

P.S. We didn't rent the BR's Oct 21, 1979

Dear Family:

This group ret to this house (1711) Dec Jan 3, 80

By the time that this comes back it will be time to make reservations for the family Alumnae camp if that is what you want to do. There are alternatives that we can consider.

Advantages of summer camp: We are all together. All the cousins are together and they get the opportunity to get to know each other more. There are Baby tenders and programs for the children so that the Mothers get some free time to themselves. A big plus. Someone besides the women do the cooking and dishwashing. Another big plus. Big disadvantage. The cost. Can you really afford it, you guys?

Alternative 1. Let the out-of-towners come as they want and visit grandmothers and grandfathers and stay with whom they want. After all, we now have four of us here who have homes and out of town cousins can sleep-over, etc with their Provo Cousins. Advantage: No expense except getting here.

Alternative two: All come at once and divide among the Provo families and Grandparents Hall and plan group activities and etc. There are four out of town families and four in-town families. Grandmother's is the only place there are a lot of empty beds--but for a week or so there are sleeping bags and carpeted floors. David has an empty basement with a bed for guests. I doubt if Tracy and Betsy have any empty beds. (correct me) Nancy has an empty basement but no empty beds.

Nancy says they have some army beds. Tracy says they have some army beds.

Alternative three: We could rent a mountain home and bring in food. My investigations of this one year came up with the conclusion that it is simpler and almost as cheap and a lot less work to go to the Alumnae camp.

Alternative four: We could go back East and stay at Sherlene's Church camp if we could get enough reservations. Note: The East is NOT cool around it's lakes. We might run into rain, etc.

Alternative five:

We could opt for alternative two and find baby sitters and all adults and older children go on a river trip. The men and any willing females could also opt the same week for a two or three day back pack into the Uintas. (count me out of that--Grandmother). But don't think you are leaving me home to go on a river trip. Will Can't

Below check your opinions:

Alt 1 Alt 2 Alt 3 Alt 4 Alt 5 Camp go to go to camp

Barry and Virginia

Sherlene and Dan

#2 Nancy and Doug

Charlotte and Bryan Camp or alt. 2

Liz and Marty

Mom and Dad

#2 Betsy and Tracy

David and Karen

Mom & Dad: Any you can agree on except #4. don't like East summers.

Think seriously about Alternative 1. We could get together a night or two on a group basis, etc. the Big disadvantage: The cousins are not all together at once and don't get as much exposure to each other.

Also we can go to zoo as group -  
go to hagoon - Eat at Mac D.  
& still not spend so much as at  
Camp.



David said they would do anything  
those far away would want as  
they bear about of appeal.

Nancy says she likes camp  
but it might be interesting  
to try all 2 - all come +  
play in homes & plan from  
chtrs.

Below check your opinions:  
Alt 1 Alt 2 Alt 3 Alt 4 Alt 5  
Betty and Virginia  
Shoreland and Dan  
Nancy and Doug  
Charlotte and Bryan  
Liz and Mary  
Mom and Dad  
Betty and Tracy  
David and Karen  
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Also: Christmas is coming, and remember that we drew names. I will refresh your memory of who you have, but the final authority is the sheet I sent you the first of the year and which I am sure??? you all have tucked away in a safe place.

Namee	Sends to
Sherlene and Dan	Charlotte and Bryan
Laura	Mary
Daniel	Huntington Tracy

*Bryan & Charlotte - Liz & Marty*  
*Sarah*  
*Erin*

Tracy and Betsy	Virginia and Barry
Hunt. Tracy	Daniel
Zina	Michael
Mary	Laura
Robert	Steven
Alex	Nathan
Elizabeth	Warren Tracy
Susannah	Emily
David and Karen	Betsy and Tracy
Mark	Gregory
Stephen	Robert
Michael	Zina
Emily Hall	Elizabeth (Youngest of Tracy and Betsy)
Liz and Marty	David and Karen
Gregory	Mark
Emily	Susannah
Erin	Sarah (Charlotte and Bryan's)
Virginia and Barry	Nancy and Doug
Nathan	Carli Anne
Warren	Emily (David's and Karen's)
Nancy and Doug	Sherlene and Dan
Carli Ann	Alex

Dad and Mom are not on here as you have probably noticed. While I can we will remember all the grandchildren with something and we already are sending you all the National Geographic for Christmas and will continue as long as we feel we can. Several of the children said they felt they wanted to remember their parents at Christmas and so we haven't put our names on. o.k?? Don't feel obliged to send gifts to us--strictly optional. (However, if you INSIST--we really love those pictures of the grandkiddies and yourselves) (hint, Hint) see your previous sheets for children's ages. the financial limit was \$10.00 per couple and \$2.00 for each child's gift. Home-made gifts are especially appreciated.

We love you all and are greatly pleased with your progress both spiritual and temporal, but especially spiritual. There can be no greater pleasure a parent can have than to see their children serving his Heavenly Father, his fellow man, and bringing their children up in righteousness. YOU ARE ALL GRRRREAT.

Love

Muzzer and Fuzzer

SHERLENE: TWO pages. Period. By the way--you owe us all hot fudge Sundaes for keeping the Hallmanack so long.



November 6, 1978

Yesterday I gave the local families another day to get their letters in and went out to work on the bathroom of the Payson house where Nancy had her shop. She started just a year ago--I wish she was still in there, but I doubt if it would have given her enough to keep going on.

I just came in from the Greenhouse and found Nancy's letter so will get this off to Liz and Marty. We have not had the Hallmanack more than three weeks total for Provo, so we have done well. I've been transplanting some of my baby orchids from the community pots to 2-3 and 4" pots. After my greenhouse freeze two or three years ago, I bought three or four community pots which contained 10-15 plants each for approx 7.50 a community pot. These are small plants which have been taken from the flask where they grow by the hundreds and put into group pots of 10-15 plants each and grown-on. These were what I bought. They were very tiny when I got them and I planted them in 2½ inch flats that I use for growing annuals in the greenhouse. Most of them are now out of these and into individual pots.

It is interesting to see the leaf difference in plants which have the same parentage. So you know that there are going to be different flowers, too. I also have purchased single babies (2½ to 3" pots) from time to time, so that I now have about 2/3 of one side of the greenhouse benches devoted to these babies. I hope I get some choice ones from these plants. One of the babies (but not the community pot) has bloomed this fall. It is a blue, similar to the one I had when you kids were home, only I don't think it is as pretty as the one I have. One of the community pots was supposed to be a cross to obtain blues, so I hope that I will get one or two choice ones from that group. If I get several choice plants it will be worth the effort and years of waiting.

The reason I offered to buy her house was 1) she was working at that time with a Real Estate agent and by the time he talked her into lowering her price for a client and taking his cut, she was only going to get that from the sale anyway, so I said go ahead and look for a house to buy. If you don't sell it by the time your loan goes through I will buy it myself for the 43,000, and get out from under that agent. I hoped that she could find someone to buy it for \$47,500, which it had been appraised for. She didn't --but at least she got more than she would have with that agent.

They really have a nice house. Their installment will go up each year until it becomes stabilized the sixth year. By that time their installment will be 500 and something a year, but hopefully Doug's salary will go up enough that that will not seem too bad.

Everyone is talking about a recession. We have not felt it here yet except in interest rates. We are getting 11.6% on our money market loans, and it has gone up to 12.8 or something like that. I should have waited to put it in for another week.

I am glad that you are working on your food supplies. Daddy is going around visiting ward members to see how they are doing. He hopes to get around to everyone by the time ward conference comes in Dec but I doubt if he will make it.

Mother