



Just a few weeks before the official opening of Stragapalooza 2010 and ticket sales are encouraging! We've heard from everyone and, although a number have yet to confirm their precise arrival and departure details, this could be the biggest Stragnell Family Reunion ever.

### Accommodation Update

Sandy and Pam have been diligent in securing appropriate accommodation for all who have indicated that they will be attending. The original Ritz campsite has been resurrected, tents and other camping equipment acquired, outdoor facilities have been booked and there will be space for everyone.



Insect repellent, mosquito nets, blow-up mattresses and toilet paper will be available on site.



### Performance Requirements

As the inspiration for this year's theme is derived from the Lollapalooza Music Festivals, it was felt appropriate to



Were these two separated at birth?

offer participants the opportunity of enjoying similar musical and other forms of entertainment. During the middle weekend of Stragapalooza, therefore, there will be

*The origins of the Royal Variety Performance date back to 1912, when His Majesty King George V, and Her Majesty Queen Mary, agreed to attend a 'Royal Command Performance' at the Palace Theatre in London's Cambridge Circus, in aid of the Variety Artistes' Benevolent Fund. This first staging was a lavish occasion, and the theatre was decorated with 3 million roses draped around the auditorium and over the boxes.*

a grand, command Royal Variety performance. Anyone

who wishes to participate should prepare a piece (or several) in keeping with the finest traditions of the [Royal Variety Performances](#). (For those who wish to participate in a non-musical way, juggling, knife throwing, fire-eating, miming, ventriloquism, magic, etc. will all be most welcome forms of entertainment.)



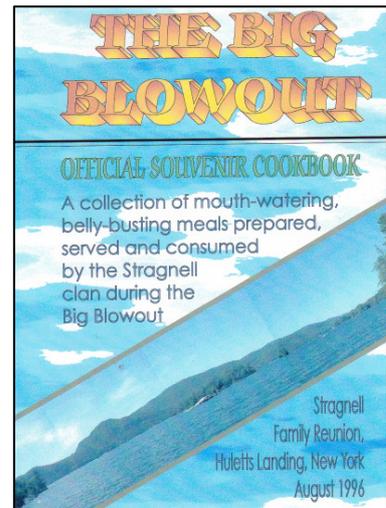
## Dining Opportunities

For many of the participants in Stragapalooza the promptness, regularity, quantity, elegance and grandeur of the numerous dining and wining opportunities will be of paramount importance. For others, nuts and carrot sticks will be sufficient.

Participants will be delighted to know that everyone will have the opportunity of preparing and/or assisting in the preparation of a main evening meal (or several). So, come prepared with



your three or four best recipes, all of which will be included in the forthcoming edition of “Savouries and Sweets from a Scrumptious Stragapalooza”.



In particular, it would be helpful to know if anyone wished to assume the role of *Chef de Cuisine* for the main banquet to be held on the evening of Saturday 14 August. Alternatively, participants might wish to nominate someone else for the position of *Chef de Cuisine*. Volunteers for the positions of *Sous Chef* and various *Chef de partie* would similarly be welcome. I am happy to act as *Commis chef* for the evening but even that is at the limit of my capabilities.

## Costs

Dad/Grandpa has kindly agreed to act as “accountant” for the festivities and will keep track of all costs and expenditure. If you purchase anything for the camp, hand the receipt to Dad/Grandpa who will tally all the expenditures and distribute your bill at the conclusion of the reunion.

## Other Activities

Participants will be delighted to know that, by popular demand, the Miss Lake George competition will be held again at this year’s Stragapalooza. Entry forms and further details will be available from reception on arrival.



## Confirmation

It’s make your minds up time, guys and gals. If you have not yet let me know the dates/times of your arrival and departure **I need that information as soon as possible**, please, so that we can confirm with the various kind souls who are offering accommodation throughout the Landing.