

QUESTIONNAIRE

DIEHL FAMILY GATHERING 2009 in CHICAGO

Donna Primas and **Caron Brennan** as well as their sister **Amy Schmid** invite you to the next Diehl Family Gathering in CHICAGO, Illinois, USA, **Friday, July 31, to Sunday, August 2, 2009!**

We have put together a suggested agenda that you can find on the website www.familydiehl.com. This is the official information site for the Gathering.

At this time we would like to get some information from family members to assist in making further arrangements! **This is not a firm booking! Please state the maximum number of potential participants from your family and let us know if that number changes.**

Donna has worked in tourism since 1983 and is a Chicago Tour Guide. Please feel free to email her (primascopy@aol.com) with your questions about the City of Chicago or plans for touring in the U.S. She has travelled extensively, and can offer suggestions, help you locate sources or websites with more information!

REUNION DATES

Deciding the dates was difficult for us. We decided that the most people would be able to attend if we had the reunion in the summer when children would not be in school. The dates are: **Friday, July 31 to Sunday, August 2, 2009.**

YOUR (sender) INFORMATION

Even if you are not coming, we will make a database (Excel spreadsheet) to share with other family members!

Given (First) Name		Country	
Family (Last) Name		Street	
Email address		Address	
Home Telephone #		City, State	
Mobile Telephone #		Postal Code	

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND?

Your answer is not a commitment to attend! This is NOT a firm booking!

- I/we will definitely **NOT** attend.
- I/we MIGHT POSSIBLY attend, if we can make the necessary arrangements.
- I/we are VERY INTERESTED to attend this family reunion in Chicago!

WHO MIGHT COME?

How many people from your family may attend?

_____ Adults (18 and older)

_____ Children

TO THE RIGHT, please tell us the names of EVERYONE who may come, plus the ages of the children.

Name	Children's Ages

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Chicago has many wonderful museums and things to do. We have planned an agenda for a long weekend of activities. We can suggest many more things to do if you would like to stay in the area for a longer time. Our relatives from overseas, may even wish to travel to other cities before or after Chicago.

How long do you think you will stay in Chicago?

For PART of the weekend of activities

For the FULL schedule of activities

For the FULL schedule of activities plus some extra days.

How long do you think you will stay in the U.S.?

I/we will be coming only for the reunion in Chicago.

I/we will probably stay in the U.S. for more days.

I/we are also interested to travel to other areas such as: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

There are many well located hotels downtown Chicago. We can provide suggestions as to which hotels may meet your needs. We will help research and suggest hotels that you can book on your own.

What type of accommodation is most interesting to you?

Four or Five Star luxury hotel (Four Seasons, Ritz Carlton, Peninsula, Park Hyatt, Westin, Inter-Continental, Omni, Marriott, Sofitel, Swissotel, etc.)

Three Star basic hotel, which may include breakfast (Holiday Inn Express, Hampton Inn, Hotel Monaco, Seneca Hotel, Inn of Chicago, Comfort Inn & Suites, Four Points by Sheraton, etc.)

A condo or apartment that has kitchen facilities. (Homewood Suites, Marriott Residence Inn, etc.)

The J. Ira & Nicki Harris Family Hostel - Hostelling International Chicago (shared accommodation)

No hotel needed...we live near Chicago or will be staying elsewhere!

Double room(s) _____

Single room(s) _____

I/we am/are interested in additional accommodation before Friday for _____ nights

I/we am/are interested in additional accommodation after Sunday for _____ nights

TRANSPORTATION & PARKING

A **taxi** from Chicago O'Hare Airport to the city center costs about \$40-\$50 and can take between 30 minutes and 1.5 hours, depending on the traffic.

A one-day all-you-can ride Chicago **public transportation** pass is about \$5 per person. A single ride on a **bus or subway/elevated (EI)** train is about \$2 per person. It is possible to take a Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) train to the downtown area. The cost is about \$2 per ride per person. The trip takes about 45 minutes to one hour.

Shared van services between the airport and downtown hotels costs approx. \$20-25 per person.

Parking in the city of Chicago is very expensive. At a hotel (with in-and-out privileges) the parking rates are about \$45-\$50 per day. Other city parking (with NO in-and-out privileges) is about \$15-\$35 per day. We may be able to help identify less expensive parking. Remember: You do not need a car to enjoy Chicago.

PRIVATE GUIDED FAMILY TOURS on Saturday and Sunday

We will plan to arrange a CRUISE on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan as well as a CHICAGO HIGHLIGHTS BUS TOUR for the group. Please tell us which language you would prefer for our private tours: ENGLISH language GERMAN language

OTHER SIGHSEEING

Donna will provide sightseeing suggestions and prepare a list of her favorite things to do in Chicago. You can read it on the website.

Is there anything that you have heard about, want to know more about or want to be sure to see or do while in Chicago?

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please let us know if you have any questions about travel to Chicago or the U.S. We will try to provide answers and resources and post the information on the website!
