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THINK REUNION

Well, some definite steps have finally been taken towards the anticipated family reunion. July 21st, 22nd, & 23rd have been selected as to when. Fort Cobb Lake is the chosen place, exact location still undecided. We hope everyone will be able to attend at that time.

Lots of plans are underway. Some of the activities being planned are, swimming (of course) sack racing, horseshoes, boating & skiing, (Jayro is going to bring his pontoon boat) fishing, pitch tournaments, gospel singing, and any other activities that anyone might want to do, providing you bring along any equipment necessary for the doing of the activity. Sorry Paul, no pancake eating contest this year.

In addition, there will be a talent show the 22nd. This event will not be scheduled for a specific time, but most likely will take place in the cooler part of the day, following the evening meal. No competition in this one, just fun. In order to avoid chaos and mass confusion, please inform me (Ada) of your intention to perform by the first of July. However, if you decide, on the spur of the moment, that you would like to sing or something, you will be welcome to do so, but for the most part we need to have an order to our show. Songs, poems, tall tales, etc. So get your act together.

Trophies will be given to the winners of the pitch tournament. Of course the championship title and the trophy will be challenged annually at every family reunion. If you go home with the trophy this year you have to bring it back next year and defend your right to keep it another year. The pitch tournaments have until now been called "Annual Hilltop Pitch Tournament", this year they will be called "The Annual Craddock Pitch Tournament".

Trophies will also be given to the winning team in the horseshoe throwing events. Likewise, your championship title and trophy will be challenged each year at the reunion.

A trophy will be given to the one who catches the biggest fish, you will be allowed three days to get your catch. The rules and deadline will be determined at a later date by the men officiating this event. That seat of authority will be self appointed. The prize will be provided by the planning committee and will be a good one.

Prizes will be awarded the oldest relative attending, the youngest relative attending, the relative that has the most children attending, and the relative or family that traveled the greatest distance. There will be a free drawing also.

Games and events for the children are being planned also. There will be prizes for them too. So be sure to bring along your youngins' and any ideas for them. The lake itself will probably provide a big part of their fun. However there will be a sack race and some other stuff that someone can think of between now and then.

We plan to have lots of fun and plenty of good stuff to eat. Bring your favorite food dishes along. We will need several small card tables, so if you have one, bring it. You'll want to bring a lawn chair, and if you plan to stay overnight, you might want to pack a tent along. Personally, don't look for me after 10 P.M. or before 9 A.M., I'll be home. Out of state family not wanting to spend the night on the lake, you're welcome to come to my house.

Hey! wouldn't you like to have a good quality Tshirt, (not one of those flimsy ones) that had this on it: "I survived the Craddock Family Reunion, July, 1989. Well, guess what, you can. Samie is making arrangements to have some orderd for us. We've enclosed an order blank along with this letter for those wanting to have a shirt. Infant sizes will be hand designed by the planning committee. You need to place your order not later than May 31st. Samie will pass out the shirts at the reunion.

All come expecting to have lots of fun. Come one day, come two days, come three days or just stop by for an hour or two, but be sure to come.

Viola and Samie Craddock and myself, consist of the planning committee. We encourage and welcome any volunteers that would like to join us. We will be needing someone to organize and carry out the childrens games, scorekeepers, rulemakers, judges and referees. We are asking Paul to emcee the talent show. So volunteer, your help is needed.