



July 21-23, 2022

www.BemidjiAllSchoolReunion.org

2022 Reunion Co-Chairs

Kay Murphy, *Class of 1975*

Char Blashill, *Class of 1990*

info@bemidjialschoolreunion.org



The community of Bemidji is excited to welcome alumni and guest to the 2022 All School Reunion! We hope this will be the best reunion yet. Please check out the event schedule for times and places to tour during your visit. This year's reunion is jam-packed with activities for all to enjoy. We recommend you check our website for updates and to sign up for tours and volunteering.

We hope you find time to experience all that Bemidji offers while you are home catching up with family and friends. If you are not able to experience it firsthand during the reunion, we hope you will find time soon to return for a visit or make Bemidji your home again! Contact VisitBemidji's website www.visitbemidji.com or call 877-250-5959 for more information.

~SCHEDULE OF EVENTS~

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Registration & Visit with Friends

Noon-6:00 pm | Bemidji High School, 2900 Division Street

Friday, July 22, 2022

Registration & Visit with Friends

8:00 am-4:00 pm | Bemidji High School

Reunion Class Photos (Sign-up Required)

10:00 am-5:00 pm | Bemidji High School

NEW! Memorialize the 2022 Reunion with a class photo taken by Image Photography at the High School Auditorium which then can be superimposed with the old BHS Arch or the new High School. Class reps must sign up on the Bemidji All School Reunion Website (30-minute increments). An 8x10 photo will be available for purchase through Image Photography. Please check your Class Activities as many have already secured a time slot.

Coffee & Conversation with School Teachers/Staff

10:00 am-Noon | Bemidji High School

Former and present teachers/staff who live in the area look forward to reconnecting with each other and former students. Take a coffee break to say "hello" and catch up with your favorite teacher! If you know a teacher/staff person, please ask them to join us.

TOURS-TOURS-TOURS!

10:00 am-1:00 pm

NEW! Historical Downtown Tour. Join Cecelia Wattles McKeig, local author/Class of '57, as she shares interesting facts and history of Bemidji's downtown. Bus will leave at 10:00 am from the BHS parking lot. Reserve your seat on the Bemidji All School Reunion website or email char.blashill@gmail.com. Freewill donations accepted.

NEW! Tour Bemidji's Carnegie Library! The Carnegie Library was restored in 2019 and reopened to serve the community. It currently has two tenants on the lower level and the upper level is available to rent for events through City Parks & Rec. Freewill donations accepted. Visit the Friends' website: www.friendsofthecarnegie.org.

School Tours. Sign-up Required on the Bemidji All School Reunion website to visit one of the following schools: Horace May Elementary ~ J.W. Smith Elementary ~ Lab School (Benson Hall) ~ Northern Elementary ~ Solway Elementary ~ Bemidji Middle School ~ Former Lincoln School (Mt. Zion Church) ~ St. Philip's School

Saturday, July 23, 2022

Registration & Visit with Friends

8:00 am-Noon | Bemidji High School

BHS Sports Letter Winners Gathering

10:00 am-Noon | Bemidji High School

Whether you are a past sports letter winner or a sport enthusiast, we welcome you to join us for a morning of reminiscing. Contact: Jerry Phillips at atjpmrktg@paulbunyan.net.



BHS All School Choir Reunion!

Noon-1:00 pm | Bemidji High School

NEW! Calling all of Mr. Fetting's A Cappella Choir/Concert Choir members classes 88-present! Relive your best choir memories and sing again under the direction of Chris Fetting. After 30+ years of directing choir at Bemidji High School, we would like to honor Mr. Fetting with a celebration of music. Mr. Fetting will be retiring next year and what better way to honor him than with music! Mr. Fetting has agreed to direct the All School Choir Reunion and is going through music for our mass choir to perform. Songs like "My Sweetheart's Like Venus," "With the Voice of Singing," "Hark the Harps Eternal" and "Oy PolnaPolnaKorobushka" are some of the selections that may be performed. A rehearsal will take place Friday, July 22, with a performance on July 23. Email BHSAllChoirReunion2020@gmail.com with questions. If anyone would like to assist, please email Josh Peterson at josh@visitbemidji.com.

All School Cornhole Tournament

Noon-5:00 pm | Nymore

NEW! Looking for something different? The All School Reunion Committee is hosting a double elimination cornhole tournament with the Corner Bar and the Garden Grill & Pub. Cost \$20 per 2-person team, must be 21+ to compete. Registration will begin July 1 at Corner Bar or same day, if not filled in advance (Limited to 24 teams). Cash prizes will be awarded based on number of teams registered.

All School Reunion Parade

6:00 pm | Downtown Bemidji

Lineup 5:15 pm at the Beltrami County Admin Building Parking Lot, 701 Minnesota Ave NW. Get your class float ready and participate in the parade! Registration is free for all class units prior to the July 11 pre-registration deadline; \$20 thereafter. Parade route is east on 8th St, south on Beltrami Ave to 3rd St, where it will travel west and end at Irvine Avenue. Registration forms are available on the reunion website. Contact: Char Blashill at char.blashill@gmail.com.

All School Reunion Street Dance

7:00 pm-Midnight | Downtown Bemidji

The street dance will feature two stages and fun will be had for all attendees! Last opportunity to catch up with friends while local bands and former BHS students entertain you! As part of your registration, you will receive a commemorative reunion cup which will be your ticket for the event (refills in cup only). If you are not registered, you will be required to purchase your event cup at the street dance from one of the bars located on the street (Cost \$5). All beverages will be served on the street ONLY in event cups.

Stage One located 3rd St & Beltrami Ave (Patterson's)

- 7 pm - National Anthem by former BHS Graduates
- 7 pm - All Star Band featuring former classmates
- 9 pm to Midnight - SMOKEHOUSE

Stage Two located 3rd St & Minnesota Ave (Bar 209)

- 7pm - FUSION
- 9 pm to Midnight - CROSSWATER

Individual Class Receptions & Activities

Class of 1957: *Thursday, July 21-* North Shore Grill, Bemidji Town and Country Club. Handicapped Accessible. Meet & Greet starting at 4:00 pm followed by dinner at 5:30 pm. *Friday July 22 -* Meet & Greet starting at 11:00 am. Lunch promptly at Noon at the North Shore Grill (Bemidji Town and Country Club). Class Photo at BHS Auditorium at 2:00 pm (arrive by 1:45 pm). The Class of '57 has rented a large meeting room at Country Inn Suites from 3:00 pm until 10:00 pm for more visiting!

Class of 1958: *Friday, July 22 -* Get-together at 4:00 pm at the Eagles Club. Dinner will start at 6:00 pm. Choice of roast beef or chicken; cost of \$18.00. Class Contact: Margie Klug at klug@paulbunyan.net.

Class of 1959: To all of the dear members of the great Class of 1959! Our belated 60th year reunion will finally happen this summer. It will actually be our 63rd year reunion! We are hoping all of you can attend this All School reunion. There will be a special get together for our classmates and partners on *Friday, July 22*, beginning at 5:00 pm. It will be held at CK Dudley's located at 6405 Bemidji Ave N. As many of you may recall, it was the Oasis when we were kids and then Noels. There will be a cash bar and then a buffet dinner. Price per person will be \$35 including gratuity and tax. RSVP's would be appreciated by June 1, 2022, to either Julie Ditzler at jlditzler@gmail.com or Barb Anderson at brande@paulbunyan.net. Stay well and see you all soon!!

Class of 1962: *Friday, July 22 -* We will celebrate our 60th Reunion with a banquet at the Bemidji Eagles Club. 4:00 pm Registration & Social time; 5:00 pm Class Photo; 6:00 pm: Dinner, Program, & Dance. Check the All School website for updates. Hope to see many of you there! Class Contact: Cheryl Millar Hiltz at hiltz@paulbunyan.net.

Class of 1964: *Friday, July 22* - Class Photo at BHS Auditorium at 2:30 pm (arrive by 2:15 pm). Dinner at 5:00 pm at Ruttger's, 7598 Bemidji Rd NE. *Sunday, July 24* - Dave's Pizza at 1:00 pm. Class Contacts: Tana Havumaki at tana21@frontiernet.net or Jerry Phillips 218-368-9813.

Class of 1965: *Friday, July 22* - Rail River Folk School, 303 Railroad St SW, 5:00 pm - Midnight -- across the big bridge on 3rd and Irvine Avenue, then make a left and watch for sign. This is an informal gathering and the class will serve pizza. There will be a cash/credit bar. Come join your classmates in a night of reminiscing and fun. Class Contact: Carole Peterson Holmes at 218-333-0921.

Class of 1966: *Friday, July 22* - Class Photo at BHS Auditorium at 3:00 pm (arrive by 2:45 pm). Then we will gather at Dale & Joann Maristuen's in Cass Lake (formerly known as Tom's Resort). Appetizers, soft drinks, water, and a light meal will be provided. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Mailings will be sent. Class Contact: Becky Norland Haskell at bhaskell@paulbunyan.net.

Class of 1967: *Saturday, July 23* - Classmates join us for a picnic at Diamond Point Park, 11 am-3:00 pm. Free will donations. Registration not required but request that you RSVP. Send updated contact info to Mary Noren Settle at maryset1949@outlook.com.

Class of 1968: *Friday, July 22* - Class Photo at BHS Auditorium at 1:00 pm (arrive by 12:45 pm). On Friday, starting at 5:00 pm, our class will get together at the Corner Bar. Class Contact: Linda Ditty at mdji1968@yahoo.com.

Class of 1970: *Friday, July 22* - 4:00 pm-9:00 pm, our class will meet at the Diamond Point Park Pavilion and enjoy Dave's Pizza – BYOB. Free will donation. Please contact Marta Liapis Sjostrom, sjostrom@paulbunyan.net, if planning to attend.

Class of 1971: *Friday, July 22* - Will meet starting at 3:00 pm at the Eckles Town Hall for food & fellowship. If you can, bring a dish or other item to share. Our class will be entering a float for the parade. Details to be shared on Facebook. Class Contact: Shelley Berry at 218-556-0320 or sberry@paulbunyan.net.

Class of 1972: 50th Reunion! Class Contact: Darlene Dorr, dardorr@yahoo.com. *Thursday, July 21*, 4:30 pm - ?? pm, informal meet and greet at Corner Bar in Nymore. *Friday, July 22* - Bemidji Town & Country Club, 5:00 pm Registration; 6:30 pm Welcome & Class Photo; 7:00 pm Dinner and Program, Following dinner – Midnight: Music, dancing & fun! *Saturday, July 23* - Meet in Beltrami County Administrative Building parking lot to decorate float for All School Parade! All classmates welcome to join in and ride the float. *Sunday, July 24*, 11:30 am, Picnic Gathering at Irvingboro Marina (covered tables). Bring your own lunch.

Class of 1973: *Friday, July 22* - Meet at the Wilton Liquor Store beginning at 6:00 pm. WLS is known for burgers and other pub food as well as ribeye steak (food & beverages on your own). Class Contact: Tom Schwartz at bjigolfr@paulbunyan.net.

Class of 1974: *Friday, July 22* - Class Photo at BHS Auditorium at 4:30 pm (arrive by 4:15 pm). Ruttger's from 6:00 pm-10:00 pm in the meeting room past the restaurant kitchen. Full bar available as well as heavy appetizers. The cost is \$15 per person to cover the food and room charges. Please RSVP Barb.Treat@yahoo.com or text 218-556-0393 with number and names of people attending (pay at the event). *Saturday, July 22* - Float decorating will take place at 4:00 pm in the Beltrami County Administrative Building parking lot on Irvine Avenue between 7th & 8th Street. See you this summer!

Class of 1975: *Friday, July 22* - Class Photo at BHS Auditorium at 4:00 pm (arrive by 3:45 pm). Then head to the Wilton Liquor Store (WLS) for our get together. Food and/or beverages are available for purchase. The backroom and outside deck have been reserved for our group. Get your class of 1975 t-shirt to wear on Saturday. Prices: S-XL \$12, XXL \$13 and XXXL \$14. Pay by check or cash Friday night. Checks can be sent to Thunderbird Center, 675 Mag Seven Ct SW, Bemidji, MN 56601, c/o Susan Wynne (tbirdemb@gmail.com). Deadline to order July 1, 2022. Class Contacts: Kay Murphy (kay_m1957@outlook.com) or Jim Aakhus (gymaakhus@gmail.com).

Class of 1976: Whether it has been recently or since we graduated, take this opportunity to get together with our classmates on *Friday, July 22* at Bemidji State Park (day permit required). Bring your own beverages. Times to be determined (check website or at registration). Class Contacts: Kent Bahr at 218-766-9752 or Kim (Torgerson) Larson at 218-556-1471.

Class of 1979: *Friday, July 22* - Meet at Ruttger's Pirates Cove for Happy Hour 3:00 pm-6:00 pm. If you are interested in dinner, make your reservation in the dining room or patio by calling 218-444-3463. We will be doing a White Elephant 70's era gift exchange at 9:00 pm. Bring a wrapped 1970's item. *Saturday, July 23*- our class will be entering a float in the parade! Details TBD. Class Contact: Betsy Dunbar Morris at betsymorris@hotmail.com or Facebook: Bemidji High School Class of 1979.

80's DECADE BASH! *Friday, July 22, 4:00 pm - Close.* A casual get together will be at the Becida Bar & Grill, 13718 County 9, Becida 218-854-7270. There will be an outdoor tent, music, food, cash bar, bonfire (just like the old days), shuttles throughout the evening from the GreenMill. Rustic camping is available. Donations at the door would be appreciated to help cover the expenses for this event. Event Contact: Pamela Schlee-Johnson at Becida Bar.



Class of 1980: *Friday, July 22* - Class of '80 will be meeting at Schummer's Backwoods Bar & Grill (Old Squirrel's Nest) in the evening. Class Contact: Marti Salberg Peterson at martijayne@aol.com.

Class of 1988: *Friday, July 22* - Class Photo at BHS Auditorium at 3:30 pm (arrive by 3:15 pm). Join our classmates 4:00 pm – Close at the 80's Bash at the Becida Bar. Hope to see you there! Class Contact: Sandra Beck at Sandra.beck@bemidjistate.edu.

Class of 1995: *Friday, July 22* - Class Photo at BHS Auditorium at 1:30 pm (arrive by 1:15 pm). Join our classmates 5:00 pm - Close for our celebration at Fozzie's Smokin BBQ, 114 3rd St NW. Class Contact: Stephanie (Olson) Coyle at ststcoyle8914@gmail.com.



COMMUNITY REUNIONS

July 21 -7:00 pm - SW Nymore Neighborhood Reunion

If you lived in the neighborhood in Nymore SW (roughly the five-block area around the old OK Tire Store), join us to catch-up and/or reminisce about the “good old” days. Bring pictures and memories to share! For more information call Kent Bahr at 218-766-9752 or kentcbahr@gmail.com.

July 23 – 10:00 am-Noon - The Old Schoolhouse Reunion

Former Carr Lake students and staff are invited to come for coffee and treats at the Old Schoolhouse on Carr Lake Road. There will be an area set up outside and the building will be open for tours for those who can climb stairs. Please bring a folding lawn chair. We have a few and there will be plenty of chairs and tables on the third floor.

July 23 – 10:00 am-Noon – Gordon Falls Park Neighborhood Reunion

Come join your friends and old neighbors at Gordon Falls Park located between 11th and 12th Streets on Mississippi Avenue. Check out the recently updated park and share memories with old friends. For more information, contact Carol (Rosch) Olson 218-444-6996 or cbsolson@paulbunyan.net.

July 23– 10:00am-2:00 pm - All School Reunion/Nary Centennial Celebration

Nary School community, students and staff come and join us for a tour of the building and grounds. See the progress in restoring the historic building and creating community friendly and family fun areas on the grounds. A light lunch will be served. If you would like to help with this event, please call Joanna Hammerstrom at 218-209 0827. We are looking forward to a fabulous event!!

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Beltrami County History Center • 130 Minnesota Avenue SW • (218)444-3376 • www.beltramihistory.org

The Beltrami County Historical Society operates out of the Beltrami County History Center, the restored 1912 Great Northern Depot, in Bemidji, Minnesota. There will be a Bemidji High School exhibit you won't want to miss. Admission reduced for All School Reunion attendees. Hours: Wednesday-Saturday, Noon – 4:00 pm.

Downtown Bemidji Sculpture Walk • www.bemidjisculpture.org

Take time for a leisurely walk downtown and view the Bemidji sculptures. The sculptures are sponsored by local businesses or private individuals. Maps are available at the Tourist Information Center by Paul & Babe.

Headwaters Science Center • 413 Beltrami Avenue • (218) 444-4472 • www.hscbemidji.org

The HSC exhibit floor is 7,500 square feet and is self-guided and hands-on. How much time you spend depends on you and the members in your party, some visitors are finished exploring in an hour, while others stay for the entire day.

Lake Bemidji State Park • 3401 State Park Road NE • (218) 755-3842

Open year round. The bog walk allows hikers to view a variety of rare and unique flowers. Vehicle permit required.

Paul & Babe Statues & Tourist Information Center • Lake Bemidji Waterfront • 300 Bemidji Avenue N

No visit to Bemidji is complete without a picture with the famous statues of Paul & Babe! Take a walk around the beautiful waterfront and enjoy the lovely views of Lake Bemidji. New handicap accessible play area for kids.

July 20 – Mississippi Music Festival at Bemidji Waterfront! Arriving early or live in the Bemidji area? Bring your lawn chair or a blanket to Paul Bunyan Park and enjoy music in the evening. Mississippi Music's mission is to provide quality, family-friendly live music during summer months to celebrate our community, promote our downtown, and support the continued revitalization of Bemidji.

Paul Bunyan Playhouse (The Historic Chief Theater) • 314 Beltrami Ave NW • www.thechieftheatre.com

Always fun and entertaining! Ticket prices and show times can be found on their website or (218)751-7270.

Watermark Art Center • 505 Bemidji Avenue N • (218) 444-7570 • www.watermarkartcenter.org

The Watermark Art Center was established in 1982 and free for public viewing and open to everyone!



WHY SHOULD I REGISTER?

With your registration the Committee can continue to plan for future reunions. Since 1997, the All School Reunion Committee has given \$94,000 back to the Bemidji School District #31 in the form of grants! The Committee will continue the tradition by donating a portion of the proceeds from the 2022 Reunion to the Bemidji Education Foundation Fund. For more information: www.bemidjieducationfoundation.org.

~ THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT! ~

Amity Graphics | Bank Forward | Bar 209 | Becida Bar & Grill | Beltrami Electric |

Bemidji Bowl | Bemidji Dental | Bemidji Sports Centre | Bernick's Beverage | Brigid's Pub |

Buena Vista Ski Area | Century 21 Dickinson Realtors | Class of 1970 | Coca-Cola | Corner Bar |

Country Kitchen | Dick's Plumbing & Heating | First National Bank |

Garden Grill & Pub | Forestedge Winery | Fozzie's Smokin Bar BQ | Grimes Realty | Keg-n-Cork |

LePier Shoreline | Liquor Lodge | Lueken's Village Foods | Noel's Bottle Shop | North Central Door |

Olson Schwartz Funeral Home | Otter Tail Power | Paul Bunyan Communications |

Port-Able John Rental | Third Street Optical | VisitBemidji | Zetah Construction

The Bemidji All School Reunion will follow all local, state, and federal COVID-19 guidelines regarding events which include both inside and outside activities. Signage and electronic communications will be posted which clearly state the most current recommendations or requirements (i.e., masks, social distancing, cancellations, or other directives). Feel free to wear a mask or take other precautionary measures as well per your comfort level. Please do not attend if you are experiencing any symptoms related to COVID-19.

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!
WE NEED EXTRA HANDS TO MAKE THE REUNION HAPPEN!
VISIT THE BEMIDJI ALL SCHOOL REUNION
WEBSITE TO SIGN-UP. THANK YOU!

A huge THANK YOU to the Bemidji All School Reunion Committee members and class reps for their time and dedication in organizing this event!



Bemidji All School Reunion

PO Box 2077

Bemidji, MN 56619-2077

www.BemidjiAllSchoolReunion.org

info@bemidjialschoolreunion.org

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
MAILED FROM
ZIP CODE 56601
PERMIT NO. 71

Thank you to all that have registered or are planning to register for this year's reunion!

REGISTRATION

Online Registration is preferred at www.BemidjiAllSchoolReunion.org

To have an imprinted nametag, registration must be received by July 10.

Registration Information:

First/Last Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Class of: _____

BHS Graduate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

BHS Graduate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*Classes 1988-Present:

Do you plan to participate in All School Choir? ☐ Yes ☐ No

of Tickets Requested _____ x \$20.00 = Amount Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to Bemidji All School Reunion, PO Box 2077, Bemidji, MN 56619-2077.

For more information:

Lodging & Community:

www.visitbemidji.org

Souvenir Reunion Apparel: Order Yours Today!

www.CoolThreadsStore.com

Reunion Parade

www.BemidjiAllSchoolReunion.org