

Classmates,

As the reunion committee looks at the number of people signing up for events (and getting some feedback from classmates), it is clear some have made the decision to not attend the Friday night reception based on past experience! Everyone on the Committee was at the 20th Reunion and they all saw the feedback form the survey.

When the 25th reunion committee was established over two years ago a central part of their mission from the very beginning was to work especially hard to make this whole weekend better than any before.

Understandably, they did not want to over-promise and under-deliver, and they apologize for keeping their cards close. I can confidently say this reunion will be our best ever. And to help make it happen... We want you to be there. It's been 5, 10, 15, 20, and even 25 years since you last saw some of your classmates. Historically, the 25th reunion is the largest, and best reunion... you will not want to miss any of it.

FRIDAY NIGHT RECEPTION: Although they cannot promise specific menu items; what they can promise is this:

REUNION HOTEL: The Westin is the only FIVE STAR hotel in downtown Annapolis.

BALLROOM: The hotel ballroom alone is the LARGEST ballroom in all of Annapolis, and together with the pre-function space adjacent to the ballroom there will be plenty of space.

OPEN BUFFET: The amount of food will be SUBSTANTIAL. Food at the reception will essentially be a variety of dinner buffet offerings including several carving stations. Think meat, potatoes, and some lighter fare to mix it up!

OPEN BARS: Note, "BARS" Plural. There will be several to let you spend more time socializing and catching up with classmates than waiting, let alone waiting in line to pay for drinks. Besides, the class gets more bang for the buck from an open bar.

YOU: To be clear, we can plan the best reception ever, but if you do not show up that's one less classmate reunited. So, join us! It's not really about the food, nor the bar, and not even the dollars... It's about us; come celebrate the great class of 96' REUNITED.

SATURDAY TAILGATE:

FOOD: Unlimited food, beer and wine. (The best BBQ Annapolis has to offer – get the calories you expended on the Fun Run back in your belly!). They are trying to accommodate all food allergies / restrictions as well.

THE GAME: 4 satellite TVs so you can watch the game from the 'gator. Or go into the stadium to be in all the excitement

ENTERTAINMENT: Children's entertainment will be available to help keep them occupied so you can socialize more.

RESTROOMS: Our own air conditioned bathroom trailer.

TENT: We will have a huge tent for shade and cover. We will monitor the weather in the event there is hot and plan to rent fans if needed.

We hate to hear that people might be doing small pocket gatherings on Friday night when we have such a great night planned. We have had over \$2000 DONATED by other classmates to help get people to the reunion...that's how bad they want to see their other classmates....so if money is the issue, please reach out to Thomas at leahyt@gmail.com.

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