

A Time For Gathering With Family And Friends

(NAPSA)—Remembering family and friends is a good thing, but gathering in a special place with them can be a great thing. If too much time and distance has grown between you and people who are special to you, a reunion can be a terrific way to erase the miles and the years.

Planning a reunion, whether it's family, class, military or corporate, can be a rewarding task. The first step is finding the location. Pigeon Forge, at the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains in East Tennessee, is fast becoming a popular destination for all types of reunions. The city is filled with activities and a variety of lodging opportunities to satisfy groups of any size.

Pigeon Forge also hosts a reunion Web site that offers tips and planning assistance. A visit to www.PigeonForgeReunion.com will help avoid reunion pitfalls and make your get-together a great experience for attendees and planners alike. Here are a few tips offered on the site.

Ideally, reunion planning should begin two years prior to the actual date of the gathering. This is the time to form a reunion committee and choose a location. The committee should compile a mailing list, set a date for the reunion and begin scouting hotels and meeting facilities. This is a good time to contact the Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism for assistance.

Eighteen months prior to the



reunion an initial mailer should be sent announcing the date and selected location. Hotel and meeting venues should be selected and reserved and a caterer should be selected if needed.

A year before the reunion, planners should set leisure activities, i.e. entertainment, sightseeing tours, etc. This also is the time to pay any deposits. If you're planning a military reunion or a business meeting, you should mail registration materials now.

At the six-month mark, planners should confirm reservations, catering and any entertainment.

Four months prior to your reunion, final payment arrangements should be made with all the suppliers for your group functions, including meals, tours, and other activities.

At one month out, planners should be finalizing the last-minute details. By now, all arrangements should be in place so everyone can relax and enjoy getting together.

For more information call 1-800-285-7557 or see www.PigeonForgeReunion.com.