

Class of '67 50th Reunion

The Dates

- Arrive **Sunday, July 9**, hopefully in time to get to Stevensville in time for dinner ...you are welcome to come a day or two earlier
- **Monday, July 10**
- **Tuesday, July 11**
- Wednesday, July 12 & Thursday, July 13 are optional but it would be wonderful if people can stay longer

The Location

Our 50th reunion will be in Stevensville, Montana , a small town in the Bitterroot Valley just south (25 miles) of Missoula. Stevensville is a historic town, the oldest (white) settlement in the state. The Bitterroot River runs through the center of the valley with the Bitterroot mountains on the west and the Sapphires on the east. The hiking is amazing – not quite Kodai but very close. There is also birding in the wildlife refuge, biking, golfing, and fishing – all within a few miles of town. The website below is the best place to look for an idea of the valley and the activities available. Further afield are lakes with pontoon boats, canoes and kayaks. Even further but still close by are the Yellowstone and Glacier national parks and Flathead Lake, the largest lake west of the Mississippi – for those that want to explore Montana a bit more.

<http://www.visitbitterrootvalley.com/gallery/>

Loey's house will be the main gathering point with the Bitterroot River B&B as a backup in case of rain. Loey lives in a historic house (1908) on 1.5 acres with lots of room for outdoor Indian dinners, barbeques, games, and peaceful chats on the patio or under the apple trees. The pictures below give an idea of the yard and house which would be the central meeting spot and location for several meals.





Lodging

Stevensville is a small town but has just the right amount of interesting lodging options for our class. We have blocked rooms for July 9, 10, and 11 at the Stevensville Hotel and the Bitterroot River B&B. See the attached spreadsheet for lodging details and contact information. Mention either 'Loey Knapp' or 'Kodai Reunion' when booking a room. Note: PLEASE BOOK EARLY so that you get the room you want and so that Loey isn't charged the deposit in January. If you are coming early or staying later you certainly want to ensure the room is available and the best thing is to book now.

Three blocks from Loey's house, and right downtown, is the historic Stevensville Hotel, a renovated boutique hotel with 7 rooms, 4 of which have 2 bedrooms with a shared bath. The 2 bedroom suites could potentially be used by 2 single attendees or a couple. If there are enough people coming we would rent the entire hotel so we could have it to ourselves. The hotel serves breakfast which is included in the rate. This is a good option for those without a car and not staying at Loey's. See <http://www.stevensvillehotel.com/>

The Bitterroot River Bed & Breakfast is right on the river with beautiful views of the mountains. The B&B has 4 comfortable rooms and serves a full breakfast. The large living room and wrap around porch will serve as our backup location for meals or can be used for an afternoon siesta. People staying at the B&B will require a car to get around. See <http://www.bitterrootriverbb.com/>

Loey's house has 2 guest bedrooms which will be available along with lots of grassy spaces for tents (we will rent a portapotty and Loey will outfit the tents with pads, sleeping bags and lanterns), as well as outdoor outlets for 2 or 3 RVs for those who are driving rigs (house level electric).

The Charles Waters Campground is about 5 miles away. It is an extension of the Bass Creek recreational area and is quite lovely. Sites do not have electric, power, or water and are available on a first come, first serve basis – can't be reserved.

If someone is driving an RV and requires a full hookup the closest campground is the Square Dance Center Campground which is about 15 miles from Stevensville, just south of Missoula.

Another B&B is available about 8 miles south of Stevensville if we need additional rooms but these are not currently blocked.

Getting There

The closest airport is Missoula Int'l Airport, 40 minutes north of Stevensville. There are direct flights on Allegiant, Frontier, Delta, Alaska, and United airlines – from Seattle, Salt Lake City, Phoenix, Denver, Chicago and from San Francisco (maybe LA as well) in summer. Otherwise the Delta hub is Salt Lake City and the United hubs are Denver and Chicago.

Cars and possibly RVs can be rented at the Missoula airport or we could organize airport pickup with advance notice.

Itinerary

Here is the plan for a several day reunion:

Day 1: Sunday, July 9

- Attendees arrive (fly into Missoula and rent cars or are picked up – or drive to Stevensville)
- Barbeque at Loey's

Day 2: Monday, July 10

- Breakfast at hotels or house
- Morning hike along Bass Creek ... or lounge at the picnic spot
- Picnic
- Afternoon free
- Dinner at a wonderful local restaurant on Main St

Day 3: Tuesday, July 11

- Breakfast at hotels or house
- Choice of:
 - 4 mile hike up Bear Creek to waterfalls
 - Birding at Metcalf Wildlife Refuge (possibly with Audubon expert)
 - Shopping in artsy Stevensville & sightseeing (Stevensville is Montana's oldest town)
 - Hanging out & playing Cribbage or weeding Loey's garden
- Lunch on own
- Indian dinner at Loey's followed by CANTEEN!

Day 4 and more: Wednesday, July 12, 13 etc - optional

- Breakfast at hotels or house
- Option to drive to lake and swim or hang out (40 minute drive)
- Lunch at lake
- For those leaving early the next morning it is suggested they stay at a hotel by the airport in Missoula, the rest can return to Stevensville or resume their trip to other places in Montana

- Leftovers or dinner at the Mexican restaurant in Stevensville

The Cost

We are planning to organize 4 meals, 3 evening meals and 1 lunch. Breakfast is included at the hotel, the B&B and at Loey's. The cost for the **4 meals is \$75 per person**. If you would like to pay in advance please send a check to Loey Knapp, 526 E 3rd St, Stevensville, MT 59870. Otherwise you can pay when you get here.

Airline tickets should be purchased well in advance as they get VERY expensive within 30 days of purchase. We suggest you book 3 or 4 months in advance and get travel insurance just in case you can't make the trip.

Any additional facilities such as the portapotty, lights, chairs, etc are covered and don't require a contribution from you.

If anyone requires financial assistance or would like to contribute to others please contact Laura.