



Hello BAHS'ers!

Do you remember the friend who first invited you to sit at his/her table in the school cafeteria when you didn't know a soul in the entire room? Do you remember walks in the Grunewald? Do you remember dances at the AYA - later called the DYA? Do you remember summers at the Volkfest? How about "Curry Wurst and Pommes-Frites"? Away games on the duty train? Rides on the U-Bahn? ...for the gusty, it would be the S-Bahn? Well...if you're like the rest of us, you made a promise to yourself to never forget our "Berlin experience."

This summer, we will help you remember...it's REUNION time!

WHEN: May 23 – 25th, 2003

**WHERE: Ramada Plaza Hotel
Asheville, North Carolina**

This package will give you the information you need to register.....so read on.

Asheville, North Carolinaa place where the Great Smokies and the Blue Ridge Mountains converge in majestic beauty. Stroll the quaint avenues downtown while surrounded by more art deco from the 20's and 30's than can be found in Miami Beach! An absolute "must" while in Asheville is a visit to the Biltmore Estate, America's largest privately owned residence (the Vanderbilt's). The city is known for its pristine environment, which means the best of outdoor activities. (...read on and you will see we are offering optional tours to both the Biltmore Estate and a steam-engine rail/raft trip) Daytime temperatures in May average 74-75 degrees. In the evenings the temperature can drop to 52 degrees....so be sure to bring lightweight jackets for evening outings. Asheville was chosen by Southern Living magazine's Reader's Choice poll as one of the top mountain destinations for the southeast. Here you will find country roads, courtly homes and the reminders of Thomas Wolfe, who said he couldn't come home again...yet rests here next to his mother.

.....AND THIS WEEKEND IN MAY BERLINERS WILL COME HOME TOO!.....

Getting to Asheville:

Flying? You have options! Several airports....all within a 15 minute to 2 hour drive from our hotel.

The closest is of course "Asheville's Regional Airport" but also consider:

Greenville, SC ~ 73 miles away, Knoxville, TN ~ 115 miles and Charlotte, NC ~ 125 miles.

Over the last couple of years Jeri has always obtained the least expensive ticket by flying into Greenville, SC and driving across the state line. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DRIVE TO ASHEVILLE OVER ROLLING HILLS!

Charlotte tends to be the most expensive airport. Another option is Winston-Salem, NC, which is 150 miles.

Check out some of the following websites for the best fares:

www.Cheaptickets.com

www.Flycheap.com

www.Lowestfares.com

www.Priceline.com

www.Travelocity.com

www.Expedia.com

www.Smarterliving.com

Driving? Interstates 26 and 40 intersect in Asheville make it a convenient day's drive from over half of the United States. If you prefer a more leisurely route, the Blue Ridge Parkway, running from the Smoky Mountain National Park to the Shenandoah National Park, is the perfect scenic drive.

The Ramada is at 435 Smoky Park Highway.....at the intersection of I-40 and Highway 19/23.

Tel: (828)667-9744 or (800)678-2161

Accommodations: Primary Hotel: The Ramada Plaza Hotel
435 Smoky Park Highway
Asheville, NC 28806
www.ramada.com/asheville01602
800-678-2161...or locally 828-665-2161

Overflow Hotel: The Best Western Biltmore West
275 Smoky Park Highway
Asheville, NC 28806
www.bestwestern.com/prop_34122
800-925-5486...or locally 828-667-4501

Our group rate is: \$79 per night. When booking, tell the front desk you are with the "Berlin Brats."

Check-in time is 2pm for the Ramada, 3pm for the Best Western. Check-out time is 11am and 12pm respectively. Our "room block" will be released to the general public on April 22nd so bookings must be made prior to that date. Additionally, the hotels will honor the same rate five days before and 5 days after the Reunion for those who may wish to add on a vacation while attending the Reunion.

WEEKEND ITINERARY:

May 22nd (Thursday):

2:00PM: Registration Table opens for early arrivals.....

4:00 to 5:30PM: Thank You Reception for Class Contacts and Volunteers. By Invitation only.
In the Eagles Nest Lounge in the hotel.

6:00pm: Ice-breaker

Early arrivals will meet in the hotel lobby to car pool over to a local restaurant/sports bar for a "Dutch Treat" dinner.

9:00PM: 70's Pre-Party. Sponsored by various members of the '70's. (suite 217)

9:00PM: Come As You Were: An 80's Party (Subtitled: Get Your Groove Back On), Sponsored by Rob Ahrens, Class Contact for '87. (in suite 517)

9:00PM: 60's Pre-Party. Sponsored by Jim Branson, Class Contact for '64 and Mike Cleveland, Class Contact for '61.

May 23rd (Friday):

9:00AM. Registration, Merchandise and Membership tables open.

Hospitality Suite opens to start reuniting with old friends, reminiscing, sharing photos, scrapbooks and yearbooks. Room will be decorated with Berlin Memorabilia and some of our old trophies!
Please bring yours as well!

At Noon the hospitality suite will begin serving light snacks and drinks.

12:00PM: Class of '83 Graduation & Beyond ~ A 20 Year Retrospective
A video showing hosted by: Yhoshekia (Loftin) Lowe, Class Contact for '83 and Marcia (Spohn) Welch

1:00PM: A Video Respective of Berlin from the 50's to the 90's.
Photos contributed by former teachers and students. Includes photos of AFN Berlin and the last class of BAHS, Class of '94. Narrated by: Jim Branson, Class Contact for '64.

3:00PM: Images of Berlin...the German Capital. Followed by personal footage of "reunification" narrated by Bob Shaw, spouse of Diane (Shaw) Orozco, Class Contact '66.

4:00 to 6:00PM: Welcome Reception
In the hotel atrium. Dress: Casual-Elegant. Hors d' oeuvres....and cash bar.

8:00 to 12PM: Karaoke/DJ
In the banquet room. Dress: Retire to your room after the reception and get comfortable for this!
Be prepared to be entertained!!!!

9:00 to 1:00AM: Hospitality Suite(s) Open.....stop by for a light snack and beverage.

May 24th (Saturday):

7:15AM: Golf participants meet golf chair, Kris Keller '76, in the hotel lobby for car pooling to the Sunspree Resort.

8:00AM: Golf Tournament Begins

9:00AM: Registration, Merchandise and Membership Tables & Hospitality Suite(s) Open

11:30AM: "Ode to Joy & Freedom"....a video of the Wall coming down.

1:00PM: A Video Respective of Berlin.....(see Friday's description)

1:00PM: German Coffee Hour. Come enjoy a cup of German coffee and pastry in our hospitality suite.

2:00PM: Pool Side Games (no bathing suits required!)

2:30PM: Images of Berlin (see Friday's description)

5:00PM: Class Photos ~ in retro attire (see dress for dinner/dance below)

6:00PM: Cocktail Hour ~ cash bar

7:00PM: AYA (or DYA) Sock Hop dinner/dance. **Dress: AYA/DYA and School Spirit Attire.**
Wear those letter jackets, reunion polo shirts, poodle skirts, braided jeans, platform shoes, knee socks, weejuns or whatever was in style during your decade! School colors are desired!!! ...that's maroon and white for those memories that need jogging.

'60's, '70's and '80's Wall to be presented
'63, '73 & '83 milestones years to be recognized
...and other surprises in store for you during the dance!

For those of you who do not burn the midnight oil on the dance floor our hospitality suite(s) will reopen at 9:30pm.

May 25th (Sunday):

10:00AM: Buses depart for Chimney Rock Park. (1,000-acre multi-activity park and a must see while in Asheville). Catered picnic in the meadows, Scavenger hunt, Nature Center, Nature Walks, Gift Shop and ride a 26-story elevator to the top of Chimney Rock! (you can see for 75 miles!!)

Karlsruhe American High School will be joining us on this outing....so we plan some competitive games between the two schools!! Go Cubs/Bears.....beat those Knights!

Yellow school buses will pick us up and return us. Returning to the hotel at 4pm. This is our last official activity.

REGISTRATION FEE: Your registration fee for the Reunion includes the Welcome Reception, Saturday's dinner, Sunday's picnic, park admission and transportation, snacks and drinks in the hospitality suite all weekend long, the DJ for Friday's Karaoke and Saturday's dinner dance, two memorabilia items with your registration package, decorations, name tag, printing, mailings and production costs.

Cost per person is \$130.00 if received by February 15th, 2003.
Registration fees received after February 15th are \$140.00.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellation of your Reunion registration, with full refund of all fees, will be accepted until March 30th, 2003. From February 15th through March 30th, the Berlin Brats will be required to finalize all payments to the various different vendors. Consequently, no refunds can be made for cancellations received after this date.

CHILD CARE: Although our Reunion activities are for adults only we realize some of you may be making a vacation out of attending your Reunion. With this in mind, we welcome children at our Sunday catered picnic. The cost per child is \$18 (to cover park admission, food and transportation).

If you need assistance in acquiring "child care" while a guest in the hotel please contact the Berlin Brats at BerlinBrats@juno.com or call Jeri (Polansky) Glass at (623)551-1105.

SUMMARY:

- 1. Call the Ramada Plaza or the Best Western before April 22nd to make your room reservation. (please note that the Ramada has already sold out on Friday and Saturday nights but still has availability on Thursday and Sunday nights).**
- 2. Fill out the Reunion Registration form and send it in with your payment by February 15th.**
- 3. Call a Berlin classmate and/or friend and make sure they are coming too!**

We look forward to seeing you Asheville! Don't miss this one, its promising to be our largest ever!!! Plus Saturday night during our dinner/dance we will be making a "**big announcement**" you won't want to miss.

Berlin uber alles!

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