



Class of '71: Fall Retreat in Princeton -- Details and How to Register

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1971's 50th Reunion Year ... Continued

Class of '71 Fall Retreat in Princeton, October 15-16, 2021

Dear Classmate,

Our 50th Reunion Year of Celebration continues. This note invites you to register for a Class of '71 Fall Retreat in Princeton on October 15-16, 2021.

Yes, it's time to join with Classmates again and celebrate our **50th Reunion** as "The WILD Life Class." This letter previews what we are planning and encourages you to **REGISTER NOW**, as there will be a cap on the number of reservations, based on the limits of the dining venue (1 Classmate and no more than one guest per registration). We plan to close registrations in September about thirty days before the event. There is a per person registration fee; the fee schedule is set out below.

The focus of this event is catching up with roommates, teammates, and friends and meeting some new ones after 18 months of remoteness. Sure, there will be great tours and panel programs, produced by the Class on the heels of 1971's award-worthy virtual reunions "show." The emphasis this Fall, though, will be on gathering in-person again! Feedback is encouraging. In the June survey asking for interest, about one-third of the Class replied, and just over 100 people chose "definitely will attend," with about the same number "on the fence." **We encourage you to sign up for our Fall Retreat soon on the Class of 1971 website princeton71.org.** Registrants will receive emails with updated plans and be able to choose the programs and tours that they want to participate in. All this for less than one-third the cost of a major Reunion fee.

Program. In addition to 2 receptions and 3 quality meals (Friday Opening Reception with "heavy hors d'oeuvres", Saturday Brunch, and Saturday Reception and Dinner), the weekend will have content-rich fare conceived and produced by our Class. We are planning 3 or 4 pairs of Class-exclusive events, giving you choices! Some of the events will be walking tours, while some will be interactive talks, like precepts. All will be small so you can ask questions if you wish. There will also be time for you to explore our historic Campus and the town on your own if that appeals. The Fall Retreat schedule is evolving, and you'll be able to view it by going to princeton71.org. In addition, you'll have a chance to see Princeton student-athletes compete at home in field hockey, soccer, and volleyball, at no charge. If you are interested, we are considering a viewing party at our

venue to watch the Princeton vs. Brown football game in Providence on Saturday at 12:30 on ESPN.

If you have a great program idea, a knowledgeable faculty member or Class panelist with an interesting perspective, email Jeff Hammond hammbrook@aol.com, who is fresh off his success as co-producer of the virtual reunions programming.

This October weekend should be a satisfying experience and we encourage you to join us. If there is someone you *really* want to see, *encourage them to join you!* Don't be shy; just hurry so there is still space. Be on the lookout for further email updates with new details about our 1971 Year of 50th Fall Retreat and other Celebration Year offerings. (A current list appears at the end of this email.)

Class Photo. The plan is to take a Class Photo on Saturday, October 16 at noon. Wear your 50th Shirt! You can pre-order a photo when you register and save some money since shipping will be included.

Vaccination Honor Code. We committed to the University that we would follow its public health guidelines. As an extra precaution since many of us are in groups labelled "high risk," we will go a bit farther: all Class registrants and their guests must commit under our Honor Code to receive their final dose of the Covid-19 vaccine *at least 2 weeks before the start* of the Fall Retreat. This is out of respect for fellow Classmates and as required for all Princeton students and staff on Campus. The "71 Honor Code," like the one we committed to as students applies in our dealings with Classmates, and we trust that your guest will also adhere to this personal pledge. As of today, face coverings are not required in Princeton in outdoor settings, though NJ's governor is reevaluating that; 1971 will encourage all to wear them indoors regardless of vaccination status, except when eating or drinking. We also strongly encourage all those attending to get the annual flu vaccine shot at least 2 weeks before the event begins. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding.

50th Reunion Year Fall Retreat Fees

50th Fall Retreat Fees	Registration Type	Full Weekend
Classmates and Class Associates (Widows, Widowers, Honorary Class Members)		
Includes meals, special activities, and refreshments.	Regular	\$271
	Late (after 9/21)	\$342
Spouse or Adult Guest		
Includes meals, special activities, and refreshments.	Regular	\$150
	Late (after 9/21)	\$221

Any balance you carried over from 50th Reunion paid registrations will be applied against your fee, *in many cases reducing your registration cost to zero!* Almost all costs for this Fall gathering are for food and refreshments; we aim just to break even. Beverages are included in the fee (wine, beer, soda, several waters, mixers, etc.) or you can decide to upgrade and BYOB your favorites for yourself (or to share with Class friends).

Refunds. Recent months brought uncertainty into our lives, and we understand that some may wonder: "What happens if I pay, and this event gets cancelled or if I don't feel comfortable attending. Will I get my fees back?" The answer is: "Yes!"

Reunion Gear. When you register for the Fall Retreat, you'll be able to purchase a 1971 custom 50th Reunion Flower shirt and have it delivered to the October event at no extra cost. If you want your shirt sooner or aren't able to register for the Fall Retreat at this time, order through the website Class Store rather than in your Retreat registration and we will have your shirts shipped to you. We designed an iconic, unique custom 50th Reunion Flower Shirt to mark our milestone year. They are made to be worn often, and not just at Princeton events. We've been restocked, and most sizes are available now.

Housing. If you need housing, we urge you to make plans. Nearby hotel rooms are available at a range of prices. Check the cancellation clause just in case you change your plans for any reason.

Our website homepage, princeton71.org, is the best place to get the full details of all our future Class of 1971

Year of 50th Reunions celebration activities. The lineup follows below. We strongly urge you to make cancellable hotel reservations for Reunions 2022 soon; the Alumni Council expects an especially large turnout in 2022, thus limiting hotel space available.

50th Reunion Fall Weekend Retreat in Princeton	October 15 – 16, 2021
Reception in Tiger Inn 1971 Library post Yale football	November 13, 2021
San Diego Mini Reunion	January 15 – 16, 2022
Second Voyage of the Whalers to Baja California	February 23 – March 4, 2022
Alumni Day in Princeton	Date not set, 2022
Locals Tour of New Orleans	April 2022
71's 51st Extended Reunion	May 18 – 22, 2022
Mississippi River Cruise	Early November 2022
Class Zoom Meetings	Any group, anytime, anywhere

Finally, we are announcing a changing of the guard. After 10+ years as Reunions Chairs, Ronnie Hittson '71 and Jack Hittson are stepping aside after having overseen the Fall Retreat. Jeff Hammond has agreed to serve as Reunions Chair through our 55th Reunion. Thank you, Ronnie and Jack, and welcome Jeff. Please thank Ronnie and Jack, and wish Jeff well, when you get the chance, ideally by joining us for one of the upcoming events in 1971's "Year of 50th Reunions" celebrations!

Roaringly,



Jeff Hammond '71
Reunions Chair



Jack Hittson '71
Chair Emeritus



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