contribution!