Reunion Planning Update

Pre-registration is open! It’s non-binding and requires no fee, but it really helps our planning. Plus it’s a great way to let your fellow ’98ers know that you’re planning to attend! Here’s the link: https://yalealumni-events.secure.force.com/PreRegistration?EventCode=REU-2018-1998

The 20th Reunion Committee is busy putting together our own Class programming to complement Yale’s standard Reunion Weekend agenda. Class of 1998 events include:

- Friday and Saturday night parties
- Class meet-ups and activities
- Classmate-led discussions on topics of current interest
- Recommended Reading (and Watching and Listening): collections of classmate-authored works of music, film and literature – please let us know if you’d like your work included!
- If there’s a project on this list that you’d like to be involved in, we’d welcome your participation. Just send us a quick email: yalealumni98@yahoo.com

As we approach Reunion Weekend, there are local pre-reunion events being planned in various cities, including New York, Los Angeles, Houston and Washington DC. Stay tuned for details!

The Reunion Book is open for submissions! We hope you’ll take a few minutes to submit some photos or notes for the book. You have to submit to be included, and we’d just love to get as many names and faces included as possible! Logins have been emailed to all classmates and the webpage is here: http://datayale.morenoreunionbooks.com/

Official registration will open in the next week or two. At that point, you can sign up for Reunion, Camp Bulldog (see below) and on-campus housing (which will be the topic of our next newsletter – stay tuned!)

Class of 1998 has a variety of backgrounds

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By Stephanie Clare

1992 Staff Writer

They’ve unpacked their bags, set up their rooms, and listened to endless words of advice from every corner. Now, the 1,118 alumni members of Yale College are ready to begin their journey. More than a third of the entering class of 1998 identify themselves as belonging to a minority group. And 42.2 percent of the class are women; the highest percentage ever. The class includes a three-time winner of the California Young Playwrights Award, a professional tennis player ranked 34th in the world and a national class officer. One student has addressed Congress about environmental careers as a representative of a national youth organization, and another was named a Yale Student Government President (Chambers Law ’). If they reply to their last day of Camp Yale yesterday, several freshmen said they were impressed with the possibilities of their classmates and how they have all come together in the same environment.

“We’re here to do our best,” said the students. “We’re here to make things happen.”

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Here are some further details:

- Attendees are divided into five age groups: Infants (under 18 months), Toddlers (18 to 36 months), Preschool (age 3 – kindergarten), School age (grades 1-6) and Teen (grades 7-12). Each has its own age-appropriate programming. The staff works to keep siblings together whenever possible.
- Camp Bulldog is open for three sessions: Friday and Saturday evenings from 3pm to 11:30pm, and Saturday morning from 8:30-12:30. You can drop off or pick up your kids at any time during the sessions. You’ll get a security bracelet that matches with your child.
- All three sessions serve a snack; the evening sessions also serve dinner (at 6pm).
- You sign up and pay for Camp Bulldog when you sign up for the reunion itself. The program is subsidized by Yale in order to ensure access for all families. (You do need to pay for your child’s reunion ticket for the relevant days in order to participate.)
- For more information, visit the Camp Bulldog webpage: http://aya.yale.edu/content/camp-bulldog-0_5870

Spotlight on Camp Bulldog

Camp Bulldog is a fabulous child care resource available to all reunion attendees. For a single fee per child, you have unlimited access to Camp Bulldog during their three program sessions.

But it’s not just babysitting — your child will be entertained and educated by professional caregivers as they play games, paint, run around, enjoy healthy snacks and meals, and bond with other alumni minis in their own age group. And you will get to relax and catch up with your adult classmates, who for the most part don’t need to be escorted to the bathroom or have ketchup removed from their neck folds.

Kids and Families at Reunion

Here’s a question some of you may be pondering: Should I bring my kids to the Reunion? The answer is YES! While kids are always welcome at Reunions, the 20th in particular is a family-friendly affair. This year our class is offering a deep discount for children attending Reunion as well as special family events throughout the weekend. Whether your kids choose to stick with you and meet your college friends, make their own friends at Camp Bulldog, participate in the many family-oriented activities, or get a head start on their college visits with a campus tour, you won’t want them to miss out on this unique experience.

Here are some examples of the kid-friendly activities you can expect during Reunion weekend:

- Take a class: Reunion weekend will feature a one-hour hands-on classroom experience geared towards primary school kids and their parents, taught by Yale professors.
- Tour the campus: Family-friendly opportunities to see the campus include an architectural treasure hunt, tours of Payne Whitney Gym and open houses in the residential colleges.
- Enjoy a meal together: When you bring your kids to our Class Meals, you’ll find plenty of child-friendly food selections. At Saturday lunch, there is a special section of the tent dedicated to families with children. At our class dinners, kids can get an early start on their meal while adults enjoy a cocktail.
- Day at the Museum: From the Yale Art Gallery and British Art Center to the Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale’s museums will be open to all reunion guests. Special kid-friendly activity packs are available at each museum.
- Family Fun Fest: On Saturday afternoon, parents can join kids as they enjoy games, mechanical animals, a rock-climbing wall and other entertainments designed to get the wiggles out.

Stay tuned for the full Reunion schedule in the coming weeks!