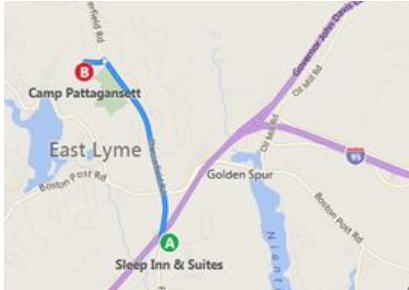


May, 2016

Dear Thurtell Family,

We are happy to announce that the family reunion will be in Connecticut in 2017. We will be staying at the Sleep Inn in Niantic, CT and gathering/cooking at Girl Scout Camp Pattagansett – only 2 miles away.



The reunion will start in the afternoon on Sunday, July 30, 2017 and end the morning of Friday, August 4, 2017.

You can make your reservation for the hotel anytime from now until the cut-off date, June 30, 2017. Please refer to the **THURTELL REUNION** when contacting the hotel in order to get the group rate. Sleep Inn, 5 King Arthur, Niantic, CT, 06357
Phone: (860) 739-1994 Fax: (860) 691-0119
My hotel contact is Ann Hill, Office Manager.

The room rate is \$89, plus 15% taxes (13.35) for a total of \$102.35. The room rate covers 2 adults. Additional adults are \$10 each. Children under 18 stay free. Breakfast and Wi-Fi is included in the fee. Roll-away beds are available, be sure to ask for them early to assure they have one on-site for you. A limited number of suites are available at a room rate of \$165.



Camp Pattagansett is a Girl Scout camp that is used for troops to come camping (not summer camp). It has some platform tents with mattresses (no cots). If you are interested in staying on-site, please let us know. There is a modest cost to stay on-site. We can work out the details if anyone is interested.

We will use the main lodge at the camp as our gathering place. It can handle over 135 people, so we will have plenty of room. It is set up for three Girl Scout troops to use at the same time – so we can close off one of the areas for any children who need to nap or go to bed early while parents stay to play games and talk. It also has three small kitchens that will meet our needs for cooking meals. Beer, Wine, Soda and Snacks will be available too.





The camp also has a climbing wall, teams course, and boating. Swimming is not available on site, but there is a pool at the hotel. Based on everyone's interest, we will hire the teams course facilitator and a lifeguard for boating.



There is a lot to do in the area, including:

Two Huge Casinos: www.mohegansun.com and www.foxwoods.com

A wonderful museum about the Pequot Indians www.pequotmuseum.org

Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America and the Sea in Mystic, Connecticut is the largest maritime museum in the world. It is notable for its collection of sailing ships and boats, and for the re-creation of the crafts and fabric of an entire 19th-century seafaring village. It consists of more than 60 original historic buildings, most of them rare commercial structures moved to the 19-acre site and meticulously restored. www.mysticseaport.org

Mystic Aquarium is an aquarium in Mystic, Connecticut. The Aquarium is one of three U.S. facilities holding Steller sea lions and it has one of the largest, outdoor Beluga whale exhibits in the United States. Special exhibits include a ray and shark touch pool, an African penguin exhibit, and a jelly gallery. www.mysticaquarium.org

The Submarine Force Museum, located on the Thames River in Groton, Connecticut, maintains the world's finest collection of submarine artifacts. It is the only submarine museum operated by the United States Navy, and as such is the primary repository for artifacts, documents and photographs relating to U.S. Submarine Force history. The museum traces the development of the "Silent Service" from David Bushnell's Turtle, used in the Revolutionary War, to the Ohio and Virginia class submarines. <http://ussnautilus.org>

We can visit a beach and swim in the Long Island Sound at Hammonasset State Park or another place nearby. We can ride a train and take a riverboat ride <http://essexsteamtrain.com/the-train-boat/>

There are breweries, wineries, and lots more fun within 30 minutes of our site.

Travel information: If you are flying, you can consider the following airports:

- Hartford International Airport (BDL), Windsor Locks, CT – 1 hour
- Logan International Airport (BOS), Boston, MA – 2 hours
- LaGuardia International Airport (LGA), Flushing, NY – 2 hours
- John F Kennedy International Airport (JFK), Jamaica, NY – 2 hours
- Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR), Newark, NJ – 2.5 hours

You will receive your official sign up information by the end of the year. We anticipate the cost for the site and meals being similar to previous reunions. We hope you will be able to join us! If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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