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JEKYLL ISLAND, FOR THE PERFECT FAMILY REUNION

Jekyll Island, GA---From preschoolers and teenagers to parents and grandparents, the Jekyll Island Club Hotel is the ideal location for your family's next reunion or getaway. Situated on a barrier island with ten miles of ocean beach, this National Historic Landmark resort offers an adventure opportunity for every member of the family.

Perfect for a multi-generational vacation, Jekyll Island makes sure even **very young children** enjoy the fun. Jekyll Island's playground park, not far from the Hotel, is a colorful array of imaginative equipment created to develop balance, coordination, and other motor skills. Full of new ideas in equipment design, the playground has two sections. One section is designed for preschoolers; the second, for children a little older. Adjacent to the playground are two miniature golf courses for children of all ages.

Everyone enjoys a visit to the Georgia Sea Turtle Center. Loggerhead turtles swim 2000 miles or more to Jekyll Island in the summer to lay their eggs. Travelers from around the world come to see this night time crawl, June through mid-August. For thousands of years, turtle mothers have been driven by instinct to leave the ocean for the protection of grasses growing along the edges of these dunes. Once the eggs have been laid, the mothers return to sea, and the eggs are left to hatch in good time. Later when the baby turtles hatch, they immediately begin the trek to the shore and life in the sea. Guided, night time turtle walks are scheduled in the summer by the Georgia Sea Turtle Center which also has exhibitry, classes, rehabilitation and surgery facilities, and live sea turtles to observe.

Teenagers have many recreation choices on Jekyll Island. A first class tennis center, golf, Summer Waves Water Park, and boating are all within a mile of the hotel. Inshore and off shore fishing can easily be arranged at the wharf, just a five minute walk away. Sea kayaking in ocean

waters or paddle boating on the lake also provides an exciting experience. Trail riding at Clam Creek is an opportunity to ride horses along the driftwood beach and through the forest; sunset rides are especially popular. It's easy to meet other visiting teenagers at the poolside grill after an afternoon swim.

Grandparents, parents, and children enjoy Jekyll Island's nine-mile long beach which offers an opportunity for exploring that seems unending. From Driftwood Beach at the north end of the island, barefoot beach walkers can look across St. Simons Sound to see the historic St. Simons Light. When it's time for a snack, walkers often stop at the Hotel's Beach Pavilion during the warmer seasons for ice cream or a soda. At the south end, the beach along St. Andrews Sound is on the Atlantic flyway where migratory birds stop for lunch and a visit with shorebirds of many kinds. It's not uncommon here in summer to spot dolphins from the shore.

Mom and Dad, golf opportunities are here for you. Nestled in Jekyll Island's lovely natural setting are 63 holes of challenging golf. Demanding and picturesque, Dick Wilson's Oleander course design is consistently ranked among the state's best. The *Atlanta Journal Constitution* has called Oleander's 12th hole "the most demanding par 4 of any daily fee course in the state." Pine Lakes course has the longest layout, while the Indian Mound course winds through Jekyll Island's woods and beside the lakes.

Summer and holidays are popular times for reunions at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel, but Jekyll Island is great all year long. Reunions can coincide with any of Jekyll Island's festivals throughout the year: Beach Music Festival, Wild Georgia Shrimp and Grits Festival, the Birding and Nature Festival, and Holiday Island, to name a few.

When it's time to break for lunch, or dinner for that matter, Café Solterra and the Poolside Grill (open seasonally) are the **kid-friendly** favorites. Café Solterra offers Starbucks coffee and a wide variety of made-to-order sandwiches and pizzas; fresh garden, pasta and fruit salads; juices and soft drinks, as well as home made cakes, breakfast pastries, and over-sized cookies. Three choices for seating are in the fountain court, on the veranda, or inside. The Poolside Grill is handy after an afternoon swim for burgers, grilled chicken, hot dogs and beverages.

The Jekyll Island Club Hotel has five handsome, historic buildings of architectural significance.

One of these, Cherokee Cottage, has ten rooms and suites plus a spacious area for the family to gather for those memorable, cozy evenings together. This cottage may be engaged in its entirety for the exclusive use of your **family**. The Sans Souci building, which has 24 rooms and suites, also has two beautifully appointed hospitality rooms. Crane Cottage, an Italian Renaissance structure, has 13 rooms and suites as well as the Courtyard at Crane restaurant for alfresco and indoor dining.

In this distinctive setting, the choices for customizing a **family** reunion are many. Reserve one of the cottages as your private family retreat. Set up volleyball on the lawn or the beach or plan a croquet tournament. Geo-caching---that widely popular, high-tech game of treasure hunting---is especially exciting on Jekyll Island. The Hotel has a photographer for hire (available by appointment) to take family photographs and group portraits.

The FAMILY BEACH, BED AND BREAKFAST package is available Sunday through Thursday nights on a space available basis. Features include traditional accommodations with two double beds, breakfast buffet for the children, a Jekyll Island Club Hotel beach towel with logo, and a pail full of beach items for the entire family. The package is per room, per night based on a maximum of two adults and two children; each additional child per night is \$20.00. Taxes and resort fee are extra.

03/14/08 - 09/01/08	\$249.00
09/02/08 – 11/30/08	\$219.00
12/01/08 – 03/12/09	\$189.00

Every member of your family will find exciting, fun things to do together at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel. For information or reservations contact the Jekyll Island Club Hotel, 371 Riverview Drive, Jekyll Island, GA, 31527, call 912-635-2600 or 800-535-9547. The e-mail address is sales@jekyllclub.com. Visit our web site at www.jekyllclub.com.

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