# Stimulating Ideas/Activities for Family Reunions That Incorporate Family History!

Staging a family reunion can be more challenging that just inviting family members together to eat a meal and meet. Hosting to actively engage everybody is the mastery ingredient that can lead to future reunions or not. Family history is a great way to entice deep seated conversations about loved ones in celebrating ones common roots. Below are some outstanding articles with motivating ideas and activities that you can fill your gatherings with family history excitement and fun! All of them are posted online and their links will not disappoint you as **FamilySearch**, **The Family History Guide** and other websites offer dynamic solutions to staging a family reunion with confidence and focus leading to success. Each article is innovative for using family history as a theme in staging a family reunion.

### **Lead Articles on Family History Ideas and Activities**

- <u>Family Reunion Ideas That Celebrate Family History</u>, by Wendy Smedley offers a myriad of activities appropriate for staging a successful family reunion. It begins with **simple ideas**, **such as**:
  - 1. Eat What They Ate: Eating the same foods your ancestors ate is a great way to connect with them and to experience in one small way what their life was like.
  - 2. Walk Where They Walked: When you visit a place either in person or virtually where your ancestors lived, it helps you feel connected to them.
  - **3.** *Touch What They Touched:* Touching family heirlooms and learning their history creates a bridge between past and present generations.
  - 4. *Hear What They Heard:* Hearing ancestors' voices helps us bond with them in a special way. When you hear a story from their point of view, you can better connect with them.

Then it progresses with games, crafts, entertainment and much more interactions between those in attendance.

• <u>Fun Family History Activities for Family Reunions</u> by Kimberly Powell is another winner. This article offers a myriad of family history related activities that can easily engage the attention of the participants. Like many families, you and your relatives may have made plans to get together this summer. What a great opportunity for sharing stories and <u>family history</u>. Give one of these 10 fun family history activities a try at your next <u>family reunion</u> to get people talking, sharing and having fun.

### FamilySearch.Org Resources

If you are still looking for more alternatives, these <u>activity ideas from FamilySearch</u> work at any time of the year, in your home or with a larger group. These in-home family activities help you discover, gather, and connect your family—past and present.

# **More Family History Guide Resources**

The Family History Guide offers the ultimate wish list of activities for family reunions at: <a href="https://www.thefhguide.com/act-index.html#church">https://www.thefhguide.com/act-index.html#church</a>. It lists all the activities alphabetically all within a single click of the mouse. Activities marked by an asterisk (\*) take *little or no prep time*. For activities for members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, <a href="click here">click here</a>.

#### Meet Lisa Louise Cooke: Primo Genealogist

Still looking for more high powered activities/ideas for staging a family reunion? Look no further than Lisa Louise Cooke at Genealogy Gems. She is the most foremost family history blogger, publisher, and clinician besides being incredibly dedicated to the genealogy profession. Her book, **Top 10 Fun Family History Ideas for Your Next Family Reunion,** is a game-changer for getting all of those in attendance

involved. To learn more about these family history activities, go to https://lisalouisecooke.com/2019/04/18/family-reunion-ideas/

#### **Closing Comments**

Success is what makes us all happy. Successful family reunions can be an active staging point for enhancing future family history cooperation and collaborations through the family reunion theme. Never hesitate to go the extra mile because these avenues for success can be attained. Everybody has a natural desire to know more about their progenitors. Windows of opportunity can open and close when you least expect it to occur. By pursuing a course of excellence, the Lord will not forsake you. The family unit is the foundation of life. Do not take it for granted but rather reach out to others and you will be blessed in ways that you may not be seeking. With love and kindness and a desire to share your genealogy with others, you will be blessed.

If you any of you have ever attended a successful family reunion, please don't hesitate to write a comment about what ingredients were particularly helpful. Memories are important to all of us. A Facebook group is only stimulating when there is dialogue among its followers which is the essence of what makes social media so prominent and interactive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Do participate in our Facebook group as there are a multitude of topics covered thus far for you to contribute your memories and feelings that can have a positive impact on others. The sharing of ideas can literally be the "fountain of youth" in making life more meaningful beyond ourselves!!!!