

# MAKING FAMILY LIFE MORE FUN

## Planning A Family Reunion

(NAPSA)—Family reunions are a terrific excuse for loved ones across the country to come together. In fact, more than eight million people will take part in a family reunion in the U.S. this year.

There are a number of details involved in planning a reunion including location, food and activities to keep everyone entertained. That's why KFC offers these 10 tips that can help you have a great family reunion:

- If you have family members coming from all over the country, choose a location that is centrally located and easily accessible by all modes of transportation.

- Contact convention centers and visitor bureaus to compare quotes on facilities and get advice on event planning.

- To build anticipation for the reunion, choose a theme ahead of time and incorporate it in all family communications.

- Plan one activity that will update the entire group about family happenings such as graduations, engagements, new jobs and retirements. This will help open the lines of communications for family members who have not seen each other for a long time.

- Organize family committees to break up all the tasks involved in planning a reunion. Try having each age group plan its own activities—that way everyone gets involved and will be excited about the upcoming event.

- To make sure you have time to enjoy yourself and not worry



about food preparations, try catering the reunion instead of the traditional potluck or backyard barbecue. A call to KFC will get you buckets of Original Recipe® chicken and all the sides—such as corn on the cob, coleslaw and baked beans.

- You never know who will show up at the last minute, so to be on the safe side, always plan for about 10 percent more food than you think you'll need.

- Newsletters are a great way to keep the family apprised of the upcoming events. Ask family with relevant talents to help create newsletters, mailings or track the family's members history.

- Recognize that reunions may be harder on the wallet for some family members so set a realistic budget that everyone can follow.

- At the end of the reunion when everyone is together, set the date for the next family gathering.

More than 200,000 family reunions take place in the U.S. every year, and each requires a great deal of forethought and planning. For more information on organizing a family reunion, party planning, and picnic preparations, visit [www.kfc.com](http://www.kfc.com).