

2022 Turner Reunion

The Jim & Dianne Turner Clan

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2022 Turner Reunion Headquarters

This website serves as schedule headquarters for the **2022 Turner Reunion**.

Hotel Link and Details

Turner Reunion Hotel Link [HERE!](#)

Turner Family Reunion

- Hotel Block Start Date: Monday, June 27, 2022
- Hotel Block End Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2022
- Last Day to Book: Friday, June 10, 2022
- Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:
- Greenville Marriott for 99 USD per night, includes breakfast

Turner Reunion Hotel Link [HERE!](#)

Schedule

Reunion Headquarters: Hospitality Room at the Hotel

- We have full-time use of a hospitality room at the hotel for all three days – this will be the place to meet, mingle, catch up, share photos and family updates, and make plans!!! This is official **Reunion Headquarters**
- This is a private, air conditioned room right off the pool with private restrooms and direct access and views of the pool – the room is **AWE-SOME**

Thursday, June 30, 2022

- LEISURELY Breakfast at the hotel
- **PLAY, PLAY, PLAY** at the hotel pool (it is wonderful)
- Optional **on-your-own** day trips for hikes to mountaintops or waterfalls, Greenville Zoo and playground, or tours of Falls Park, or downtown Greenville
- Optional group dinner at **Silver Bay** at 6 pm at 916 NE Main St., Simpsonville, SC 29681 (pay your own way). 864-228-9705. **A headcount poll will go out via GroupMe.**

We will need to get a headcount for dinner. Then we will reserve a meeting room at **Silver Bay** at 6 pm at 916 NE Main St., Simpsonville, SC 29681 (pay your own way). 864-228-9705.

Friday, July 1, 2022

- LEISURELY Breakfast at the hotel
- Lake day on Lake Hartwell 10 AM to 4 PM (Fun fact: you have the chance to sit where the photo below was taken!) **A headcount poll will go out via GroupMe.**
- Lake House address: 1120 Pine Lake Drive, Townville SC 29689
- Gentle Warning: Amenities at the lake house are **rustic chic**
- Dinner on your own

We have several kid and adult size lifejackets to share, **but if you have access to lifejackets, please bring them.** We would like for everyone to wear them. **The lake will be very, very busy this weekend** – the busiest of the year. Also, don't wear a really nice bathing suit, as all the boats on the lake will kick up mud and give a nice permanent orange tint to whatever you wear!

We will also have hotdogs, watermelon and chips for lunch at the lake.

There is not a planned dinner for this evening. We imagine people will be straggling back from the lake and other daily activities at random times. Some may even be tired! I am sure there will be people hanging out at the hotel pool for those inclined.

Saturday, July 2, 2022

- LEISURELY Breakfast at the hotel
- Official Turner reunion 10 AM until noon at Hotel **A headcount poll will go out via GroupMe.**
- Lunch at Hotel noon until 1:30 PM
- Pool time at hotel 1:30 until

More details will follow on the actual reunion day activities. We will definitely incorporate some of the standards you expect.

Please be thinking about who in your family would like to give an extended family update. We would like to have one speaker represent the families of Chris, John, Lawrence, Jenny, Mickey, Bill, Yvonne, Jim, Wayne, and Bobby.

The **mandatory** family photo session will be in full effect!

There will also be a little bit of music, a game or two, and lots of eating!

After the official reunion, our hope is that everyone hangs out at the pool and/or the air-conditioned meeting rooms for most of the rest of the day.

Neat Parting Memory

8 brothers gather for all-male reunion

By Lesley Stadman
Independent Mail

The Turner wives were tired of the men in the family getting into their own little group at family reunions in Myrtle Beach, virtually ignoring everyone else.

So they told the boys to have their own reunion.

Now the wives, their 24 children and 17 grandchildren are sitting at home while the eight men water ski, boat, reminisce and play golf.

The eight sons of the late John Turner came from Washington, Canada, Tennessee, Illinois, Florida and South Carolina to meet at a little cabin on Hartwell Lake this week to celebrate the Fourth of July.

The other two Turner children, both daughters, weren't invited, although one showed up unexpectedly Friday and crashed the party for a few hours.

"We should've known she'd show up," they chorused Friday afternoon.

The men, who range in age from 39 to 64, spent much of Friday reminiscing about their late parents and trying to coerce each other into cooking all the meals.

"First I was the taxi driver," said Chris, the oldest and one of the first to arrive at the cabin near Townville. "Then I was promoted to coffee maker, but they took that job away from me. I don't know who's going to cook."

The Turners were born and raised in Marion, S.C. Five of the boys went to Clemson University before they spread out across the continent. This was the first all-male get-together.

"We were never all at home at the same time," said John Jr. of Indian Lake, Fla. "We've never been able to all get together for

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any amount of time. Something always happened."

The last time the group was together was a family reunion two years ago at Myrtle Beach when about 90 members of the Turner family gathered.

"The women are a little jealous about this, I guess," Chris said. "We're trying to get them together for a sisters reunion. All two of them."

The tiny, yellow cottage where the group met erupted in laughter as the men told one story after another Friday afternoon. They teased Bobby, the youngest, who left his 10-month old baby with his wife in Indian Lake to make the reunion.

"There's usually a lot of wisdom and guidance these guys are trying to impart around here," said Bobby, whose boyish grin and dark hair with only a touch of gray made him the obvious

baby of the family. "I know how to sift through it pretty well though."

But the trip wasn't only full of fun and laughter. The men reminisced about their mother, reading an old newspaper clipping featuring Jenny Turner on Mother's Day.

They talked about their children and their wives.

"A couple of the (wives) are sorry we're gone," said Jim, who lived in Anderson before moving to Bristol, Tenn. "A couple were elated. Some have mixed emotions about us coming back at all."

Jim is part owner of the cabin where a few of the men were staying. Others slept in a friend's houseboat on the lake or in area hotels.

"It's always very special for us to come back here," Jim said. "It's nice to be close to Clemson and we all think this is a beautiful part of the country."

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Greg Beckner Independent Mail

The Turner brothers, from left to right, front row: Chris, Lawrence, Wayne and Jim; back row: Bill, Bobby, Mickey, and John. The men left their wives at home for their reunion at Hartwell Lake this weekend.

Eight brothers gather for weekend reunion