



The Reesor Family in Canada

INVITES YOU and YOUR FAMILY to attend the

REESOR REUNION 2010

MARKHAM, ONTARIO

**Friday, June 25th, Saturday, June 26th
and Sunday, June 27th**

REMEMBER there are over 21,000 direct descendants around the world.

We depend on your co-operation to ensure that this invitation is extended to
ALL family members.

PLEASE distribute a copy of this letter and pass along the information to your cousins.
Encourage them to check out the Reesor Website at www.reesorfamily.on.ca for Reunion details .

PRE-REGISTRATION is ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL!

**It will aid the committee in preparing for this event and it will also allow you to
AVOID REGISTRATION LINE UPS at the 2010 Reesor Reunion.**

The success of future reunions is dependent on engaging our young people NOW! The Reunion Committees have included activities that will appeal to the entire spectrum of ages. There is a definite focus on encouraging our younger cousins to come out, participate and spark their interest in our Reesor history!

**Friday, June 25^h, 2010, 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm “THE REESOR HOMECOMING”
8949 REESOR ROAD north of HWY #7**

We launch our Celebration of the Reesor Family’s arrival in Canada with a relaxed evening of outdoor Entertainment, Food and Fun. It will be held at the site of the millennium Reesor Gates.

Where: Situated on the picturesque banks of the Rouge River and adjacent to the original Christian Reesor Homestead on Reesor Road, Markham. This is a no charge event but any donations received will be donated to a worthwhile charity.

Activities: Under cover of a large tent, a program of family oriented entertainment, music and song will commence about 6 pm and will continue the entire evening.

FEATURE PLAY: “REESOR” An award winning theatrical production from the Toronto Fringe Theatre Festival will be a focal point of the evening’s entertainment.

There will be activities for the children including a jumping castle, wagon rides and bonfire.

Food: Available for purchase from 5:30 pm & throughout the evening.
provided by John Leadbetter Meats of Stouffville

Camping: Campsites will be available on location for family participation.
Advance booking required. This will be “roughing it” camping,
i.e. “Johnny on the Spots” but no hydro hookup.
A Communal Controlled Campfire will be organized for all to enjoy.

Saturday, June 26th, 2010 Noon to 4 pm REESOR REUNION 2010
MARKHAM FAIRGROUNDS, 10801 McCowan Road (at 18th Ave/Elgin Mills Rd)

12:00 to 4 p.m.

- WELCOME , REGISTRATION & TIME FOR VISITING with your REESOR COUSINS
- LUNCH: Food which will be available for purchase throughout the day from John Leadbetter Meats of Stouffville OR you are welcome to bring a picnic lunch for your family.
- DISPLAYS of REESOR GENEALOGY, FAMILY ARTIFACTS and PHOTOS for viewing (If you have artifacts that you are interested in displaying please advise us on the pre-registration form)
- DEMONSTRATIONS of various pioneer skills – interactive opportunities to participate selectively
- CHILDREN's ACTIVITIES including horse drawn wagon rides, fun fact finding games to discover our Reesor Heritage and more
- SALE of Memorabilia- Noon to-1:30 pm and 2:30-4 pm
- BIDDING on SILENT AUCTION ITEMS- contributed by Reesor Cousins- BID by NUMBER

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

- **FORMAL PROGRAM -singing, skit, keynote speech Reflecting upon our Reesor Roots**
 - Followed by a short LIVE AUCTION of select unique REESOR MEMORABILIA

3:00 p.m.

- SILENT AUCTION -Bidding Completed

Sunday, June 27th, 2010

10:00 a.m.

- **SETTLER'S SERVICE:** A morning **Church Service** will be held at the Reesor Gates on the Banks of the Rouge River (same location as the Friday HOMECOMING)
A COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE WELCOMING OUR FRIENDS and NEIGHBOURS

FURTHER DETAILS

- Please REMEMBER- **GENEALOGY** corrections and additions are ALWAYS WELCOME!
The Reesor family database is a WORK IN PROGRESS and being updated on an ongoing basis. There will be opportunity to provide updates on Saturday but - **remember you can ALWAYS SUBMIT FURTHER INFORMATION either ON LINE (www.reesorfamily.on.ca) or by MAIL.**
- A number of Reesor cousins, artists and artisans alike have offered to donate of their talents for the **SILENT AUCTION**. We would be pleased to hear from you if you are interested in contributing a piece towards this aspect of the Reunion. Proceeds from the sale of these items will go towards offsetting Reunion expenses.
- The attached **PRE-REGISTRATION FORM** indicates **MEMORABILIA** that will be available for sale at the event. This reunion we are offering the opportunity to **PRE-ORDER and PRE-PAY by cheque** for your selected memorabilia so that you can take advantage of an **EXPRESS PICK UP**. Your pre-paid order will be available at the Fairgrounds on Saturday afternoon. All items will be sold on a first come first served basis. Memorabilia will be in limited supply and no item will be re-ordered.
Please check the website for detailed descriptions and photos of the memorabilia.
Also, to minimize overhead charges, terms of payment will be **CASH or CHEQUE only**.
ATM's will be on site at the Fairgrounds on Saturday.

Please submit your PRE-REGISTRATION no later than May 15th. Once you have sent in your PRE-REGISTRATION, a complete REGISTRATION information package will be mailed back to you well in advance of June 25th. This package will include your name badges, further program details, a map, confirmation of pre-paid memorabilia etc.

PLEASE check us out for UPDATES at

www.reesorfamily.on.ca

ENCOURAGE FAMILY MEMBERS to COMMUNICATE with us via the WEB.

This really helps minimize our postage expenses.

We are sending out over 2000 stamped invitations and that results in significant costs.

**Also, We appreciate that you do not bring pets to any
of the Reesor Venues this weekend !**

There is a lot of info to impart in this invitation.

More details will become available in the next few months.

Please have a family member **visit our website www.reesorfamily.on.ca on a regular basis**

The details are still unfolding and it will be important to check the website for current updates.

In closing, it is my sincere hope that you and your family have a sense of enthusiasm for this “once in ten years opportunity” to gather together as a “heritage family” to remember our story.

To remember with a special respect, those five Conestoga wagons that made the arduous journey from Pennsylvania to Markham 206 years ago!

I hope that you treasure the opportunity to return to the site of your Reesor Roots and to participate in this Celebratory Event in June 2010!

It is an extraordinary privilege for me to be a part of this planning process. Many cousins are working together to develop a program that will hopefully appeal to all ages and to create a memory that will last a lifetime.

Please plan on attending.

We hope to see you there!

Sincerely

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