

Saenz Family Reunion 2026

Planning Committee Meetings held July 4 and July 5, 2025 submitted by Linda

General Topics

- Meeting began with welcome and prayer by Beeda.
- In attendance: Beeda, Mita, Bubba, Susie, Lily, Nini, Tina, Linda, Steve, Miguelito, Lisa
- Discussion to create Mission Statement and goals of next Reunion. Focus on roots and history.
- Reunion will be held June 26-28, 2026.
- Survey to find out an approximate number who would attend. Survey to be sent out on PDF between August 1 and September 1, 2025.
- Ways to contact people: use “telephone tree” to reach out and get emails to notify as many people as possible to send out survey before sending out registration forms.
- Reunion Website will be created by Mita and Lisa.
- Mita and Susie will contact Ray and Geno for questions about seed money and number of participants.
- Various branches will wear different colors to signify branch
- Saenz MVP (Most Valued Participant) discussed
- Slide show mentioned but not fully discussed. I suggest we have people send in pictures of those who are deceased to put in an “In Memoriam” slideshow. I would be happy to create the slideshow.

Logistics (Bubba, Beeda, Mita)

- Venues discussed: St. Ignatius, Wyndham Garden Inn, La Quinta, Hilton Garden Inn (Red Oak Ballroom)
- Things to consider: location, reduce travel time between events, keep all events at hotel using conference rooms, cost of meals (catering).
- Committee chair people will check out the venues and provide info when available.

Registration (Beeda, Mita)

- Will be done on website, QR code or by mail. Mita will look into setting up Venmo, Paypal, Zelle, Apple Pay for payment and decide which are viable. Of course, personal checks will be accepted.
- Registration page will be created by late August 2025
- Cost of tickets discussed – will be determined by venue selected
- Committee chairs will collect money and man registration table at the event.
- Reservation of tables discussed – no action taken
- Lanyards discussed – unique bow-tie lanyards will go to whoever registers first. Others will receive regular ones. These will be placed in SWAG bags.
- T-shirt order form to be included. T-shirts ordered will be in the SWAG bag.
- Inventory of contents and receipts will be included
- If someone registers after the deadline, tickets will cost more at the door.

Food (no chair selected)

To be determined once venue is set.

Options: for Saturday - catering by hotel, Bill Miller's BBQ, chicken/beef fajitas
Friday night "Meet and Greet" - Tina will be in charge. She will contact Lou for more info and help.

Saturday "Guayabera night" - Some discussion of food left over from Friday, No one in charge.

Genealogy (Linda, Mita)

Increase connection to families. Forms were discussed and chosen to use on website.
Mita will set up pages on website. Linda will compile info and update family branches.

Hospitality (Mita, Tina)

Donation items for SWAG bags: Mita will set up art work need for items.

Bags	Lily
Cups	Linda, Steve
Bookmarks	
Sanitizer spray	Beeda, Mita
Tape measure	
Pens	
Bottle opener	
Note pads	

Table decorations and momentos:

Acrylic plaques – Linda will contact Peggy Guerrero

T-shirts – Mita has a sample for each branch

Entrance Decorations:

Entertainment (no chair selected)

Childrens' packet	Lily
Bingo	Lily?
Golf	Rocky
Corn hole	Mary Beth, Shane?
Photography	Steve, Nini

Fundraising (no chair selected)

Silent auction items

Baskets for the raffle

50/50 auction

Childrens' spinning wheel with prizes – contact Chavela

Scholarship committee