WELCOME TO THE 53rd ANNUAL
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF MERIDIANITES, INC.
CONVENTION AND PICNIC

JUNE 26 – 29, 2019

Country Roads, Take Me Home
“Meridian: A Link to Our Past and a Bridge to Our Future”

HOSTED BY THE SOUTHERN REGION, HOME CHAPTER,
COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS, INC.: 10th ANNIVERSARY
814 45TH AVENUE
MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI 39307
(601) 485-6440

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress;
working together is success.” --Henry Ford
June 20, 2018

Meridianites:

The group gathered for what has become known as the National Council of Meridianies, Inc. better than fifty years ago. When my Sigma brother C. E. Oatis, Jr., president of the Council of Organizations, consented to hosting the first picnic June 1974 and signed a contract for the Council to become the home chapter and host the picnic every five years here in Meridian, I was just a young buck.

Little did I know that C. E. Oatis, first president of the Council, and Robert Buford, Sr., second president, would join Meridianites on high and that my Sigma brother, Otis Gowdy Sr., would step down after overseeing one picnic, the 2014. I assumed the office of president of the Council of Organizations thus I committed myself to overseeing the National Council of Meridianites Convention and Picnic every five years.

It is a daunting task, but we are eagerly looking forward to your homecoming June 26-30, 2019. I am not the same. The Council is not the same. Meridian is not the same. The United States is not the same. The world is not the same.

I am now president of the Council. With the help of a great team we have made renovations to the building and look forward to your enjoying the new and improved Council and exploring the new and improved Meridian which is also changing. If all goes well you will see a Wechsler School that is being renovated and we hope that you will be able to take advantage of parts of the 1951 building.

AS the Council of Organizations, Inc. hosts the 53rd Annual National Council of Meridianites, Inc. Convention and Picnic (our 10th), the world is so different today. It is hard to tell the difference between north, south, east, and west; but the old saying is “the more things change, the more they remain the same.” With family and friends united we can overcome all obstacles. Here to a great 53rd

Sincerely,

Louis Sutton
Louis Sutton, President

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF MERIDIANITES, INC.
CONVENTION AND PICNIC 2019

The National Council of Meridianites, Inc. had its beginning in the mid-1960s after several Meridianites reunited at the funeral of a friend in Detroit. Because the friends had not seen each other in over ten years, they decided to plan more fellowship gatherings in the future, which eventually became regular events. This marks the 53rd Annual National Council of Meridian Convention and picnic.

HOTEL INFORMATION

HOST FACILITY: Holiday Inn 100 N. Frontage Rd, Meridian, MS 39301 (E - I 20/I 59) Phone: (601) 693-0160: Code: ______________________ Deadline:__________________
Rate: $104.00 King/Double/ Queen; $124.00 Suites

Amenities: FREE Wireless High Speed Internet Access, Free Parking/Ample Bus Parking, Indoor heated pool, Restaurant – Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, Lounge

Convention and Picnic registration fee does not include hotel accommodations. You are responsible for making your own hotel arrangements. Make your reservations early. The Hotel/Motel community in Meridian is very busy during this time of the year, and failure to make reservations in a timely manner may impede your ability to find accommodations.

OVERFLOW HOTEL:
Code: ______________________Deadline:__________________
Rate: ______________________

Some other notable hotels/motels include the following:

Hilton Garden Inn
Microtel Inn & Suites
Holiday Inn Express & Suites
Days Inn
Ecno Lodge

Binkie’s Restaurant
O’Charley’s
Weidmann’s
Magnolia Café (Queen City Truck stop)
Honey Baked Ham Café
Arby’s
Bumpers Drive Inn
Chick Fil-A
Raising Cane’s
Popeye’s (2)
Subway (7)
The Daily Grind
Domino’s Pizza (2)
Las Fuentes
Little Caesar’s

DINING: RESTAURANTS IN MERIDIAN

Western Sizzlin
LaQuinta Inn & Suites
Roadway Inn
America’s Best Value Inn
Western Motel

Dickey’s Barbeque Pit
Fairfield Inn & Suites
Home2suites by Hilton
Red Roof Inn
Super Inn

Ole Farm Beef House
Sleep Inn & Suites
Tru by Hilton
Quality Inn
 Astro Motel

The Rustler
Seafood Express
Deli on Fifth
News
Backyard Burgers

Chicken Basket
Dairy Queen
McDonald’s (5)
Sonic Drive Inn (2)

San Marcos
China Palace
LaFamilia
Papa John’s Pizza

La Piñata
Pizza Hut (2)

Domino’s Pizza (2)
Las Fuentes
Little Caesar’s
Nick & Al’s Pizzeria
New Golden China
REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

We want the 2019 National Council of Meridianities, Inc.® Convention and Picnic to be a momentous occasion. We are celebrating the 53rd time Meridianites have been gathering and fellowshipping. This is the 10th Anniversary of the Council of Organizations, Inc. Hosting the Picnic. Tickets are required for some events. The Picnic Ticket has three parts and one part is required for each of the following:

- **Friday June 28:** Hospitality Night, (8 p.m.-12) Frank Cochran Center (fish fry and a DJ; dressed in your colors, your t-shirts, or other group paraphernalia)

- **Saturday June 29:** Picnic Highland Park (11-4) (chicken and/or ribs, etc.; dressed in your colors, your t-shirts, or other group paraphernalia; ticket required for food)

- **Saturday Grand Ball June 29:** (8 p.m.-12) MAX (MS Arts and Entertainment Center) (semi-formal in glitz and glamour, light h’ordeurves and a band)

Member ticket $85.00 if you are a member of one of the NCM Chapters. Non-member tickets are $125.00. Individuals are urged to contact the nearest chapter to purchase a ticket.
We are inviting **classes and families that are having reunions** to join us. If groups do not wish to purchase the three part ticket, they may purchase a single ticket for the fish fry on Friday night for $15.00. No other single tickets will be available.

**General Guidelines**

There is open seating in the shelters at the park. Your group could rent a 20 by 20 space for ($75.00 member $100.00 non–member). You are also invited to attend the **Memorial Service** – Friday evening 6:00 p.m. where candles are lighted in memory of those who passed since the last picnic (no charge). Some other activities are being planned and we will update you as these plans are finalized.

If you choose to join us we will include details of your event as we publicize the Convention and Picnic. If you have questions, call the Council of Organizations, Inc. at *(601) 485-6440*, Mable Hoskins Oatis *(601) 485-8834*, Wanda Bouldin *(601) 934-6125*.

All registration forms must be postmarked by **May 1, 2019**. Registration received after this deadline may be limited and convention amenities may not be available.

**Registration and Payment Information/Instructions (DEADLINE: May 1, 2019)**

- Print last name, First name, and middle initial
- Include Chapter affiliations (i.e., Meridian or Non-Chapter)
- Please use the address of the Council of Organizations, Inc. for all registration material
- **DO NOT SEND CASH.** Registration payment may be made by MONEY ORDER, CERTIFIED, CHECK, OR MERIDIAN CHAPTER CHECK. **PERSONAL CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** NO EXCEPTIONS PLEASE!
- Registration/Tickets will be sent by U.S. mail (return receipt requested).
- **No replacement or refund for misplaced tickets** (see Refund Policy)
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF MERIDIANITES, INC®
53rd ANNUAL CONVENTION AND PICNIC
HOST: COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS, INC., HOME CHAPTER -MERIDIAN
June 26-29, 2019

TENTATIVE AGENDA AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019
7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT’S FIRST PLENARY SESSION
9:00 P.M.- until NCM/JSC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION BOARD
CONVENTION & PICNIC INFORMATION CENTER
SOUTHERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR’S HDQRS.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019
9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. ON SITE REGISTRATION /INFORMATION CENTER
9:00 A.M. – 12 NOON SECOND PLENARY SESSION-BOARD OF GOVERNORS
12 NOON – 1:30 P.M. THIRD PLENARY SESSION-BOARD OF GOVERNORS

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019
9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. ON SITE REGISTRATION/INFORMATION CENTER
9:00 A.M. – 10-45 A.M. FOURTH PLENARY SESSION-EXECUTIVE BOARD
11:00 A.M. - 12 NOON NATIONAL OFFICERS & COMMITTEE REPORTS
12:00 NOON ADJOURNMENT
1:30 P.M.-3:00 P.M. NCM/JSC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION LUNCHEON
6:00 P. M. –7:00 P.M. MEMORIAL SERVICE
8:00 P.M. – 12:00 P.M. TEEN DANCE (13 –18 YRS.)
CHILDREN’S PJ PARTY (6-12 YRS.) IF NEEDED
8:00 P.M –12:00 Midnight.
HOSPITALITY DANCE & AWARDS (Intermission) (ADULTS) CASH BAR
(reunion t’s; Greek, HBCU’s, etc. Paraphernalia) Highland Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019
9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. ON SITE REGISTRATION Highland Park
11:00 – A.M. –4:00 P.M. ANNUAL PICNIC Highland Park
12:00 NOON WELCOME
Bandstand Highland Park
8:00 P.M. – 12:00 P.M. TEEN DANCE (13 –18 YRS.)
CHILDREN’S PJ PARTY (6-12 YRS.) IF NEEDED
Council Bldg.
8:00 P.M –12:00 P.M.
MERIDIANITES GRAND BALL (ADULTS) CASH BAR
MS Arts and Entertainment (MAX).
(formal/semiformal-Glitz & Glamour)

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2019
VISIT CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE; VISIT FRIENDS AND RELATIVES; HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!

“Our heritage and ideals, our code and standards - the things we live by and teach our children are preserved or diminished by how freely we exchange ideas and feelings.”—Walt Disney

Major Events
NCM/JSC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION LUNCHEON

Deadline: June 1; $50

The National Council of Meridianites, Inc./Jacquelyn Sweetner Caffey Scholarship Foundation Luncheon will be held Friday, June 28, 2019, 1:00- 3:00 p.m. NCM/JSC Scholarship Foundation’s purpose is to create – through the establishment of an endowment—a permanent source of financial support for the Foundation Scholarship’s Program, and a permanent recognition for the National Council of Meridianites, Inc. and its support of education to those who excel as students in school. The foundation currently awards $2000.00-$4000.00 in scholarship(s) to the winner. More than $50,000 has been awarded. Recipients are required to write a 500-word essay. All persons attending the convention and picnic are invited and welcome to attend the luncheon. All proceeds go to help fund the Foundation Scholarship Program. PERSONS WHO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION OF $1000.00 HAVE THEIR NAME PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED AT THE HOME CHAPTER-COUNCIL/C. E. OATIS, JR. BUILDING. CONTRIBUTORS’ NAMES ALSO APPEAR IN THE NEXT SOUVENIR JOURNAL.

Deadline for the luncheon tickets is JUNE 1, 2019. Ticket price: $50.00. Please make your check payable to the NCM/JSC Scholarship Foundation and send to:

Mrs. Jacquelyn Sweetner Caffey, Coordinator
NCM/JSC Scholarship Foundation
35 Blue Cavern Street
Henderson, NV 89012
Phone: (702) 558-9894 (home); FAX (702) 558-7590

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday June 28, 2019, 6:00 P.M.
The Memorial Service will be held at the headquarters hotel, Friday, June 28, 6:00 p.m. A memorial speaker will give words of inspiration, a joyful noise will be made in music tribute, and the memorial candle will be lit to honor those Meridianites who are holding their convention and picnic and singing around the throne of God. It is open to the public and is free of charge. Chapters are responsible for submitting the names of those who have passed on to the National Memorial Chairperson.

HOSPITALITY GATHERING

Friday June 28, 2019 -8:00 P.M.
The Hospitality Gathering will be held at the Frank Cochran Center at Highland Park, Friday, June 28, 2019 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. A Convention Registration Ticket is required for admittance. Friends, relatives and acquaintances can use this opportunity to renew friendships and fellowship with Meridianites from far and near. We are reaching out to families and classes to join us for Fish Frying and Bidding, and Sliding, (Single ticket only $15.00). The Hospitality Night is meet and greet: sip a libation from the Cash Bar, or dance the Electric Slide. A brief intermission will include the Annual Awards Ceremony. Transportation will be provided to and from hotels. Families, classes, and other groups are urged to gather in your colors, t-shirts, paraphernalia etc.
ANNUAL NCM PICNIC

June 29, 2019, 11A.M.-4 P.M.

The annual picnic will be held at Highland Park, a 32 acres park with historic significance: the Stone Bridge, the vintage Dentzel Carousel are on Mississippi State Historical Sites and the National Register of Historic Places. The stone bridge crosses the duck pond. The bridge is near the Jimmie Rodgers Memorial Museum. We are encouraging everyone to come attired in their Chapter Colors or the maroon and gold of the Council of Organizations, Inc. Chicken/Ribs and other down home food will be served to Convention Registration Ticket Holders. A variety of activities will be available: Inflatables, carousel rides, swimming, assorted music, etc.

- HIGHLAND PARK & SHELTERS
  Vendors can hawk their wares VENDING (snowballs, jewelry, ethnic wear, etc.) FAMILY/CLASS REUNIONS may rent a space (20x20) that will be reserved for them during the picnic on Saturday. The Council of Organizations, Inc., host chapter, reserves the park for the picnic and all use must be approved by the Council of Organizations, Inc. in advance. Families/Classes/Vendors will pay the vendor fee ($75 member/$100 non-member) for use of space in the park. (See vendor guidelines and contract the Council of Organizations, Inc. for additional information).

NOTE: NO INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS CAN CLAIM A SHELTER FOR A PARTICULAR GROUP’S USE. IN CASE OF RAIN OR EXTREME HEAT, ANYONE IS AT LIBERTY TO USE ANY ONE OF THE SHELTERS FOR RELIEF. OPEN SEATING!

- PICNIC, BUS SHUTTLE, AND PARKING
  Transportation will be provided to and from hotels. Parking is available at the park but the Council of Organizations, Inc. will not be responsible for loss or damage to vehicles or articles left in them.

GRAND BALL
The National Council of Meridianites, Inc.® 53rd Annual Convention and Picnic will culminate with the Grand Ball which will be held at the MS Arts and Entertainment Center (MAX) Saturday, June 29, 8:00 p.m. –12:00 a.m. “Elegant,” “splendor,” “magnificent” are expression as one speaks of the event that closes the Picnic and Convention weekend. It is here that individuals display their finery. Step out attired in your African finery (as in the movie Coming to America) or come attired for Glitz and Glamour as you did on the red carpet in 2014, slide or glide as you desire, sip a single or double from the Cash Bar, and nibble on hors d’oeuvres galore. Mr. and Mrs. Heritage 2019 will be crowned based on crowd applause.

ROOTS SCHOLARSHIP
The National Council of Meridianites, Inc. awards the Roots Scholarships to one person from each of the five regions. The recipients of this scholarship are chosen by the chapters. Then one person from each region is chosen. Preference is given to students whose families are affiliated with a NCM chapter. Contact your chapter president or scholarship chairperson for details. The award was $500.00 each at first; it was increased to $1000; the last two years we have awarded $1500 to a student from each of the five region for a grand total of but now each individual receives $7,500. PLEASE PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE ROOTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND.
THE COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS, INC
814 45TH AVENUE
MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI 39307
(601) 485-6440

2019 SOUVENIR JOURNAL ADS

The Council of Organizations, Inc. will produce a souvenir journal. Please submit an ad to reminisce in years to come about the 2019 picnic in Meridian. Please join the NCM, Inc.®, as we celebrate our 53rd ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION AND PICNIC. We are particularly excited about this. Yes, NCM is celebrating over fifty years of meeting and greeting. The 2019 National Convention and Picnic Souvenir Journal circulation includes all of our Meridian Chapters, Delegates, spouses, guest, and youth. Not only that, it is placed in the hands of all of our corporate sponsors, partners, and VIP guest.

Our membership demographics include men, women, and youth from every strata of our society—young citizens, laborers, business, and professional people. Our membership consists of chapters in five (5) Regions: Western, Midwest, Eastern, Northerly, and Southern. The Convention and Picnic usually attracts 4000-5000 plus to Meridian where the Council of Organizations, Inc. is the Home Chapter. Please be advised and note that all ads are due by April 1, 2019. Thank you for your patronage.

PRICES

| INSIDE FRONT COVER (No charge for picture) | $300.00 |
| INSIDE BACK COVER PAGE (No charge for picture) | $300.00 |
| BACK COVER (No charge for picture) | $500.00 |
| FULL PAGE (*Picture extra; except for camera-ready page) | $200.00 |
| ONE HALF PAGE (*Picture extra; except for camera-ready pages) | $100.00 |
| ONE FOURTH PAGE (*Picture extra; except for camera ready pages) | $50.00 |
| Business Card | $25.00 |
| Patron | $20.00 |

*Pictures $20 extra for each page. No extra cost for camera-ready ads.

JOURNAL SIZE
The Souvenir Journal will be printed on 8 1/2 by 11 paper. The sizes above refer to this size page.

PICTURES
Please submit pictures with good clarity so reproduction will not be fuzzy. The Souvenir Journal will be in color. There is no charge for pictures on camera-ready ads. If individual pictures for a chapter are received and can be placed on one page, the charge is $20.00 per page, not per picture.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS, INC. AND MAIL TO:

Mable Oatis/Wanda Bouldin, Chairpersons
Souvenir Journal Committee
The Council of Organizations, Inc.
814 45th Avenue
Meridian, MS 39307

Deadline: April 1, 2019, however, we would like to receive all ads as soon as possible.
ADVERTISING CONTRACT for SOUVENIR JOURNAL

DATE_______________________

You are hereby authorized to insert (size of ad) _________________ page in the Souvenir Journal to be published in conjunction with the 53rd ANNUAL NATIONAL COUNCIL OF MERIDIANITES, INC. CONVENTION AND PICNIC, to be held June 26-29, 2019, Meridian, Mississippi.

Enclosed is the sum of $________________________________________________ for the advertisement selected.

ADVERTISER/CHAPTER/SUPPORTER____________________________________________________________

ADDRESS __________________________________________________________________________________

_______________________________________________________________________________________

TELEPHONE NO._________________________________________________________________________

SIGNATURE__________________________________________________________________________________

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INSIDE FRONT PAGE ________($300) INSIDE BACK PAGE ________($300)

BACK COVER ________($500) FULL PAGE ________($200)

HALF PAGE ________($100) FOURTH PAGE ________($50)

BUSINESS CARD ________($25) PATRON ________($20)

Note: Picture $20 extra for all full page and ½ page ads, unless they are camera-ready.

All money and ads must be received as early as possible but not later than April 1, 2019. If a picture(s) is/are part of your ad, it/they must be of good quality. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS, INC. GOOD QUALITY COLOR PICTURES SHOULD BE USED, WHEN POSSIBLE.

MAIL TO: Mable Hoskins Oatis/Wanda Bouldin, Chairpersons
Souvenir Journal Committee
The Council of Organizations, Inc.
814 45th Avenue
Meridian, MS 39307

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED_______________________ AMOUNT RECEIVED_______________________

BY________________________________________________________

Note: Attach envelope for orders received by mail.
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF MERIDIANITES, INC.
53rd ANNUAL CONVENTION & PICNIC
HOSTED BY THE SOUTHERN REGION MERIDIANITES

**TICKET ORDER FORM**

**DEADLINE: May 1, 2019 by mail**

- at Council thereafter depending on availability

| **ADULT** |  |
| **CHAPTER MEMBER TICKET** | $85.00 |
| **NON CHAPTER MEMBER TICKET** | $125.00 |

| **CHILDREN & YOUTH** |  |
| **CHILDREN, UNDER 5 YEARS** | FREE |
| **MEMBER YOUTH, 5-17 YEARS** | $20.00 |
| **NON-MEMBER YOUTH, 5-17 YEARS** | $30.00 |

Members should register through their local chapter. Non-members should register through the nearest chapter. If there is no chapter near, order tickets from the Council of Organizations, Inc. Secure a registration form and send a **money order** or **cashier check** with your order. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS.**

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**NAME____________________________________________________ PHONE ________ ____________________ (Area Code) **

**ADDRESS_____________________________________ CITY___________________ STATE______ ZIP__________**

| (1) _______ MEMBER TICKETS @ $85 | = $ __________________________ |
| (2) _______ NON MEMBER TICKETS @ $125 | = $ __________________________ |
| (3) _______ MEMBER YOUTH (5-17) @ $20 | = $ __________________________ |
| (4) _______ NON-MEMBER YOUTH (5-17) @ $30 | = $ __________________________ |

**Chapter Check_____ Money Order ____ GRAND TOTAL $______________**

**CHILDREN UNDER FIVE (5) FREE – NO TICKETS WILL BE MAILED**

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**MONEY ORDERS/CASHIER CHECKS PAYABLE TO: COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS, INC.**

**MAIL TO:**

MRS. BARBARA P. WHITE, CHAIRPERSON
Registration Committee
Council/C. E. Oatis, Jr. Building
814 45th Avenue
Meridian, MS 39307
Phone: (601) 527-3978

**Refund Policy:** NCM Bylaws: “When a ticket is misplaced, the host region may sell the individual another ticket if a ticket is available. When a second ticket is purchased, the misplaced ticket may be returned to the host region with a post mark date not later than September 1 of the same year in order to receive a refund.” A copy of the transaction should be sent to the national president by the individual.

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

DATE RECEIVED_______________________ AMOUNT RECEIVED_______________________

BY ________________________________Disposition: ______________________________
Council of Organizations, Inc./National Council of Meridianites, Inc.
Convention & Picnic: Meridian, MS
June 26-29, 2019
Southern Region Meridianites
2019 Convention Ticket Order Form

*Chapter Members Only*

Please print/type names alphabetically – Order by **May 1, 2019**

Chapter Name: ___________________________________  Date ______________________

$85.00 per Member

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June 26-29, 2019
Southern Region Meridianites
2019 Convention Ticket Order Form

Non-Members Only

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Chapter Name: ________________________________  Date: ______________________________

$125.00 per Non-Member

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Convention & Picnic: Meridian, MS  
June 26-29, 2019  
*Southern Region Meridianites  
2013 Convention Ticket Order Form  

Chapter Member – Children/Non-Member Children

Please print/type names alphabetically – Order by **May 1, 2019**

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Council of Organizations, Inc./National Council of Meridianites, Inc.

Convention & Picnic: Meridian, MS
Highland Park June 29, 2019
(_DEADLINE: May 1, 2019 by mail_

*VENDOR/ REUNION APPLICATION

Vendor/Reunion Name__________________________________________________________
Contact Person_________________________________________________________________
Address _______________________________________________________________________
Phone #_______________________________________________________________________

List specifically what is to be sold, if applicable:

Snowballs/ice cream________ Art work________
T shirts ________________ Jewelry __________
Other (must specify)__________________________

*This form will be used for family/class reunions or groups planning to set up tents.
Locations assigned on a first come-first served basis. Limited concessions approved. Non-profits will be given preference.

On Park Map: Identify your choice. Not guaranteed, however.______________

NOTE: Application must include registration fee ($75 members; $100 non-members.)

Contact: Jenifer Buford (601) and Mable Hoskins Oatis (601) 485-8834

Mail to: Council of Organizations, Inc.
Attn: Jenifer Buford and Mable Hoskins Oatis, Chairpersons
814 45th Avenue
Meridian, MS 39307

AGREEMENT

I have read and accept the terms in the Vendor Guidelines. Areas not covered in the Guidelines are subject to the decision of the C of O, Inc.

Signature ___________________________ Date______________________________

_______________________________________________________________________

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED_________________________ AMOUNT RECEIVED________________

BY____________________________________ LOCATION _________________________

APPROVED FOR___________________________

Note: Attach envelope for orders received by mail.
Council of Organizations, Inc./National Council of Meridianites, Inc.
Convention & Picnic: Meridian, MS
Highland Park June 29, 2019

*VENDOR/ REUNION Vendor Guidelines/ Reunion Guidelines*

I. CONCESSIONS/SOUVENIERS
Limited space will be available for vendors on **Saturday, June 29**, at Highland Park for the Picnic. Vendors may sell items such as the following but **NO FOOD MAY BE SOLD**:

| Snowballs/ice cream | Art work | Other (specify) | T-shirts | Jewelry |

II. REUNIONS
Families and classes may wish to hold their reunions in connection with the NCM Convention and Picnic. The Council of Organization, Inc. reserves the park for the picnic. **Space will be reserved** for vendors, class reunions, and family reunions that have paid the registration fees (See III below) by the May 1, 2019 deadline.

III. COST
A fee of **$75.00 members/$100.00 non-members** will be charged for a space 20X20. **Electricity etc. must be requested from the Director of Parks and Recreation in Meridian, MS by June 6.** All expenses related to the above mentioned installations, and any other special equipment will be borne by the Applicant. The concession fee will not be returned if the Applicant is approved and does not participate.

IV. APPLICATION
Applications must be received by **May 1, 2019** along with **registration fee** at the Council of Organizations, Inc. Consideration will be given to non-profit organizations for vending space. **Applications will be approved in the order received.** Vendors/Exhibitors will be notified in writing of his/her acceptance and a packet will be sent with additional information. **If the vendor and/or the products are not approved**, the vendor will be notified in writing and the application fee will be refunded.

V. CANCELLATION
**No refund** of vendor/reunion fee will be made in case of rain. Vendors are encouraged to utilize tents. Cancellations and refund of the registration fee will be honored until **June 15, 2019**. After that date, no refunds will be given.

VI. EXHIBIT HOURS
Set-Up will begin at 8:00 A.M. All Vendors are expected to be in place by **10:00 a.m. June 29, 2019**, and to remain until **4:00 p.m. All take downs should be over by 5:00 P.M.**
VII. LOCATION/SET-UP
Designated space in the Park will be assigned to each vendor/reunion. All will set up in one of the numbered spaces. A map with a layout will be provided. Special furniture or backdrops, etc., are the responsibility of the Individual. Space is limited and setup will need to be approved by Council of Organizations, Inc. in advance.

**Vendors/Reunion Groups will provide all set-up materials, a poster board identifying (1) the name of the group or organization, (2) what the vendors are approved to sell, and (3) the cost of all items**

VIII. INSURANCE/SECURITY/LIABILITY
Each vendor accepts liability and is responsible for meeting Health Department requirements or regulations since neither the Council of Organizations, Inc. nor the National Council of Meridianites, Inc. can accept responsibility. Security officers patrol the picnic grounds during the picnic. Vendors/Exhibiters assume the entire responsibility and hereby agree to protect, indemnify, defend the Council of Organization, Inc. and its agents harmless against all claims Losses, and damages to persons or property, governmental charges or fines and Attorney’s fees rising out of or caused by the Vendor/Exhibitor installation, removal, maintenance, occupancy, or use of the display premises or part thereof, excluding any such liability caused by the sole negligence of the Council of Organizations, Inc. or its agents. **Vendor/Exhibiters acknowledge that the Council of Organizations, Inc. does not maintain insurance covering Vendors and/or Exhibitors and that they are urged to obtain business interruption and property damage and/or loss insurance.**

IX. PERMIT
A permit will be issued the day of the picnic. It will include (1) the name of the group and (2) the concession(s) approved, if applicable. **The Council of Organizations, Inc. reserves the right to cancel the permit due to breech of the permit specifications:** (1) the person has not been approved, (2) the vendor is selling items not approved, or (3) the vendor charges a different fee than what he/she specified. **There will be no refunds in these instances.**

X. SHIPPING/HANDLING
If displays and/or materials and supplies are to be shipped in advance of June 29, 2019, to the Council of Organizations, Inc. **THEY MUST BE PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO DELIVERY.** Neither The Council of Organizations, Inc. nor the National Council of Meridianites, Inc. accept responsibility for these materials.

CONTACT

| Jenifer Buford & Mable Hoskins Oatis | (601) 485-8834, Vendor Chairpersons |
| 814 45th Avenue |
| Meridian, MS 39307 |
| (601) 485-6440 |
NCM CONVENTION & PICNIC FAMILY REUNIONS = F/CLASS REUNIONS = C

FC-1, FC-2, FC-3: Near #27 Youth Baseball Field; from 39th; right off State Blvd./Highland Drive

FC-4, FC-5, FC-6, FC-7: over bridge, right: four (4) picnic tables and grills (one each)

FC-8: right of #19-Parks and Recreation Office (PRO)

FC-9, FC-10, FC-11, FC-12: left of PRO near #9-Bath House & Pool to #12-Bandstand

FC-13, FC-14, FC-15: South of Jimmy Rogers Museum; across from #17-Bridge and #18 Duck Pond

FC-16: north of #14-Shelter 1; behind Cochran Center

FC-17, FC-18, FC-19, FC-20, FC-21: near #5-Shelter-2 and #4-Kendallwood

FC-22, FC-23, FC-24, FC-25, FC-26, FC-27, Park Office, Bath House & Pool

FC-28, Shelter #4 FC-29 FC-30 FC-31

(as a last resort #2-Former Streetcar Platform; and behind #3-Carousel House)

FC-32: east and west of #22 Shelter 4 by electrical outlets

Added: F-33, F-34, F-35, F-36, F-37, F-38, F-39, F-40, F-41, F-42, F-43, F-44, F-45, F-46,

NCM CONVENTION & PICNIC VENDORS=V: CAROUSEL LANE (East/west street from Cochran Center to Carousel)
V-1, V-2, V-3, V-4, V-5: (on right side of street beginning at #12 Bandstand)
V-6, V-7, V-8, V-9, V-10: (on left side of street beginning at #12 Bandstand)
V-11, V-12, V-13, V-14, V-15, V-16, V-17: (near #7, Promenade, #10 L.A. Marks Statue; #11-Oriental Pagoda)
V-18, V-19: (near #16 Jimmie Rogers Museum)
V-20: (in front of #15-Frank Cochran Center)

FOOD SERVICE: #22 Shelter 4 (for NCM ticket holders only; barbeque ribs, chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers)