



Memories are made of this...

Family members young and “young at heart”...from near and far...celebrating old traditions and establishing new ones...

There’s no place like Sumter for celebrating your family ties! Two hours from the beach, three hours from the mountains, and a short day trip from the South’s major metropolitan areas, we really are “in the middle of everything”! Enjoy this unique community that combines the charm of the antebellum era with the exciting advances of the 21st century, offering big-city amenities with a small-town flavor.

Whether your family members are traveling from across town or across the country, Sumter offers a welcoming embrace to friends old and new.

A center of culture and leisure, Sumter boasts everything you need for a successful reunion. More than 1,100 hotel rooms (including most major chains), dozens of restaurants, numerous catering services, great meeting facilities, an abundance of available activities and some of the most beautiful scenery in the state, it is truly a place to come home to. If you’re traveling as a group, “step-on” tour guides are available to reacquaint your guests with the places mentioned in family stories that have been passed down through the generations. The extensive archives of the Sumter County Genealogical and Historical Research Center has the resources to

make the past come alive for those family members who would like to know the role that their ancestors played in Sumter’s transition from a small agricultural settlement in the 1740’s to one of South Carolina’s metropolitan areas of today.

There are also many opportunities for “old fashioned family fun” at our many parks and other attractions.

Sumter, South Carolina is a great place to host a family reunion to remember!

Sumter, South Carolina Recollections, Reflections **REUNIONS**



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A reunion to remember...



Planning your reunion can be a complex process, but one that pays off with a memorable time for your family members and guests. In fact, the "family" you are planning for may not even be your relatives, but a high school or college class, military group, fraternity or sorority, or any other organization that shares the bond of precious memories. Let the friendly staff at the Swan Lake Visitors Center assist you in helping to ensure that your reunion is one to be remembered and treasured by all who attend!

Among the items you need to consider are:

- Date(s)/Time(s)
- Site(s)
- Accommodations
- Invitations
- Menus
- Activities & entertainment (suitable for all ages)
- Photos or video
- Memorabilia (e.g., T-shirts)

With all these things planned and organized in advance, you are free to enjoy the company of your guests. Sumter has a variety of resources to help you in your planning:

Major Chain Hotels

Candlewood Suites

(803) 469-4000
Toll-free: (888) 226-3539

Comfort Suites

(803) 469-0200
Toll-free: (800) 228-5150

Country Inn & Suites

(803) 469-6666
Toll-free: (800) 596-2375

Days Inn

(803) 469-8400
Toll-free: (800) 329-7466

Econolodge

(803) 775-2323
Toll-free: (800) 457-6884

Hampton Inn

(803) 469-2222
Toll-free: (800) 931-2220

Holiday Inn Express

(803) 469-8400

Quality Inn

(803) 469-9001
Toll-free: (800) 228-2800

Sleep Inn

(803) 469-0500
Toll-free: (800) 627-5337

Super 8

(803) 773-8110

Some hotels also offer specialized reunion planning assistance.

For meetings, meals and other get-togethers, Sumter has facilities of all sizes and types. Receptions, picnics, pig-pickins or formal banquets--whatever your style, give us a call and we will help you find just the right place. Among those available:

- Swan Lake Visitors Center
- Heath Pavilion
- City of Sumter HOPE Centers (3 locations)
- Sumter County Civic Center
- Sumter County Museum
- Mill Creek Park
- O'Donnell House
- Poinsett State Park
- Patriot Hall
- American Legion Hall
- Central Carolina Technical College
- San Souci Pavilion
- Sumter Jaycee Hut
- USC Sumter

...and others. Several area hotels also have ample meeting and/or banquet

space. The Swan Lake Visitors Center maintains current listings for area caterers and restaurants. Call for details!

In between organized activities, those attending your reunion will find plenty of things to do. Golf, fishing, swimming, tennis, hiking, parks and gardens are popular outdoor pursuits, and Sumter has state-of-the-art facilities for those of all skill levels. Our indoor mall and many specialty shops cater to those who enjoy shopping, and several antique stores offer the chance to find the treasure of a lifetime. Stage performances, outdoor concerts and a multiplex cinema provide quality entertainment for those who enjoy the arts. We also offer some of the latest and most creative in fine dining.

Make your reunion one to remember...contact the Swan Lake Visitors Center today for assistance in creating memories that will last a lifetime!

Swan Lake Visitors Center

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www.sumtourtourism.com

From surrounding areas and around the world, Sumter is waiting to welcome you home!