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We didn’t create “rules” per say, but we did put the following in the Reunion Coordinator Guide.

**Banquet Table Reservations:**

Make a simple sign-up for numbered tables so folks get to pick where they sit (& with who).

You’re trying to avoid a mass gaggle with some tables being held by one person, or some getting in early & holding tables while those who wait till the right time got shafted.

BIG signage can help, but we don’t have access any more to a large enough printer to do the whole room (Wayne’s client let him use an engineering drawing plotter).

There are also some words on the sample Banquet Seating Chart.

The intent is

1) sign up & the seat is yours. You can sign up to sit with your friends.

2) If you don’t sign up, don’t take a signed up seat.

Problem is what butt holes ignore those common sense rules. Creates really bad feelings.

Maybe a better option:

Print a room diagram with table numbers as big as you can (Kinko’s can do 18 x 24). Make sure the table numbers are LARGE. Kinda like the sample but without the words.

Print a sign-up sheet – again as big as you can.

The attachments show what that might look like.

Biggie will be to identify someone respected enough or big enough who can tell folks who didn’t sign up that they need to move if they’re in a signed up person’s seat. You can add words to the sign up info that clearly says “Don’t get pissed at us if we tell you to move if someone signed up for the seat you’re trying to claim.”