A city next to a body of water

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*42nd Blanding Family Reunion*

*Tampa, Florida*

***“Our Roots Run Deep, Our Love Runs Deeper”***

*Friday, July 5, 2024- Sunday July 7, 2024*

Dear Family,

The 2024 Blanding Family Reunion Committee is pleased to host the 42nd Blanding Family Reunion in Tampa, Florida! Tampa is a vibrant city, known for its rich history, diverse culture, and countless attractions.

We’ve planned an experience that will create unforgettable memories for our family as well as allow you an opportunity to explore our host city. We’ve chosen a hotel central to downtown Tampa near several attractions that are accessible by walking, water taxi, or the free streetcar trolley.

**Hotel and Room Rates:**  

The Westin Tampa Waterside

725 South Harbour Island Boulevard

Tampa, FL 33602

813-229-5000

**Rate:** $159.00

*You may begin making reservations on Feb.13th*

The hotel is located on the waterfront near downtown attractions.

There are a limited number of rooms available for the 4th of July for those that may be arriving early.

**Family Reunion Agenda**

**Thursday, July 4 (optional):** On your own- suggestions below:

* Busch Gardens Fourth of July Celebration
* Downtown Fireworks Show

**Friday, July 5:** 3pm EST - Registration (The Westin Tampa Waterside)

Family Business Meeting (5:30pm)

**Saturday, July 6:** Tampa Bay History Center Tour (10am)

* Lunch
* Academic Achievement Spotlights
* Family Photo (Wear Reunion Shirt)

A large white boat with many people on it

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***Wear your bright colored linen, sundresses, and***

***Panama jack hats and cruise the Tampa Bay!***

\**Boat is wheelchair accessible*

**Sunday, July 7:** Church service

Travel home

**“We are on the battle of love to serve God and help people at all times”**

There are so many people that are in dire need of the bare necessities. As the Blanding Family, we never take for granted just how blessed we are. Our 42nd reunion will be our inaugural year to support and give back to the local community with a sock drive. We would like each family to bring a new package of solid black or white socks (adult or child sized) that will be given as a love offering to a local church that serves those in need.

**Information To Remember**

* We love all our cousins, but registration is due no later than **May 31, 2024.** The committee needs to ensure we have enough food, transportation, etc. for everyone and this is how we account for everyone attending.
* Registration forms can be emailed to [Blandingfamilyreunion@gmail.com](mailto:Blandingfamilyreunion@gmail.com) or mailed to the address below

**Blanding Family Reunion**

**335 Chickering Lake Court**

**Roswell, GA 30075**

* When booking your hotel room, please mention the Blanding Family Reunion.

Sincerely,

42nd Blanding Family Reunion Planning Committee

Michael and Michealla James (678-641-4279)

Renee Joseph (813-237-1652)

Osric and Kim Grant (678-699-9028)

**Things to do in Tampa**

During your free time, there are several things to do in Tampa!

[Historic Rogers Park Golf Course](http://www.rogersparkgolf.net) [Visit historic Ybor City](http://www.yborcityonline.com)

[Busch Gardens](http://www.buschgardens.com) [Top Golf](http://www.topgolf.com)

[Tampa Zoo](http://www.zootampa.org) [Tampa Museum of Art](http://www.tampamuseum.org)

[Hard Rock Casino](http://www.seminolehardrocktampa.com)  [Bowling at Splitsville](http://www.splitsvillelanes.com)

[Visit Sparkman Wharf](http://www.sparkmanwharf.com) [Bayshore Boulevard](https://www.tampa.gov/parks-and-recreation/programs/parks-and-facilities/greenways-and-trails/projects-under-development/bayshore-boulevard-greenway)

[Clearwater Beach](http://www.visitstpeteclearwater.com)

**MY PAYMENT IS BY MAIL \_\_\_ 2024 Blanding Family Reunion**

**MY PAYMENT IS BY ZELLE \_\_\_ Tampa, FL**

**Friday, July 5th – Sunday, July 7th**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**DEADLINE IS MAY  31, 2024**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY LINEAGE:**

\_\_\_ Leroy Blanding \_\_\_Anna Blanding \_\_\_Caleb Blanding \_\_\_Wash Blanding \_\_\_Howard Blanding

\_\_\_ Pierce Blanding \_\_\_ Ornsby Blanding \_\_\_Jim Blanding \_\_\_Lucy Ann Blanding \_\_\_Not Sure

\_\_\_ Lucy Blanding \_\_\_ Amelia Blanding \_\_\_Lad Blanding \_\_\_ Louise Blanding

***List all family members who will attend***

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| **NAME** | **Adult (18+)**  **$200.00** | **Youth**  **(11- 17)**  **$135.00** | **Children**  **(5-10)**  **$50.00** | **Infant/Toddler**  **(0-4)**  **FREE** |
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***Adult T-Shirt Sizes***

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| **NAME** | **X- Small**  **$9.00** | **Small**  **$9.00** | **Medium**  **$9.00** | **Large**  **$9.00** |
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***Children T-Shirt Sizes***

**Grand Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail-In Payments (Check/Money Order) & Registration to:**

Kimberly Grant (Reunion)

335 Chickering Lake Court

Roswell, GA 30075

**OTHER PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

**PayPal**: [Blandingfamilyreuion@gmail.com](mailto:Blandingfamilyreuion@gmail.com) (via Friends & Family Options)

**Zelle**: 678-699-9028 (Please note your bank may have a limit on your daily outgoing transactions

**Cash App:** $blandingfamily

**Voluntary Contributions for:**

Scholarship Fund $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Benevolent Fund $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Website Support $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2024 BLANDING FAMILY REUNION**

**ACHIEVEMENT INFORMATION**

The Tampa, Florida reunion committee would like to recognize the achievements of family members. If you or a family member would like to be recognized, please complete and return this form.

**NAME \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**PARENTS (OPTIONAL) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**FAMILY AFFILIATION (LINEAGE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT/RECOGNITION: (CIRCLE ONE)**

**ACADEMIC:** PRESCHOOL ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE

**CAREER:** PROMOTION APPOINTMENT RECOGNITION

RETIREMENT

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY GRADUATE:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILS OF ACHIEVEMENT:**

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