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Willrich Family Reunion April 8-9-10, 2011
RSVP ASAP



*Make your reservations now to attend the
2011 Willrich Family Reunion
at Camp Lone Star in LaGrange, Texas.*

See our awesome web page at <http://www.willrichfamily-usa.org>

Pray for good weather!

Mail or FAX 713-526-2778 Please respond ASAP, as we need a meal count by Monday, April 4.

Walk-ins are welcome, but might only get potato chips and cookies. Make checks to Willrich Family Foundation and send to 1720 North Blvd., Houston 77098. We are not equipped to take credit cards. There probably will not be a second mailing, as your Chairman is falling down on the job. Send your family tree updates to robbylbrn@aol.com ASAP.

Willrich Family Reunion Payments for Family of _____

Email Address _____ Cellphone(s) _____

Staying at: _____ Home phone _____

Home Address: _____

Ages of Participants & number for each level of participation	Ages 0-6 Free: How many?	Ages 7-17 Youths***	Ages 18-64 Adults	Over 65 Seniors ***	Total coming	Costs
Staying at Camp overnight: 2 nights, 4 meals, Day*	___@NC	___@\$65 or \$___	___@\$100	___@\$95		\$
Day*, Lunch & Dinner	___@NC	___@\$20 or \$___	___@\$35	___@\$25		\$
Day* &1 meal Dinner OR Lunch (circle)	___@NC	___@\$12 or \$___	___@\$25	___@\$15		\$
Day* Only	___@NC	___@\$5	___@\$10	___@\$5		\$
Reunion Total						\$
Family Dues \$10**						\$
Do you want to be an Angel? Contribute to our "Angel Fund"!						\$
						\$
Amount to send:						\$

* "Day" is the facility use fee and includes all activities. It is included in the Overnight charge.

** Family Dues provides seed money for the Reunions, and is used for expenses, subsidies, and to maintain the website.

*** Youths and Seniors charges can be subsidized by "Angels". We do not want anyone to be excluded due to cost.

See the Tentative Schedule for activity and meal times.

Print all names below, for name tags. Give ages of children.**We want to recognize our new members, including new spouses and children.**

The Willrich Family Reunion will be held April 8-9-10, 2011, at Camp Lone Star, across from Monument Hill in LaGrange.
Make plans now to attend, and spread the word to all our cousins! This is much earlier than last time, and we are lucky to get that date. The bluebonnets will probably still be out along the roads.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Camp Lone Star** is very comfortable, as those who attended in past years will agree. We have again reserved the Johnson Conference Center and Selah House at the camp, with 26 modern rooms with private baths. Since we have the whole center from Friday night through Sunday morning, we can put out all our memorabilia, and you won't have to drive as much. If you are staying at Camp Lone Star, 4 meals are included: breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast, and we will also have drinks and snacks for late-night hanging-out. The prices on the attached form for the rooms at Camp include meals and activity fees. There are also some rooms reserved until 3/25 at the Best Western on Hwy 71 Loop near Hwy 77, (979-968-6800), at rates of \$90-\$105 (less 10% for AAA or AARP). The Executive Inn on old Hwy 71, (979-968-2600) has a rate of \$55 or \$60 (cheap for a reason.).

STUFF: We will again have some **Willrich items to sell:** T-shirts (\$13 & \$15), cloisonne pins (\$10), photos of the family crest (framed or unframed), SMALL line drawings of Mt. Eliza (The large ones are all gone.), history papers, etc.

ACTIVITIES: We are working on finalizing the plans for a memorable reunion weekend so a great time can be enjoyed by all. We will have activities for children, including supervised arts and crafts, games, canoeing, swimming and a Saturday night campfire with singing and storytelling. Some of the activities will be supervised by professional camp personnel, so parents can relax and talk with each other or participate in the activities. We have some new ideas, from our young families. There is a Facebook page, created by Susanna Lawson Gallun, where people can see ideas and post their own ideas for fun activities, if you are a Facebook member. Post your ideas:
<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=121193994620485>.

FRIDAY NIGHT: Dinner on Friday night is on your own, but you need to check in first, to get your linens, etc. We will have a list of restaurants, or you may bring food to the Camp and eat there, or we may order pizza. We will be setting up displays starting about 5:00 PM on Friday. Each family line will have a table for photos and memorabilia, so please bring what you have. We will have some plastic sleeves, but it would be best if you bring your photos and documents in protective covers. Also, please label them as to who they are, and who they belong to, in case you forget them. Nancy Brown will be scanning photos and documents for the Willrich book. If you could write down some family memories, or interview elderly family members, we would like to have these for the book. If you have videos of previous Willrich Family Reunions, or taped interviews with elderly family members, we will have equipment to play them and to record them to DVD.

SATURDAY: The Schencks will have the old house, Mount Eliza, open on Saturday. Other historic family homes shown on the map are only for your information, and are not open for viewing. Jerry and Tonnie Willrich's home and the Itsy Bitsy Burro Company will be open also. Small children may enjoy riding a miniature donkey or the miniature mechanical bull. Please warn your children not to disturb the new baby donkeys and their mamas. Visitation times for all these will be in your packet.

FAMILY PHOTO: A panoramic photo will be taken at Mount Eliza (the Willrich/Schenck house) at 2:30 on Saturday by Herndon Loudermilk Panoramic Photography of San Antonio. You can pay \$30 to the photographer, Slade Loudermilk, to have it mailed to you later. He also has a package that includes a small panoramic and a calendar.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

(An updated one will be in your packet.)

FRIDAY EVENING, April 8:

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| 5:00 PM | Begin setting up displays; eat dinner (self-provided) at Camp or a restaurant. |
| 9:00 PM | Business meeting of the Willrich Family Foundation Board of Directors |
| SATURDAY April 9: | |
| 8:00 AM | Breakfast (for those staying at Camp) |
| 9:00 - 12:00 | Supervised activities at Camp, including swimming, canoeing, games, crafts, etc. |
| 10:00 AM | Meeting of the History Committee |
| 12:00 Noon | Lunch at Camp Lone Star |
| 2:30 | Panoramic photo at Mt. Eliza. Please arrive by 2:00. Carpool; potty-stop before coming. |
| 5:30 PM | Dinner at Camp Lone Star, with brief business meeting to elect officers; Line dancing may follow, if we have time before the campfire. |
| 8:00 PM | CAMPFIRE with singing. |

SUNDAY MORNING, April 10:

- 8:00 AM Breakfast (for those staying at Camp)
10:30AM MEMORIAL SERVICE AT MONUMENT HILL
We will be honoring those who have passed away since the last Reunion. We will call the roll, and family members and those who were close to the honorees will answer "Here!" for them. (Aggies know this as the Aggie Muster.) Please notify us of cousins to be honored, and their dates of death, so we can put it on the program. A guided tour of the Kreische House and the Brewery ruins will follow, for those who wish to explore the Park. The Park is a part of the land that was deeded to Kreische, a stonemason, by Georg Carl Willrich, in payment for the stone work on Mt. Eliza. Georg Carl gave permission for the burial of the remains of members of the Mier Expedition. The monument was built later to honor them. Due to State Parks cutbacks, the Friends of Monument Hill/Kreische Brewery (501c3) is in need of membership donations for Park upkeep and improvements.

German Willrich Cousins: At the 2009 Reunion, we took donations for the **Vetternschaft** (our German Willrich cousins), but they asked us to keep the money, which is now in our “Angel Fund”. We sent them a roster of the donors. On the Vetternschaft table, we will have information about the Reunion in Germany next year: Sept 7-9, 2012, in Bremerhaven, the port city from which the Willrich family emigrated. There is a very good museum there, the German Emigration Center, which has records of those who emigrated from there, and plans include a narrated tour. More information will be on our web page, and also at the Reunion. We hope to be able to send a group from Texas to attend. Their website is <http://www.wilrich-wilrich.de>.

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**See our awesome web page:
www.WillrichFamily-USA.org**

LOST COUSINS:

Please send this Bulletin to your siblings, kids, cousins, etc, so they can come, and send corrections to us at WilrichFamilyUSA@yahoo.com. (No dash) We really need your email address!

WILLRICH FAMILY FOUNDATION BOARD: We need volunteers to represent each family line on the Board of Directors of the Willrich Family Foundation. This is not a difficult job, and is mostly advisory, unless you choose to do more. If you are interested, attend the meeting on Friday night and/or the History Committee meeting on Saturday morning. Here is the current list of officers and directors. A new slate will be nominated Friday night, and voted on at the meeting Saturday afternoon. Others may be nominated from the floor, or by email to Joseph Willrich, President. Family Line is indicated. The lines are Groos (G), Otto Willrich (OW), Huebner (H), Koehler (K), Vogt (V), Dencker (D), Georg August Willrich (GAW).

Keep this map to get to Camp! See the web page for a larger one, and one will be in your packet.

Officers: * Unfilled positions, volunteers needed.

President	Joseph Willrich (OW)
Vice President	Ted Gebhardt, Jr. (K)
Secretary	Marilyn Penland (H)
Treasurer	Sue Lawson (OW)
Chaplain	*

Committees:

Genealogy Nancy and Rob Brown (H)

Nominating Directors:

Directors:
Garland Bauch (D)
Margaret Wilkens (G)
Sandy Otto (V)
Katherine Powell (K)
Gene Vogt (V)
Candace Cooper (CW)
Volkmar Willrich (GAW & Vetternschaft)
Peter Theodor Willrich (Vetternschaft)

