

Family Reunion Season is Here!!

What a great time to reunite with your  
★ Lakeport Family!  
Catch up on news about your old friends,  
neighbors, aunts, uncles,  
nieces, nephews and cousins.

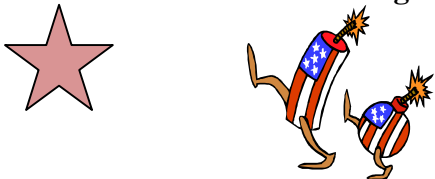
A time to greet long lost family and  
friends from Lakeport, Ford and Redleaf  
Plantations that you've known all your  
life and to welcome brand new ones. ★

★ Bring your old pictures, obituaries or any  
documents to help us build a museum for  
the African Americans of Lakeport

**I can't wait to see you!!!**

Enjoy chronicles of the making of  
Lakeport, oral histories from the elders,  
building your family tree, heritage  
cooking and soul food, quilting and  
souvenirs. Meet with old friends from  
Lakeport, Ford, Redleaf and other  
surrounding communities.

★ Tour the Old Lakeport Cemetery, (by the  
grudge ditch), Lakeport Cemetery (in the  
middle of the field), and Morning Star  
(Ford) Cemetery and help identify  
unmarked graves. Tour Mt. Pleasant and  
Morning Star Churches,  
Awards and Acknowledgements



Lakeport Cemetery Preservation Project  
PO Box 1007  
Lake Village, AR 71653

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Let's Celebrate

# Lakeport Heritage Reunion Celebration

Theme: *Memories of Lakeport*

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>  
2009

## Lakeport Plantation Lakeport, Arkansas

Sponsored by:

Lakeport Cemetery Preservation Project, JNC  
Arkansas State University

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# Preliminary Agenda

**Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**

Mt. Pleasant Church Cafeteria

5:00 - 7:00 Registration & Meet and Greet

**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Lakeport Plantation

6:00 - 8:00 Registration  
Ole' Time Breakfast & Presentation  
African American Food Folkways

8:00 - 9:00 Welcome Panel  
History of Lakeport Plantation  
Restoration Process  
Research Projects  
African American Research

9:00 - 9:30 Presentation  
Importance of African American History and Heritage

9:00 - 10:00 Presentation  
African American Quilting

10:00 - 10:30 Presentation  
Old Time Health Remedies

11:30 - 12:00 Story Telling from the Elders

12:00 - 1:30 Craig Lacy 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic  
Awards Presentation  
Cemetery Committee Update

1:30 - 4:00 Tours  
(Cemeteries and Churches, "The Big House")

5:30 - 7:30 African American Music & Celebrations  
GOD's Network

Jump the Broom Wedding Ceremony  
Fireworks Show/ Reception/Party

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Lakeport Plantation

7:30 - 8:30 Sunrise Church Service  
Closing Ceremonies

8:30 - 9:30 Continental Breakfast

## Lakeport African American Heritage

### "Memories of Lakeport"



The past is all around us. We live our lives against a rich backdrop formed by historic buildings such as the Lycurgus Johnson "Lakeport Plantation" house, the landscapes and other physical survivals of our past such as the cotton fields, fishing holes, juke joints, churches, cemeteries and other significant landmarks. Historic landscapes or iconic buildings can become a focus of community identity and pride. Building materials and artifacts can define a region's localities and communities.

However, our African American history and heritage and life style on Lakeport is more than just a matter of material remains. It is central to how we see ourselves and to our identity as individuals, communities and as citizens.

The African American History and Heritage on Lakeport is a physical record of what Lakeport is and how it came to be. But on a more personal level it is a testament to the people who lived, worked and died here. Our experiences here has helped to define a culture and has created a sense of local cohesion that has endured across generations of enslaved persons, sharecroppers, tenant farmers and freed persons, even until now.

The importance that we attach to our 'heritage' is the tie that binds us. That is why events such as the Lakeport Heritage Reunion Celebration is so important in enabling people to access our local heritage.

We encourage you to take this unique opportunity to visit, tour and experience the African Americans of Lakeport's rich heritage and "Memories of Lakeport."



### Lakeport Heritage Reunion Celebration Registration Form

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of people attending Reunion with you \_\_\_\_\_  
Prices include all three days

**REGISTRATION AMOUNT**

a. # 70 YEARS & OLDER \_\_\_\_\_ = FREE

b. # OF CHILDREN (2-5 YEARS OLD) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

c. # OF CHILDREN (6-12 YEARS OLD) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

d. # OF ADULTS (13-69 YEARS OLD) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DAILY PRICE**

Friday-July 3<sup>rd</sup> Meet and Greet \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday- July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> Continental Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

SOUVENIR T-SHIRTS \$15.00 each

(How many of each?) Med \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_\_\_  
XXXX \_\_\_\_\_

e. TOTAL SOUVENIR T-SHIRTS \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

f. PLEDGE GIFT AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT** \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment**

Check  Money Order

Mail to:  
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