



**The Johnson Family Reunion 2024**  
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The Planning Committee Presents....

**2024 Johnson Family Reunion Family  
Reunion Registration Packet**

**Milledgeville, GA**

**Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>  
2024**

**Greetings Family!**

Calling all Johnson family members, descendants, and close family friends. We are so excited for the Johnson Family Reunion in 2024. We want to make this family reunion a phenomenal event so that we can enjoy our time together, honor our departed loved ones, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Please read this registration form carefully and completely. It includes cost, family t-shirt ordering instructions, and so much more. Please make sure you fill out each section as neatly and clearly as possible (preferably typed). This would really help the planning and organizing committee have the correct information for all attendees.

Return the completed registration packet (See Section E) as soon as possible. This would really help the planning and organizing committee record the correct information for all attendees. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you!

Until We Meet Again

The 2024 Johnson Family Reunion Planning Committee

**Section A: Registration Fees**

(This registration fee covers T-shirts, scheduled family meals and events)  
 \*\*\*\* Deposit is NON- REFUNDABLE and is included in the full registration fee\*\*\*\*

<b>Adult</b>	<b>\$100.00 per person</b>
<b>Youth Ages 5 to 17 years old (at time of event)</b>	<b>\$30.00 per person</b>
<b>Toddler and Babies 4 years old – Newborn</b>	<b>\$7.00 (ONLY IF YOU WANT TO ORDER A SHIRT FOR THEM.)</b> <b>****No shirt = No fee****</b>

**Section B: T- Shirt Sizes**

**Unisex**

<b>(Family Reunion Shirts are INCLUDED with the registration fee for each person)</b>		
<b>Adult</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Baby / Toddler Sizes</b>
Small	X- Small	2T
Medium	Small	3T
Large	Medium	
X-Large	Large	
2X		
3X		
4X		
5X		

**Section C: Registration Form**  
**Please Print CLEARLY**

Fill this section out for the primary contact/ head of household for this form.

Primary Contact Name

Mailing Address

Phone#

Email

Family Branch (Please Check One):

Johnson	Harper	Laughlin	Gwinn	Lundy	Ransom	Williams
Davis	Castleberry	Stephenson	Boyd	Hunt	Harden	Dickson/Dixon
Flagg	Mosley	Ingram	Tucker	Eagle	Taylor	

Other -

I would like to volunteer for one of the following committees ( Please select One )

- Family Heritage
- Communication
- Activities
- Venue and Environmental Services
- Hospitality

**Please fill this out for EVERY Person who will be in attendance !!**

<b>Name</b> (Write your name as you want it to appear on your shirt)	<b>Shirt Size</b> (Please write out full size for each person i.e., Adult Large, Youth Medium, Baby 2T)	<b>Age under 18</b>	<b>Registration FEE for each person</b> (See Section A)
<b>EXAMPLE: Mickey Mouse</b>	<b>Adult Large</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$100</b>
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<b>TOTAL FEES DUE for your household !!</b>			<b>\$</b>

### Section D: How to Pay the Registration Fees

**\*\*\* However you choose to pay, please contact Kneesha (Treasurer) or Amanda when you send your money. This is very important for us to verify we have your payments, send receipts, and provide the family with detailed financial reporting. Please do not send your money silently without contact by email or text. Thank you. \*\*\***

<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Cash App</b>	Send Cash App payments to Kneesha Scott using the following cash tag <b>\$Jfam2024reu</b>
<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Zelle</b>	Send zelle payments using the following email: <a href="mailto:klaughlin84@yahoo.com">klaughlin84@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Option 3</b>	<b>Family Representative</b>	See section H. Give your money, name, phone # , along with the payment amount to your representative. Also for extra assurances, email <a href="mailto:johnsonfamilyreunion2024@gmail.com">johnsonfamilyreunion2024@gmail.com</a> or contact Kneesha to let us know you are making your payment.
<b>Other arrangements</b>	<b>Call Kneesha</b>	Contact Kneesha and she will instruct you on the best way to send the money if you need other options.

### Section E: How to Submit the Registration Form

<b>Please Print CLEARLY</b>	
<b>Email (Best Option)</b> <a href="mailto:johnsonfamilyreunion2024@gmail.com">johnsonfamilyreunion2024@gmail.com</a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fill this form out electronically and send it as an attachment to the email provided.</li> <li>2. Fill this form out completely and either scan or take a clear and clean photo of each completed page of this packet and send it as an attachment to the email provided.</li> </ol>
<b>Family Representative</b>	Complete this form and hand it directly to your family representative
<b>Contact Amanda or Teia if you are unable to send an email.</b>	Please see Section G for contact information for Amanda Williams or Teia Pritchett if you need help submitting your form.

## Section F: Deadlines

**These are HARD deadlines that will not change!!!!!! We want to give everyone plenty of time to make arrangements. Remember the planning committee must make arrangements, pay vendors, and order T-shirts therefore no cancellations will be accepted after January 31, 2024. WE CAN NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!!**

<b>Registration Form Completion and Deposit (\$25.00)</b>	Please Submit this entire registration packet along with your deposit of \$25.00. No later than <b><u>September 30, 2023</u></b> **** Deposits are NON- REFUNDABLE and is included in the full registration fee****
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Payment</b>	Due By <b>October 31, 2023</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Payment</b>	Due By <b>January 31, 2024</b> <b>Cancellation/Refund Deadline</b>
<b>Final Payments</b>	Due By <b>March 29, 2024</b>
<b>*** If you have any issues with payments, please contact the planning committee <u>BEFORE</u> the deadline. ***</b>	

## Section G: Contacts for Questions and Concerns

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Executive Planning Committee. <a href="mailto:johnsonfamilyreunion2024@gmail.com">johnsonfamilyreunion2024@gmail.com</a>	
Amanda Williams Reunion 2024 President	Email: <a href="mailto:alundy2121@hotmail.com">alundy2121@hotmail.com</a> Phone: (404) - 317 -5069
Lakeisha “Keke” Carter- Reunion 2024 Vice President	Email : <a href="mailto:Larkmar@gmail.com">Larkmar@gmail.com</a> Phone: 404-973-6482
Kneesha Scott- Reunion 2024 Treasurer	Email: <a href="mailto:klaughlin84@yahoo.com">klaughlin84@yahoo.com</a> Phone: 706-877-0463
Teia Stephenson Pritchett Reunion 2024 Secretary	Email <a href="mailto:tspritchett7@gmail.com">tspritchett7@gmail.com</a> Phone: 302-420-0959
Baba Gene Stephenson Planning Committee and Family Historian	Email : <a href="mailto:maatcentered@gmail.com">maatcentered@gmail.com</a> Phone:404-557-6792
Jehahn Young Planning Committee	Email : <a href="mailto:jythreel3@gmail.com">jythreel3@gmail.com</a> Phone: 267-776-3859

**Section G: Contacts for Questions and Concerns, continued**

Crystal Messersmith Planning Committee	Email: <a href="mailto:crystal4david@yahoo.com">crystal4david@yahoo.com</a> Phone: 214-507-4660
Tamika Boyd Planning Committee	Email: <a href="mailto:imsomeek79@gmail.com">imsomeek79@gmail.com</a> Phone: 215-866-8719
Enrico Palmer Planning Committee	Email: <a href="mailto:enrico_palmer@yahoo.com">enrico_palmer@yahoo.com</a> Phone: 706-466-1010

**Section H: Family Representatives**

Johnson/ Sparta	Henny Palmer 706-466-1010 Nissa 706-445-9282 RayShawn 478-251-1255 Kneesha 706-877-0463
Lundy/ Fitzgerald	Courtney Neale 229-457-8641 Coty Lundy 229-457-8847
Gwinn/ Clayton, Henry County GA	Shirley Mahoney 404-808-5725 Kiara Mahoney 678-362-9161
Philadelphia/Delaware	Jehahn Young-Murray 267-776-3859 Tamika Boyd 215-866-8719 Crystal Messersmith 214-507-4660
D.C./Maryland/Virginia	Teia Stephenson Pritchett 302-420-0959 Isis Stephenson Willis 404-849-4478
<p><i>*** If you don't know who your family representative is, would like to be added as a family representative, or you need further assistance contact the executive planning committee. ***</i></p>	

**Section I: For More information and Family Photos for from the Last Reunion**

<b>Family Website</b>	<a href="http://www.JohnsonFamily2024.com">www. JohnsonFamily2024.com</a>
<b>Official Social Media Hashtag #JohnsonFam2024</b>	

## Section J: Other Business and Announcements

- A. If you have any old photos of our elders, please send a copy to the family reunion planning committee via the email address below as soon as you can. Pictures are valuable memorabilia of our family history that should be shared with future generations. Please include the name, date and location where the photo(s) was taken.

[johnsonfamilyreunion2024@gmail.com](mailto:johnsonfamilyreunion2024@gmail.com)

- B. **HOTELS and LODGING** - We are currently in negotiations with hotels regarding pricing. We will finalize the family information concerning hotels via email and the family website no later August 30, 2023. At that time, we will update the family. Thank you.

- C. If you are listed as a family representative and have any questions or concerns collecting registration packets or registration fees, please contact the executive planning committee.



## Frequently Asked Questions

**1. Question: How much is each payment?**

Answer: YOU determine how much you can pay at each payment, as long as your total registration fee for your household is paid by the final payment deadline date. Make sure you completely fill out Section C and add up the total fees due using the registration fee chart in Section A.

Based on your individual budget, you can determine how you want to split up the payments. However, the initial deposit (\$25.00) for your family is still due on September 30, 2023.

**2. Question: Can I pay the total registration fees for my family off early or in a lump sum?**

Answer: YES!

**3. Question: What about hotels?**

Answer: We are currently in negotiations with hotels regarding pricing. We will finalize the family information concerning hotels via email and the family website no later August 30, 2023. At that time, we will update the family. Thank you.

**4. Question : Is the deposit per person or the household?**

Answer: The \$25.00 dollar deposit is for the household.

**5. Question : What is the cancelation/refund policy?**

Answer: Cancellations made before the January 31, 2024 deadline will be refunded minus the initial deposit of \$25.00. All initial deposits are non refundable. We hope to see you there!

**6. Question: What if I have a child who is 17 now but will be 18 by the time of the reunion. Is the registration fee 30.00 or 100.00? Same question for babies and toddlers?**

Answer: Child will need to be 17 at time of reunion. If 18 during the time of reunion, the adult registration fee applies.

**7. What happens at a Johnson family reunion?**

Answer: At these celebratory events, family history is recounted, traditions are taught, and bonds are strengthened through shared memories and the meeting of known or seldom seen/heard from relatives. We intend to hold our reunions in significant places where a family has historical roots, or where new generations have moved and thrived.

**8. Why are family reunions important to our/black families?**

Answer: Historically, family reunions date back to the so-called Emancipation, when formerly enslaved people sought out the family they were separated from while enslaved. This tradition would become something that would be a continuous celebration of kinship and resilience that Black families endured.

## Frequently Asked Questions, continued

### 9. What are the five core strengths of African American families?

Answer: The Black family, as described in *The Strength of Black Families* (Hill, 1972;1997) is the fundamental source of: **1) Strong work orientation 2) Strong religious orientation 3) Strong belief in family 4) Strong achievement orientation 5) Adaptability of family roles.**

These strengths are stapled by the typical Black/African values of Communalism and Individualism. The value that traditional African societies place on communalism is expressed in the sharing of a common social life, commitment to the social or common good of the community, appreciation of mutual obligations, caring for others, interdependence, and solidarity...Can we get an **amen!**.

### 10. How do/can you honor our elders at a family reunion?

Answer: Some ideas for family reunions honoring our elders, for example, may include **more** elegant-looking dinnerware, gift bags full of memory-inspiring items, or a picture-based family tree display and photo stations inviting the young to add to its branches.

### 11. Why is family so important in Black culture?

Answer: Black Americans have been defining family through love and connection, as opposed to biology alone, for centuries. Experts say it reflects the sense of community and collective responsibility Black people feel toward each other.

### 12. What makes a good family reunion?

Answer: Here are a few things you can do to make our family reunion experience successful.

- #1 Consider participating in the event organization and planning.
- #2 Invite/meet a wide range of relatives, known and unknown.
- #3 Participate in a wide range of activities and recognition of attendees.
- #4 Celebrate activities that bring folks together.
- #5 Appreciate lots of time for just hanging out.
- #6 Take photos, recordings, and treasure the memories it brings.