

God Bless America Family Festival at Belvedere - June 5 - Advisory

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Dear Blessed Families, Brothers and Sisters,

It's hard to believe that in three days we'll be welcoming True Mother back to America and meeting her at Belvedere this Sunday. On site preparations are coming along well. Of all the preparations though, what is God most interested in? *Our* preparation.

Keep in mind that this event will be publicized with local press and media coverage. This is the first time in many years that we are opening the sacred ground of Belvedere to the public.

You also may have learned that Sunday's forecast predicts rain. This forecast, at least for me, signifies that we not only need to prepare umbrellas and ponchos, but our spirit. 40 years ago, torrential rain and wind ripped through Yankee Stadium, but it couldn't douse our spirit. How about now?

This is what Father said about the rain:

“We were desperate; everyone sang “You are my sunshine” in the pouring rain, and the band joined in. Our voices were singing, yet tears were flowing and mixing with the rain...I was grateful for the rain. We pleaded with the same heart, “Rain, please stop!” while loving the world. This yearning is the realm of God's heart...When you feel the heart you treasured at that moment, there is nothing at which you will not succeed in life, and God cannot help but cooperate with you.” (CBMG p665)

Brothers and sisters, make no mistake, True Father will be there together with True Mother. Let's give them our love in a united, joyful spirit.

Of course, practical preparation is important too.

Please be advised:

1) Seating: No chairs will be provided. Please be sure to bring your own tarps, blankets, beach towels, and /or camping chairs to sit on the lawn.

2) Rain: Bring umbrellas, ponchos, towels, and appropriate attire.

3) Translation: Bring FM radios for you and your guests.

4) Parking:

Gates open at 8:00 AM for general membership. Enter Belvedere through the MAIN GATE. Park as directed on the Belvedere grounds. Handicap parking is by the training center.

Please be sure to pay right after you park. Cars are \$10, Large Vans \$20 – payment is at registration or at payment stations.

Overflow parking will be available at Montefiore Med Center Campus at 655 S. Broadway. Enter through

the Montefiore main entrance and park as directed. A Shuttle Bus will be available from the Montefiore lot to Belvedere from 9:00am to 4:00pm. For those who prefer to walk, it is about a five minute walk to the Belvedere Gate. Please see attached map for directions.

Those coming from the New York area, consider using the Metro North Train to the Irvington Station. A shuttle van will be provided.

Detailed parking instructions and map are attached here as well.

5) Schedule:

- 8 a.m. Gates open

- 10 a.m. Main program

- 12 p.m. Booths with food and goods for purchase and festival games open (these will remain open throughout the afternoon)

- 1 p.m. Performances and ceremonies begin on the main stage; self-guided tours of the Belvedere Estate become available.

6) **Questions:** Please send an email to mstephens@unification.org

God bless you and your family!

Rain or Shine – See you there!

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PARKING AND TRAFFIC INSTRUCTIONS: FAMILY FESTIVAL, DAY OF ALL THINGS 2016 BELVEDERE ESTATE, TARRYTOWN, NY

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BUSES: Buses should drop off and pick up passengers along the sidewalk in front of Belvedere. BUSES SHOULD APPROACH FROM THE NORTH AND DROP OFF IN THE SOUTH BOUND LANE ONLY. Passengers should proceed to the SOUTH GATE to enter the estate after disembarking from their bus. Arrangements should be made for pick up times at the same location.

VENDORS should use the Main Gate Entrance from 6:00 AM and park as directed. We ask that all vendors' vehicles be parked by 8:00AM. Vendors should obtain a parking pass.

EVENT STAFF: Please obtain a parking pass from EG/Belvedere Security.

MAPS: See attached PDF file map for directions to Belvedere Estate.

SAFETY: The Tarrytown Police and uniformed security personnel will be posted at the Belvedere Gates on Broadway for traffic control and within the estate for assistance. We do expect a large turnout for this event and up to 500-600 vehicles. **Please drive slowly and safely at all times on the estate.** Allow plenty of time to arrive, park and get settled.

METRONORTH: New York area members are welcome and encouraged to use MetroNorth railroad on the Hudson Line to the Irvington Train Station. Two shuttle vans will be circulating from the Irvington Train Station to Belvedere. The Shuttle gathering point will be the Irvington Library opposite the platform.

Questions regarding traffic and parking for this event can be referred to the contact below.

Thank you,

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