

# Burris



# Family

January 2023

Connecting Across the Generations

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## Join The Zoom Meeting Decision Discussions

**W**e need your input to continue moving forward on plans for the 2024 reunion.

A Burris Family Zoom meeting will be held to discuss a few major questions that need input from the entire family. Information

### Zoom Meeting

The Reunion Planning Team is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic: Burris Family Reunion 2024 Planning**

**Time: Jan 29, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

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on the date, time and invites to that Zoom meeting are included in this newsletter and distributed via e-mail.

A request from participants in the last reunion business meeting asked that the 2024 reunion include a cruise and included four possible port cities from which the cruise could originate.

In order to accommodate everyone in the family reunion, including some family members who do not want to take a cruise, an option of a combination land and cruise reunion has been pursued.

So that we can move

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Critical Decisions

## Exciting Fun Wherever We Meet



No matter where we meet for our Family Reunion gatherings, it is always fun and interesting. The 2012 Gullah Tour in Charleston and the 2022 rodeo experience in Sumter helped connect us to our deep and prolific roots. And of course, we always share the joy of catching up with family.

*A Message from the President*

# “Please, Please, Please...”

Some of you will recognize the headline above as a lyrical bite from a James Brown song (you youngsters can Google “James Brown hits” and get up to speed). I’m singing that song to you and begging because we really, really want you to participate in the scheduled Zoom meeting. We need you to respond and help us make decisions about the next get-together.

There is no question whether you should attend the family

reunion. Take it from me; someone who has been around the block a long time. You will never regret spending time with your family. The richness of a person’s life is most accurately measured in the depth of familial connections.

When many driven and so called “successful” corporate and professional people are asked what they most regret in looking back on their careers, seldom do they say, “I wish I had spent more time in the office or worked harder.” Most times people look back with regret



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and acknowledge, “I wish I had spent more time with the people I love in my family.”

Baubles, bangles, toys, games, cell phones and things are okay. But things will never come close to filling the space designed for you to be present with your family, creating memories that will live long after you are gone, or long after the shine has gone from those glittering things.

The greatest act of love is to give of yourself, i.e., your time for those you love. At the top, all throughout and at the bottom line is the fact that we love you and want to spend time with you. There is no feeling in the world like being bathed in the love poured out on each of us at the reunion. Sacrifice to get yourself and everyone in your family to make plans for gathering in 2024.

## Critical Decisions

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forward with arrangements allowing maximum participation, we want to share a couple of hurdles and get your input.

Nearly all 3-day cruises are on the weekend and not from any of the cities the Family requested (Mobile, New Orleans, Galveston, Charleston). Most 4 and 5 day cruises are also Tuesday through Saturday, or some iteration that includes weekend days.

This is significant because the land portion of the reunion would be on week days.

As an example of costs, a 5-day cruise of the Western Caribbean is available out of

New Orleans from Saturday through Thursday July 27-August 1, 2024 for about \$600 per person.

A similar cruise of 5 days to The Bahamas is available on the same date out of Jacksonville, FL for about \$500 per person.

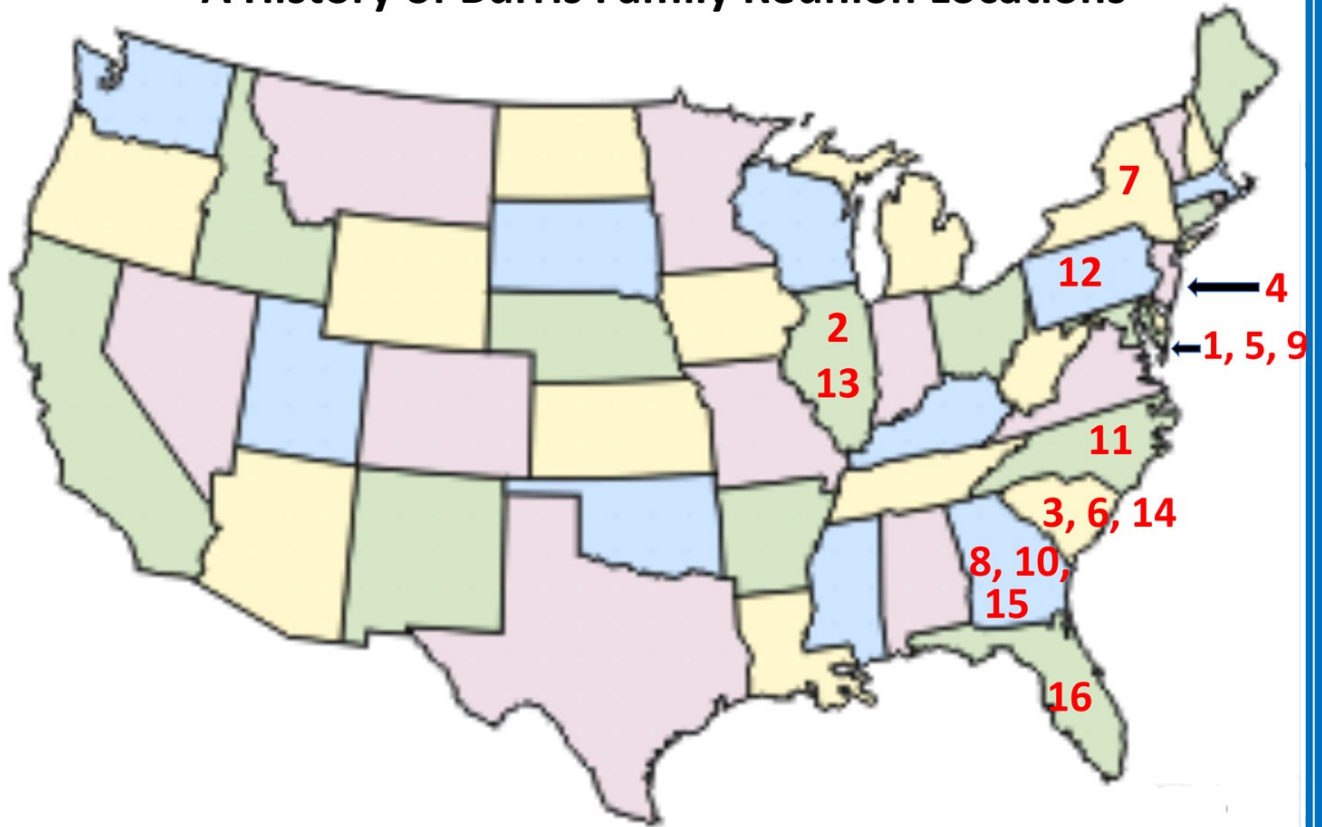
A 3-day cruise to the Bahamas from Port Canaveral is available Friday-Monday, July 19-22, 2024 for about \$450 per person.

The major decision questions evolve from 1) length of the family reunion, 2) location for optimum cruise cost, and 3) overall cost of hosting a land/cruise option.



We never get tired of seeing your beautiful, smiling faces and catching up on all the changes since the last time we came together.

## A History of Burris Family Reunion Locations



### Key

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Washington, DC; 1972    | 9. Oxon Hill, MD; 1997       |
| 2. North Chicago, IL; 1973 | 10. Augusta, GA; 2000        |
| 3. Aiken, SC; 1978         | 11. Charlotte, NC; 2004      |
| 4. East Orange, NJ; 1983   | 12. Philadelphia, PA; 2007   |
| 5. Washington, DC; 1985    | 13. Skokie/Chicago, IL; 2009 |
| 6. Aiken, SC; 1988         | 14. Charleston, SC; 2012     |
| 7. New York City, NY; 1991 | 15. Savannah, GA; 2015       |
| 8. Atlanta, GA; 1994       | 16. Tampa, FL; 2018          |
|                            | 17. Aiken, SC 2022           |

Have an idea for the 2024 Reunion theme?

# Help Make Our 2024 Reunion The Best Ever

It takes a lot of hands and minds working before, during and after the reunion to make things go smoothly.

Fortunately we have always had members of the family who step up and take care of the business needed for all of us to enjoy the celebration.

We need everyone to pitch in a little bit and not leave a few dedicated family members to labor excessively.

A few standing committees are in place that must be constituted with volunteers.

If you are willing to help, please volunteer to work a little bit on the preparations and during the reunion.

It's not a lot of work. But it is all necessary. And it is made easy when we have different people responsible for small chunks.

Following is a list of committees that we have established to orchestrate essential functions of the reunion. It is not necessary for you to be experienced or knowledgeable. All we require is that you have a desire to help.

The committee list is provided so that you can work in an area where you want to or where you may already have some expertise.

## Standing Committees

A c t i v i t i e s

T r a n s p o r t a t i o n

C o m m u n i c a t i o n

A r c h i v e s

H o s p i t a l i t y R e g i s t r a t i o n

F a m i l y T r e e U p d a t e

P r o g r a m s E n t e r t a i n m e n t

S o u v e n i r s M e m o r y B o o k

We just need you to say, "I'm willing." Please respond via email to:

[nero.angelinefamily@yahoo.com](mailto:nero.angelinefamily@yahoo.com)

Or if you prefer, pick up the telephone and call (706) 373-9153 and leave a message.



### Send us pictures

A significant purpose of this newsletter is to capture some of the wonderful moments we have enjoyed together and make a record for future generations. We are talking to you...yes you. You know you captured some cute pictures with your smartphone. And don't

play like you don't know that some of y'all are cute.

Claim it! Send some of the pictures you captured, so we can include them in future editions of the newsletter. Send photos as attachments to an email in JPG format of not less than 200 DPI please. If none of this makes sense, just send them anyway.

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