



## **2007 WILLRICH FAMILY REUNION BULLETIN # 1**

**Save the date!**

**Willrich Family Reunion May 4-5-6, 2007  
Camp Lone Star, LaGrange, Texas**



The Willrich Family Reunion will be held May 4-5-6, 2007, at Camp Lone Star, across from Monument Hill in LaGrange. Make plans now to attend, and spread the word!

This Reunion will have a new, more comfortable, format and location. We have reserved the Johnson Conference Center and Selah House at the camp, including 26 rooms with private baths, plus more at the Executive Inn and Suites, on West Business Hwy 71 near 609 (At a special price of \$60 per night). You won't have to drive as much, and we will have activities for children, including supervised arts and crafts, games, canoeing, swimming and a Saturday night campfire with singing. The activities will be supervised by professional camp personnel, so parents can relax and talk with each other, or participate in the activities.

We had a planning meeting in January, at Katherine Powell and Alice and George Clarke's house, near Cedar Cemetery, to decide on activities and other things, and we took a tour of the camp facilities. We are working on finalizing the plans for our reunion weekend so a great time can be enjoyed by all. The Willrich Family Foundation offices (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Cemetery Chairman, Reunion Chairman) seem to have willing candidates, but will be open for nominations from the floor. We would really like to have more Board members to participate, so tell Marilyn Penland, our President, [abp.jr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:abp.jr@sbcglobal.net), 979-245-3823, if you would like to serve, and if you have any questions regarding the duties of any of the positions. The slate will be in the next Bulletin (# 2) and on the web page.

We will be able to set up our displays on Friday night May 4 and leave them out all weekend, a big advantage for this new location. Locate your family photos and memorabilia and any display cases if possible. Please label your pictures and items for display. Nancy Huebner Brown would like to scan many of the pictures for our History Book, which is progressing.

There will be a meeting of the History Committee at 9:30 AM on Saturday May 5 in the central meeting room of the Conference Center. We need someone from each family group to compile the history for that group so that it can be organized and eventually put into published form. If you would like to help on this committee, please join them Saturday morning. The panoramic family photo by Goldbeck Company is set for 2:30 Saturday at the old Willrich House, Mt. Eliza. The Schencks will have the house open that day for visits, with Paul Schenck telling the history of the house. More details about these activities will be in the next bulletin, and will also be posted on the web page.

On Sunday morning, May 6, at 10:30 we will have a Memorial Service at Monument Hill, where we will honor our family members who have passed away since the last Reunion. Please send the names of your deceased family members to Andy Penland, our Chaplain, so we can include their names in the service. ([mr\\_penland@yahoo.com](mailto:mr_penland@yahoo.com))

### **FAMILY TREE UPDATES**

All family members are asked to send their family tree updates to Rob Brown at 8704 Driftwood Drive College Station, TX 77845, or e-mail to: [robbylbrn@aol.com](mailto:robbylbrn@aol.com) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE be sure to include what family group you are in, your birth date, the page in the Roots book if you know it, and a phone # where you can be reached. All marriages, births, deaths, and divorces need to be recorded. Updates can also be done on the family web site at: <http://willrichfamily-usa.org>. Rob will be making updates before the reunion, so please get the updates to him by APRIL 1. All changes received after April 1 will be put in with the updates for the 2009 Reunion. See the Family Group Sheet attached to this Bulletin.

### **WILLRICH STUFF FOR SALE**

We will again have T-SHIRTS (\$13/\$15) and cloisonne pins (\$10) with the family crest of George Carl Willrich available to buy at the reunion for \$10. In addition to this, we will have color photos of the crest, framed and unframed, koozies and small framed Willrich House prints. Income from these sales helps defray our costs.

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### **SEND ADDRESS CORRECTIONS!**

Of utmost importance right now is to get correct mailing addresses so everyone knows about the Reunion. Call your kids, cousins, whoever, and see if they got this mailing. Copy it and mail one to somebody else or tell them to look it up on the family web site. (See below.) Spread the word at your family gatherings, and get those addresses for us. Please send your family's addresses and email addresses to [willrichfamilyusa@yahoo.com](mailto:willrichfamilyusa@yahoo.com). (Note that the email address has NO DASH, but the web page does. Or you can fax it to Sue at 713-526-3503. We will be printing a Directory, so accuracy is important.

### **SEED MONEY**

We are at this time asking each family household to send in \$10 as seed money for the reunion to help defray costs of mailings, printings, etc. Send to: Willrich Family Foundation, C/O Sue Lawson, Treasurer, 1720 North Blvd., Houston, TX 77098. Additional donations will be greatly appreciated, as the Treasury has been depleted by payment of deposits necessary for reserving the camp. We would also like to be able to subsidize our seniors. The camp does not charge for children under 8 with parents, but there is no senior discount, unless we subsidize it ourselves. We want to encourage our most elderly to come.

### **WILLRICH FAMILY FOUNDATION WEB SITE**

Stanley Cernosek, our Webmaster, has created a fantastic Web Site. You can get to it using this URL: <http://willrichfamily-usa.org> All comments, feedback, and suggestions on content will be appreciated. This is your web site—it needs content that is useful to you and your family.

### **GERMAN COUSINS COMING**

Peter Wilrich from Berlin is bringing a group of 12 German Willrich cousins to the Reunion. In addition to LaGrange, they will visit Houston, San Antonio and New York City. If you are interested in visiting with them while they are here, and perhaps showing them around, let us know. We are looking forward to giving them a warm Texas welcome.

If you have any questions, you can call Sue Lawson, Reunion Chairman, at 713-526-6400, or in email at [sue@lawsonlandcompany.com](mailto:sue@lawsonlandcompany.com), or at [willrichfamilyusa@yahoo.com](mailto:willrichfamilyusa@yahoo.com). You can fax the form to 713-526-3503.

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**WILLRICH FAMILY REUNION CHOICES - PLEASE PRINT THESE PAGES.**

Our next Willrich Family Reunion will be at Camp Lone Star in LaGrange, Texas, on the Colorado River across Hwy 77(East) from Monument Hill. Pictures of the facilities can be viewed at [www.lomt.com](http://www.lomt.com). Costs of staying at the camp are comparable to staying in area motor inns. It is fully ADA-compliant, and very comfortable. The available activities are more than we can fit into the time we have, so we need some input. Please look at the Activities (page 4), and write HOW MANY people you think MIGHT participate in each activity (whether it is checked or not). This is NOT A COMMITMENT, just a guess that we can use for decision-making. Return this page and the marked Activity page to me. (You don't even need an envelope, just fold and stamp it, or you can also fax it to me.) In the meantime, forward this file in email to your close relatives, and ask them to respond also. If you have a family list in any format, even just notes, please send that, too, especially email addresses. We are printing a Willrich Directory, and we need to update our database.

*Look at our super-duper web page, [www.willrichfamily-usa.org](http://www.willrichfamily-usa.org).  
You can update your family tree online!*

**Contact: [sue@lawsonlandcompany.com](mailto:sue@lawsonlandcompany.com) ; phone 713-526-6400; FAX 713-526-3503.  
Send Email to [willrichfamilyusa@yahoo.com](mailto:willrichfamilyusa@yahoo.com) to get your email address into our Yahoo Address Book.  
Note that there is NO DASH in the Yahoo username.**

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NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_ (Ages optional)  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ CELLPHONE (For Reunion) \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAMES AND AGES OF OTHER POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS (Are any disabled, frail, or babies?) \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY PEOPLE do you think MIGHT come for:  
Friday&Saturday nights \_\_\_\_\_; Saturday&Overnight \_\_\_\_\_; Saturday only&Dinner \_\_\_\_\_; Saturday/Day only \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you prefer to stay at: Camp Lone Star \_\_\_\_\_; A hotel \_\_\_\_\_; RV Park \_\_\_\_\_; Other local \_\_\_\_\_;  
T-SHIRT SIZES NEEDED: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$12; XXL & XXXL are \$15)

Write other suggestions on an additional page.

## Willrich Family Reunion Activities at Camp Lone Star

Below is a list of activities that members of the Camp Lone Star staff are prepared to help you with or lead for you. Some of these activities require certified/approved facilitators. Please tell HOW MANY in your family MIGHT participate in each activity. (This is not a commitment.) Activities marked \* already have interest, and we need to know how many participants to predict on those, as well as other activity interests.

Archery	Outdoor Education Units
*Arts & Crafts	Ping Pong
Basketball (multiple courts available)	Playground Area
Board Games and Dominoes	Prayer Walk (around the lake)
*Campfire (devotion and music leaders available)	Sand Volleyball
*Canoeing on the lake	Scavenger Hunts
Challenge Course Program	Sing-a-longs
Devotions	Skeet Shooting (mini-trap)
Fishing on the lake	Skit Planning and Sharing
Floor Hockey	Soccer
Football	Softball
Group Games	Stargazing (telescope available)
Hiking (trail maps available)	*Swimming (lifeguard on duty)
Horse Shoes	Ultimate Frisbee
Kayaking on the lake	Volleyball (multiple courts available)
Kickball	Walking (paved paths)

### ACCOMMODATION PREFERENCES for Family of:

Names and Ages of Participants	
Name/Age (i.e.: Adult, Child 3, Sr 82)	Single bed OK? Upper Bunk OK?

Would any of these Participants like to share a room with someone else? If so, please indicate.

Do you PREFER to stay at a motor inn, instead of at the Camp? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, we have reserved rooms (Double Queens, Kings) at a discounted price of \$60, at the Executive Inn & Suites, at 1708 West Business Highway 71 near FM 609. They are in the name of Sue Lawson, Willrich Family Reunion. You can call and reserve rooms now: **979-968-2600**. When you have taken any of these, please notify Sue, so we will know how many are taken.

Families with special needs (elderly, frail, babies) will be given priority for rooms at the camp, so you will need to reserve those soon. We don't expect to have a shortage of rooms, except for the ones with queen beds. The bunk beds are XL Twins, not camp cots, and all linens are provided. No Godiva chocolates on the pillow, but very comfortable.

**Family Group Sheet**

**Husband:**

Born: in:  
 Married: in:  
 Died: in:  
 Father:  
 Mother:

Other Spouses:

**Wife:**

Born: in:  
 Died: in:  
 Father:  
 Mother:

Other Spouses:

**CHILDREN**

1	Name: Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Spouse:
2	Name: Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Spouse:
3	Name: Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Spouse:
4	Name: Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Spouse:
5	Name: Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Spouse:
6	Name: Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Spouse:
7	Name: Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Spouse:
8	Name: Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Spouse:

Please make a copy of this sheet for each family unit that has information changes, or that is not on the Family Tree as shown on the web page (<http://willrichfamily-usa.org>). Send to Rob Brown, 8704 Driftwood, College Station, TX 77845.