

BOLDEN, SCRUGGS, SEARCY, TUCKER, MORRIS

FAMILY REUNION

“Four Decades of Family Togetherness”

February 12, 2011

Dear Family Member,

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and pray that you have been blessed thus far in 2011.

NEW INFORMATION NEW INFORMATION NEW INFORMATION NEW INFORMATION

We have an important update to the 2011 BSSTM Family Reunion. Due to a planned renovation in July, we will **NOT** be staying at the Marriott Atlanta Perimeter Center Hotel. As soon as we received the call notifying us of this renovation and cancellation of our contract, the Core Planning Committee (with the help of the Marriott Hotel) began the search for new hotel accommodations. We will be staying at the **recently renovated Embassy Suites Atlanta-Perimeter Center**.

The change in hotel requires a change in several events throughout the weekend due to the fact that the Embassy Suites cannot accommodate banquet space for a family of our size nor could we host a hospitality suite in the traditional sense due to food and beverage minimum that we are unable to meet since we now have to go offsite for our banquet. We ask that you please understand that the Core Planning Committee has done the best we can to meet the challenge of this unexpected cancellation of our hotel contract and make this weekend a fun, exciting event for all.

Hotel Accommodations

- Embassy Suites Atlanta Perimeter Center is an **all suite hotel** with separate living room located at 1030 Crown Pointe Pkwy, Atlanta 30338 (for pictures, see our family's website at www.boldenscruggs.com.)
- Room rates are \$99 for a King Bed Suite which sleeps 4 people or \$112 for a Double Bed Suite which sleeps 6 people. 12% tax will be applied to all room rates.
- Room rates are available Thursday night through Sunday Night after which the rate goes up to \$129.
- All hotel guests enjoy a **complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast**.
- Reservations are open now and close on July 1st, 2011 and can be made online or by calling 1-800-embassy and using the code BSR (also see the family website for a link to the hotel reservation and detailed information).
- Rooms are blocked under Bolden/Scruggs Family Reunion.
- Check in is at 3 pm and Check out is at 12 noon.
- Free parking is available for all guests.
- The Embassy Suites is centrally located in Atlanta with easy access to all city attractions (1 block from MARTA (Metro Atlanta Transit), 2 blocks from The Perimeter Mall with Dillard's, Macy's and Nordstrom's as its anchors!).

- Steinmart, Loehmann's, Target, Starbucks, Regal Cinema and Applebee's Restaurant are within walking distance of the hotel and Wal-Mart, DSW and Barnes and Noble bookstore are ¼ mile away.
- Other amenities include complimentary business center with internet/fax/copy, complimentary fitness center with Precor equipment, indoor pool and whirlpool, complimentary shuttle within a 3 mile radius, flat screen TVs in both the living room and bedroom, coffee maker, refrigerator and microwave in each room and an in house restaurant for lunch and dinner.

For those **who have already made reservations at The Marriott Hotel**, we've made arrangements to have those reservations cancelled and we will receive formal notice of these cancellations.

Due to the change in our hotel accommodations, our Friday "Meet and Greet" will now be held at the home of Sedrick and Glenda Blake at 2354 Weeping Oak Drive, Braselton GA 30517 (phone numbers for Glenda: 404-906-1399 or 404-317-1881 and Sedrick: 404-906-1119). NOTE: the address is located approximately 45 minutes north of the Embassy Suites Hotel. Dinner is at 6:30 pm and packets can be picked up at the hotel between 3 pm and 5 pm or at Sedrick and Glenda's home. We are asking family members if possible, to consider car pooling due to limited parking in the subdivision.

Another change necessitated by the new hotel accommodations is the location of the Saturday night banquet. It will be held off site at Villa Christina/The Retreat of Dunwoody banquet hall located 2.2 miles from the Embassy Suites Hotel (for additional information, see "Agenda At A Glance" to follow.

Important Tidbits

- Bring this letter with you to Atlanta so that you have important information/phone numbers etc.
- To avoid rush hour traffic in the popular Atlanta Perimeter area, we suggest that if you are driving into Atlanta on Friday, plan your arrival before 3:30 p.m. or after 6:30 p.m.
- Please fill out and return the Letter of Intention to attend the reunion (which asks for # of adults and age of children in your family) that was sent with the first mailing as this will provide us with a more accurate headcount for food & beverage supply. If you do not have it, please see the family website or request a copy from a committee member.
- Bring walking shoes due to our plans to ride MARTA and explore downtown Atlanta. Cost is approximately \$2 single one way, kids under 46" free, maximum of 4 kids per paying adults...day pass on MARTA is \$8.
- Please send in your form about family updates (births, graduations, promotions etc) that was sent with the July 2010 mailing. If you need a copy, see the website or ask a committee member.
- The theme for 2011 is "**Four Decades of Family Togetherness**" to commemorate our 20th reunion.
- Due to the fact that the city of Atlanta has so much to offer and too much to see and do in one weekend, the Core Planning Committee suggest that you consider arriving early in the week to take in as much as possible and perhaps make this time in Atlanta part of your family vacation.
- CityPASS: if you are staying in the city **for at least 4 days**, consider buying this pass which allows you to see 6 of 8 attractions in the city of Atlanta (more about this follow under "Things to Do In Atlanta, GA").
- Remember to check our website www.boldenscruggs.com for any information pertaining to the 2011 reunion...we are grateful to our webmaster, Joe Mann for all updates!
- **T shirt order forms** are being sent to family members who have been asked to distribute this information to everyone in their state (individuals may also refer to e the family website for

information on T-Shirt selections. The colors are white and the writing will be in green close to the color of this letter's heading.

Agenda At A Glance

Friday "Meet and Greet"

3-5 pm pick up family reunion packets at hotel (location in the lobby or in conference suite)

6:30 pm dinner at Sedrick and Glenda's, 2354 Weeping Oak Drive, Braselton GA 30517 (casual attire).

Saturday

7:30-9:00 am Enjoy complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast at the hotel from 6 am until 9:15 am;

9:30 am depart from hotel lobby to MARTA via parking deck which leads to a walkway to station.

10 am until 4:30 pm enjoy excursions to various Atlanta attractions led by our **Tour Guides, Zeldra, Aramus, Rachel, Malisa, Desire & Gracie** (wear casual, cool and comfortable attire, walking shoes).

4:30 pm prepare to return on MARTA to Embassy Suites Hotel.

7:15 pm banquet at Villa Christina/The Retreat of Dunwoody located at 1001 Summit Blvd, Atlanta GA 30319. Located only 2.2 miles from the hotel (NOTE: semi formal attire, no jeans or shorts).

Sunday

9:15 am Meet in the lobby for 9:30 am departure to Zion M.B. Church located at 888 Zion Circle, Roswell, GA approximately 20 minutes away. **We ask that you consider car pooling.** The service usually lasts from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Children's Church is available on the basement floor and open to all who are 12 and under. There is also a teen Church service at this time in the basement area. Attire is traditional Church clothing but ladies may wear slacks or summer dresses/skirts without hose and men should feel comfortable with our without a jacket and tie.

2:30-6:30 pm Sunday afternoon picnic at Morgan Falls Park/Overlook Park Pavilion 2000 Morgan Falls Road, Sandy Springs GA 30350 (Cool, comfortable summer attire.)

Reunion Fees

We are 5 months away from the reunion and we have yet to hear from many of you. Thank you to those who have sent in funds towards their reunion dues. However we need everyone's financial commitment today in order to complete the planning and make this reunion a successful event. Please communicate your financial intentions to our Treasurer, Shirley Mann at 9 Fitch Street, Norwalk, CT 06855. If you have questions about your fees, please contact Shirley and she will happily answer any questions.

We are praying that God's grace be upon each of you until we meet again in Atlanta

With Love,

The Core Planning Committee for 2011

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THINGS TO DO IN ATLANTA, GA

Activities/Attractions

Saturday is your free day to choose from the many sights and attractions that Atlanta has to offer. We will have a sign in sheet available on Friday night to inform each other of our plans for Saturday. This will allow for groups to plan on leaving together either via city transportation or individual vehicles. Prices quoted are 2010 pricing. For best rates/discounts, go online prior to arrival to purchase tickets. Sights to see include the following:

Underground Atlanta (www.underground-atlanta.com) 404-523-2311. Mon-Sat 10 am-9pm; Sun 11am-7pm. Six city blocks have been transformed into a spirited marketplace that offers historic guided Tours, more than 100 specialty stores, Kenny's Alley, the trendy hangout with exciting nightlife and restaurants, street-cart merchants and annual events. Located downtown Atlanta.

Jimmy Carter Library and Museum (www.jimmycarterlibrary.org) 404-865-7100. 441 Freedom Parkway, Atlanta GA 30307. Free parking. Museum hrs 9am-4:45pm Mon-Sat; 12-4:45 Sun. Library M-F 8:30-4:30. Museum admission \$8/adults; \$6/Seniors/Free 16yrs and under.

The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum is an opportunity to learn about the life and work of the 39th president. Walk into an exact replica of the Oval Office, see exquisite state gifts and special exhibits, and trace President Carter's life from his 6th grade report card to the actual Nobel Peace Prize awarded to him in 2002.

Olympic Centennial Park (www.centennialpark.com) 7am-11pm daily. Enjoy 4th Saturday family fun for free-includes lots of activities for families and kids. Located downtown near other major attractions. This 21-acre site was one of the most popular spots in the city during the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games. Today, year-round programming featuring concerts, family activities and festivals make the park a gathering place for Atlantans and visitors. The park features the world's largest Olympic Ring fountain. Located downtown Atlanta.

Atlantic Station (www.atlanticstation.com).

Atlantic Station offers a city within a city feeling to all its visitors with a walkable streetscape style setting with brick paved streets and a Central Park. Great boutiques, sidewalk cafes, hip restaurants reign at Atlanta's new Main Street. Atlantic Station has a Regal Cinemas 16, lots of festivals and concerts. Dillards, Target, California Pizza Kitchen, Fox Sports Grill etc. located here.

MLK Center and birth home 450 Auburn Avenue NE, Atlanta GA 30312. (404) 526-8900 or (404) 331-5190 for tours. The area of Sweet Auburn served as the thriving center of Black enterprise in Atlanta from the 1890s through the 1940s, and is the birthplace of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. At the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, explore his birth home, visitor center, historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, and The King Center, where Dr. King's Nobel Peace Prize is on exhibit. The crypt and gravesite of Dr. King and his wife, Coretta Scott King, are also located at The King Center. Tours of the birth home are on a 1st come 1st serve basis and only 15 people are allowed at one time.

Stone Mountain (www.stonemountainpark.com)

Stone Mountain Park is home to the world's largest piece of exposed granite rock and is the state's most visited attraction. With more than 3,200 acres of natural beauty, the park offers families recreational activities, special events, lodging and camping. Plus, new in 2008 is Sky Hike, the largest family adventure course in the treetops. Also see the Skyride, Paddlewheel Riverboat, Antebellum Plantation & Farmyard, The Great Barn, Scenic Railroad, Ride the Ducks, Great Locomotive Adventure, Golf, museums and the 1870s town of Crossroads® which includes live shows, craft demonstrations, shopping and dining. \$10 vehicle pass. \$9/adult individual attraction; \$7/kids ages 3-11 individual attraction. Adults 1 day pass \$27.00 Children ages 3-11 1 day adventure pass \$21 and seniors are \$24.00.

Georgia Aquarium (404) 581-4000. www.georgiaaquarium.org

Dive into a one-of-a-kind aquatic experience at the world's largest aquarium, the Georgia Aquarium! Get up close with gentle whale sharks, toothy sand tiger sharks, and graceful beluga whales, playful sea otters and aquatic animals from around the globe. With the largest collection of aquatic animals, you are sure to see things you've never seen before! Located downtown Atlanta.

World of Coca-Cola (800) 676-COKE. www.worldofcoca-cola.com

From a multi-sensory 4-D theater, a marvelously restored 1880s soda fountain, a one-of-a-kind World of Coca-Cola glass bottle produced in a real, live bottling line, to an opportunity to sample nearly 70 different beverages from around the world, you'll experience something inviting around every corner. Located downtown Atlanta.

CNN Studio Tour ((404) 827-2300. www.cnn.com/tour 190 Marietta Street, Atlanta GA 30303.

Journey into the heart of CNN Worldwide and get an up-close look at global news in the making. Inside CNN is a 55-minute guided walking tour with exclusive, behind-the-scenes views of Atlanta's CNN studios and an exciting glimpse of news and broadcasting in action from the world headquarters of CNN. 9-5 Mon-Sat. \$15/adults; \$10/kids 4-12 and \$12/Srs. Downtown ATL.

Zoo Atlanta (404) 624-WILD. www.zooatlanta.org . 800 Cherokee Avenue;

Located in historic Grant Park near downtown, Zoo Atlanta features more than 200 species of animals from the African plains and Asian forests. See a pair of Giant Pandas and a new panda cub. The Ford African Rain Forest houses one of the largest captive gorilla populations in North America with a total of 24 gorillas. Free parking. \$19/ages 12 yrs & older; \$14.99 ages 3-11; free for 2 yrs and under.

Fernbank Museum of Natural History (404) 929-6300. www.fernbankmuseum.org

Come face to face with the world's largest dinosaurs, explore the development of life on Earth through the landscapes of present-day Georgia, connect with cultures from around the globe, engage in a variety of hands-on exhibits and enjoy the incredible 5-story experience of an IMAX® film. Don't miss Martinis & IMAX®, Atlanta's perfect mix of culture and cocktails offered every Friday (January - November).

Atlanta Botanical Garden (404) 876-5859. www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org

This peaceful oasis includes 30 acres of gardens, an urban forest, wildflower trails, the Dorothy Chapman Fuqua Conservatory and a 10,000 square-foot Fuqua Orchid Center. A charming bridge links the main gardens to the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Children's Garden. The Garden also offers year-round special events, exhibits and workshops.

Atlanta History Center (404) 814-4000. www.atlantahistorycenter.com

This Buckhead attraction features 32 acres of gardens, wildlife trails and woodland areas. The complex includes the 1840s Tullie Smith Farm, a fully restored 1928 Swan House mansion and Swan Coach House restaurant. The museum features exhibitions on subjects such as the Civil War, African-American heritage and Southern folk art. The Atlanta History Center includes a wing dedicated to the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games.

High Museum of Art (404) 733-HIGH. www.high.org

The High Museum of Art is the leading art museum in the southeast. Expect a broad, diverse selection of art comprising 19th/20th century American works, European paintings, decorative arts, African, African-American art, photography, and modern and contemporary art. The High is currently involved in a three-year partnership that brings treasures from the Musee du Louvre to the city.

Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta (www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org)

Located on Centennial Olympic Park, Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta features hands-on, colorful exhibits and activities where children can discover, imagine and explore as they learn how things work in their world. Whether it's building a sandcastle, painting on the

walls, or exploring the latest exhibit, children will discover why it's the smart place to play. \$12.50 ages 2 yrs and older. Open 10-4 weekdays and 10-5 weekends. Located downtown Atlanta.

Six Flags Over Georgia & Six Flags White Water (www.sixflags.com/overgeorgia) 10:30am-9pm.

The Southeast's largest regional theme park. You can visit the park from March to November to experience thrills on Goliath, ride Thomas the Tank Engine or cool off in Skull Island, the world's largest interactive theme park water play structure. Six Flags White Water offers thrilling water rides, slides and waterfalls including Tornado, the Ultimate Storm and Cliffhanger, one of the tallest freefalls in the world. \$15 for parking; Tickets start at \$31.99.

Atlanta Braves and Turner Field (www.atlantabraves.com)

The Atlanta Braves regular season takes place April - September at Turner Field. The Braves Museum and Hall of Fame, also at Turner Field, features more than 600 Braves artifacts and photographs that trace the team's history from its beginnings in Boston to Atlanta (1966-present). Both the Braves Museum and Turner Field are open year-round.

Malls in the Atlanta area include: Lenox Mall in Buckhead, Mall of Georgia in Buford and for those who would like to stay close to home, there is Perimeter Mall 2 block from Embassy Suites Hotel.

CityPASS (www.citypass.com/atlanta)

See Atlanta's most famous attractions at a great price by purchasing Atlanta CityPASS. With CityPass you choose 6 of the 8 attractions listed, can skip most ticket lines and enjoy a 50% discount. You can purchase CityPASS at anytime but once activated it is valid for 9 days. Choose 6 of these 8 attractions: Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca-Cola, Zoo Atlanta, Fernbank Museum of Natural History, High Museum of Art, Atlanta History Center, CNN and Atlanta Botanical Garden. \$74/adults and \$54/kids. Regular combined adult price is \$152 and regular combined kid price is \$117.