

MONTE SANO 60s KIDS REUNION

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Monte Sano 60s Kids To Gather For Reunion

Former residents from around the world coming home August 2

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama — As 40 and 50 something adults many former Monte Sano Mountain residents have literally scattered to the ends of the earth. But one common thread linking these “kids of the 60s,” other than memories of long hair, mini-skirts and bellbottoms, is their unique and unforgettable childhood on Huntsville’s home for Burritt Museum, the Natural Well and Monte Sano State Park. This group of Monte Sano 60s Kids will get the relive some of those memorable days on the mountain and see former friends and neighbors, some for the first time in 40 years, with a full day of activities **August 2**. The **Monte Sano 60s Kids Reunion** begins at 11:00 a.m. with a picnic at Monte Sano State Park, followed by an open house at Monte Sano Elementary School at 2:00 p.m. Activities will conclude at 6:00 p.m. with a party at the Monte Sano community pool. Full details about the reunion are available on the Monte Sano 60s Kids Reunion web site: www.montesano60s.com.

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The idea for the reunion was hatched in the summer of 2002 when former Monte Sano resident Diane Moody Daniell, now living in Fairhope, Ala., attended her 30th Lee High School reunion. “I was disappointed that more of my Monte Sano classmates didn’t attend the Lee Reunion. So I thought it would be a great idea to reunite, not only my classmates, but all of our old friends and neighbors of various ages that grew up on the mountain during the 60s.” Daniell elicited the help of another former Monte Sano resident and classmate, Rick Ponds of Brentwood, Tenn. They began formalizing plans for the reunion, created a web site and then compiled a list of Monte Sano 60s kids that has grown to more than 600. “The response to the reunion idea has been overwhelming,” says Ponds. “We hear from people almost every day, from all across the country and as far away as Germany, who will be attending.” Along with word of mouth advertising the reunion web site has also helped publicize the event. Close to 200 have already sent their RSVP and even more have completed an on-line form detailing where they are now and what they have been doing for the past 40 years.

The excitement for this reunion comes from its uniqueness and the opportunity to recreate the bond that former Monte Sano residents have, not only with their former friends and neighbors, but with the community as a whole. As former resident Shelly Drummond Dickerson of Harvest, Ala., explains on the reunion web site in describing her fondest memory of growing up on the mountain in the 60s, “Everything... It was the perfect place to live your childhood. If you didn't have the opportunity to grow up there, you just can't understand it!”

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