

## What Type of Reunion is Best for your Family?

There are different kinds of families. Not one family is exactly alike. The family you were born into may be the exact opposite of the family you got married into. It is how we adjust that determines how well we get along with our family members.

That being said, if you are in charge of planning your family reunion, you need to have an idea what kind of family you have and make it as the basis of how you will plan the event.

Let's say you come from a family who enjoys being with each other while indulging themselves to a meal. Then you can just plan a picnic at a nearby park. There are also less expenses because you can assign each one to bring their own food that will accommodate the rest of the members. Another option would be a barbecue at one of your member's backyard. Usually, barbecues are done alongside pool parties. You can do just like that.

If you have extra money to spare and it really calls for a grand celebration, like the silver wedding anniversary of the grandparents or a christening of a newborn, you can have a fine meal at a restaurant that would set the mood and ambience of the reunion.

Some reunions are not just about food. Some have activities. Example, if you come from a family of adventurers and risk-takers, you can have a camping trip. Choose a location where you could be altogether and do your own research. Make sure that the wildlife in that area is contained so you need not have more worries aside from your regular buzzing mosquitoes.

Road trip is also an option. Map out the locations where your family would be going. If many are tagging along, have a convoy instead. Make the most out of the stop-overs in rest and lodgings.

If your family is spiritual, you can seek the guidance of a counselor or a minister to manage the events that will be scheduled at a certain date and place with your family as participants. These are what you call retreats only this time, your family are the partakers of the event.

Reunions with a theme manage to bring out the quirky side of your family members. Do you remember the scene from "Bridget Jones' Diary" when Renee Zellweger as the title character made her way to the gathering in her Playboy Playmate bunny costume? That is an option you can consider. Dress ups are always fun anyway.

Sometimes, reunions take place after a tragedy. When a family member dies that is the only time relatives fly in from different states. Often times, this tragedy is seen as a blessing in disguise for that reason. Some families, after mourning, get together and catch up during the wake and after the burial.

Play up with any idea as long as it will accommodate those you will invite to the event. First, ask yourself, how many people are coming? If it is a big gathering, dining at a restaurant is seriously out of the picture. You can still do the picnic and the barbecue in a backyard though.

If you have old people with you, you cannot have the camping trip because they may not be up for it. The road trip may still be considered. If you are doing the road trip, include in your itinerary some historical locations for your family. Perhaps an elder member can explain to the younger generation the significant story behind an ancient home.

Reunions are usually fun and are ways for you to get to know family members. It is also a way to get in touch especially that in the United States of America, there are so many states making family see each other less frequently. To answer the question imposed by the title, there is really no one answer to what kind of reunion is best for your family. You can actually try all these options whenever the opportunity calls for and see which one goes well with everyone involved.

If you do think about it, the fun from reunion comes not only with the activities conducted during the event and the food that is served. The fun comes from the stories shared by each family member to one another and most importantly, the warmth from the company everybody receives.

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