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Dear 1968 teammate,

It has been nearly 40 years since our time together in Mexico City. Would you like to have a full team reunion and get together again for a few days? We could share memories, renew acquaintances, and have some fun together! But we need your help and your response.

Based on an earlier email query, there appears to be some interest in the team reunion. The purposes of this email are to determine if enough team members are interested in a reunion to make it worthwhile, and to invite additional assistance in the reunion organization effort. Everything depends on your individual responses. Please give this your **immediate attention**.

Note: Neither Cindy Stinger nor the USOC are in a position to sponsor such an event at this time. Therefore, this would be a “grass roots” reunion hosted by and for the 1968 summer team.

The tentative reunion plans are as follows:

Who: Athletes, coaches, and staff of the 1968 Summer US Olympic Team and their guests.

When: Friday evening, August 1, 2008, through Sunday morning, August 3, 2008.

Where: Hilton Ballpark Hotel, located in downtown St. Louis, MO.

How Much: The reunion will have to be organized on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Here are items to consider for your financial planning.

- Transportation to and from St Louis.
- Hotel rooms @ \$129 per night plus tax, hotel parking \$14 per day.
- Meals on your own: dinner August 1, breakfast and lunch August 2, brunch August 3.
- Registration fee (to be determined, probably between \$100 and \$200 per person) payable in advance to cover administrative costs, identification tags, August 1 reception, and August 2 gala dinner.
- Optional purchases of selected memorabilia on individual basis.

Please think about this idea and the tentative plans outlined above. Then fill out and return the survey below **as soon as possible**. This will give us the information we need to continue with our reunion exploration. If we get a large enough expression of interest, we will proceed with reunion plans, including the mailout of a registration packet early in 2008, requesting your commitment and your deposit.

Many thanks!

Tom Lough, 1968 US Olympic Team, Modern Pentathlon

1968 Summer US Olympic Team Reunion Email Survey

Return as soon as possible

INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill out and send by return email to Tom Lough at tom@posycollection.com. If you wish to send a hard copy by postal mail, send it to Tom Lough, 105 Hickory Drive, Murray, KY 42071. If you wish to fax your survey, send it to 270-753-8636.

NOTE: This is for information only and does not obligate anyone to a commitment yet.

Name:

Preferred postal mailing address:

Telephone numbers (office, home, cell):

Email address(es):

Web site URL (if available): <http://>

1968 sport area (e.g., track & field, swimming):

1968 event(s):

1. **Interest:** On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest, select the number that shows the level of your general interest in a reunion of the 1968 Summer US Olympic Team.

1 2 3 4 5

Please describe your level of interest in words.

2. **Participation:** On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest, select the number that shows the likelihood that you would participate in a reunion of the 1968 summer US Olympic Team if it is held in St Louis August 1-3, 2008.

1 2 3 4 5

Please describe your response. If not a 5, please tell why. If something specific will prevent you from coming, please describe.

3. **Worst Case Scenario:** If you are thinking about coming, what if only 50 teammates decided to attend the reunion? Would this still be enough for you to come? If not, what is the minimum number of teammates that would make the difference for you?

4. **Accommodations:** If you are thinking about coming, how many guests will probably accompany you? How many hotel rooms will you probably need?

5. **Reunion Assistance:** Please indicate any items below that you would be willing to work on for the reunion. This needs a team approach, with many people helping out. However, if you are not able to help at this time, that's OK.

Locate other teammates within my sport

Encourage other teammates within my sport to come to the reunion

Serve as a point of contact for my sport

Serve on the reunion organizing committee

Contribute to reunion "scholarship" fund for teammates needing assistance (If indicated, you will be contacted about this individually.)

Contribute other skill (e.g., accounting) or help in other ways. Please describe:

6. **Special Events:** Indicate any special events you would like to be included at the reunion from the possibilities listed below. This will help with the design of the reunion program.

Reception

Gala dinner/dance

Team attendance at Cardinals home baseball game

Service project (e.g., going to inner city school to meet with small groups of students)

Tour of St Louis, including connections to 1904 Olympic Games

Unstructured time for "hanging out"

Mexico City overview event (getting a bigger picture of what we did)

Memory moments for deceased teammates

Screening of 1968 video footage and photographs

Other (describe):

7. Please list any questions or concerns you have.

Thank you!