



## OFTEBRO OPPDATERING #1

Thanks to all of you who have responded already! We're getting excited!

We're planning the Oftebro Reunion for July 7-8-9, 2023 at the [Great Wolf Lodge](#) in Gurnee, IL. It has an indoor water park for kids, with mini bowling, rope climbing, and an arcade for older kids. Three minutes from the Lodge in one direction is [Six Flags Great America](#), a world-class amusement park and three minutes in the other direction is [Gurnee Mills Mall](#). It's a half an hour drive to hiking and swimming in Lake Michigan at [Illinois Beach State Park](#).

Friday July 7 – arrive in Chicago, check in at Great Wolf Lodge, overcome jet lag.

Saturday July 8 – Come to the ballroom at 8:00 am where we'll have breakfast together. For the opening ceremony, the children will bring in the flags of the countries, Inge Oftebro will introduce the fourth branch, and we'll have music and programming. We'll eat lunch together in the ballroom, then in the afternoon we can go to local attractions: Gurnee Mills, Illinois Beach State Park or Six Flags Great America, or hang out at the Lodge and let the kids swim. Our banquet will be in the ballroom at 6:00 pm. We'll have a group picture taken there and a silent auction, as well as more family musical performances and the Oftebro Choir. If you'd like to perform, please email my sister Laura Olsen (4-1-2-3-5-1) at [ajoyfulsound@gmail.com](mailto:ajoyfulsound@gmail.com) and tell her whether you'd like to join the choir or perform with a group or by yourself. Laura and Hilde will be coordinating the music.

Sunday July 9 – At 8:00 we'll have breakfast in the ballroom together again. We'll have performances and programming. We will run a slide show of the family members we have lost over the past five years. (Email me [christystrole@gmail.com](mailto:christystrole@gmail.com) a picture with name, birth and death dates. Inge will use this for the next book.) Then we'll have our closing ceremony, followed by lunch together in the ballroom. After lunch we'll take a bus trip, maybe into the city for a dinner cruise on the lake? Vote for what you'd like on this [Survey](#). We'll be back at the Lodge before dark.

Monday July 10<sup>th</sup> – We'll rent a bus to take us to day trip(s) into Chicago. See the [Survey](#) for options. Some people will leave Sunday, others will stay longer. We will leave with fond family memories and a location for the NEXT reunion!

To sign up, click here <--



This is my brother Jack Olsen, 4-1-2-3-5-4, and his [two kids](#) inviting you via video to come meet us in Chicago. Jack writes movies in Hollywood and teaches screenwriting at the University of California at Los Angeles. The next update will feature another family.

Please share this invitation with all the relatives you know!

Happy Holidays from your Chicago cousins!

