

Sea Island Summit



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MESSAGE FROM THE SEA ISLAND SUMMIT PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Beginning in mid-April 2004, the Sea Island Summit Planning Organization (SISPO) will move from Washington, D.C., to Georgia for the Sea Island Summit.

Living and working on Sea Island, St. Simon's Island, and Savannah, the staff of the SISPO will be putting into place the final planning details for the G8 Summit next June 8th, 9th, and 10th. The SISPO has already opened an office in Savannah with plans to open a small Sea Island office early in the new year.

The SISPO is responsible for developing and implementing all of the logistical and administrative needs for the Summit, including arranging the lodging, dining, transportation, and facilities for all Summit attendees—both on Sea Island and in Savannah.

Part of the SISPO's mission is to use and showcase the best of American technology, as well as to highlight the local economies of the coastal Georgia region at the Sea Island Summit. Members of the SISPO bring experience, knowledge, and years of involvement in numerous international events.

Every member of the SISPO is honored to represent the President and the United States of America and looks forward to working with the residents of Georgia and representatives of many federal agencies to plan a successful G8 Summit.

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THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

The United States Secret Service is one of the most elite law enforcement organizations in the world, a reputation earned throughout more than 138 years of unparalleled service. As one of America's oldest federal law enforcement agencies, the U.S. Secret Service has dual missions that include both investigations and protection.

The U.S. Secret Service was established within the Department of the Treasury to combat rampant counterfeiting that was threatening the country's financial stability following the Civil War. However, after the assassination of President William McKinley in 1901, the mission expanded to include protection.

Today, the U.S. Secret Service ensures the safety of the President, the Vice President and their families; former Presidents and their spouses; children of former Presidents until age 16; visiting heads of foreign states or governments; major Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates and their spouses; and other individuals at the direction of the President.

The role of the U.S. Secret Service continues to change with the times. In March 2003, the U.S. Secret Service joined the new Department of Homeland Security. The move allows the Secret Service the opportunity to make significant contributions to the nation's fight against terrorism, while continuing to protect the nation's critical and financial infrastructures and our highest elected officials.

TURTLE TRACKS THE SEA ISLAND ENVIRONMENT

When the leaders of the G8 nations meet on Sea Island next summer, they may have to share the beach with another group of visitors who have also traveled far to stop along the Georgia coast. However, these special guests are not just your average travelers—they could weigh up to 330 pounds and be looking for a spot to lay their eggs.

Our special guests of course, are the loggerhead sea turtles.

Sea Island's sandy beaches are an important nesting habitat for the loggerhead sea turtles, which are listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act. Amazingly, the hatchlings born on Sea Island travel the seas for 20 to 30 years before returning to Georgia's coast to nest.

To assure a smooth homecoming for the turtles during the Sea Island Summit, the Sea Island Summit Planning Organization's (SISPO) environmental team has been working to identify in the Summit planning, any issue that could be a hindrance to the loggerheads.

Sea Island has averaged about 70 loggerhead turtle nests a year since monitoring began in 1992. That number represents nearly 10% of Georgia's total loggerhead nesting. Currently, the SISPO is working with Georgia's Department of Natural Resources Coastal Division and the Sea Island Company's Naturalist to make sure that the Summit does not affect those statistics.

Even though the turtle hatchlings usually only come out in the darkness, the G8 leaders may have some of their limelight stolen by those loveable loggerheads.

FLAG PROTOCOL ORDER

The Sea Island Summit Planning Organization follows a specific Flag Protocol Order when representing the flags of the G8 member nations in all printed matter in all mediums, including print and Web. The Flag Protocol Order changes each year as the G8 Presidency rotates through the member countries on an annual basis.

The Host Country's flag always appears first in the G8 Flag Protocol Order. The remaining flags then appear in English alphabetical order for the remaining G8 countries, with the European Union flag always appearing last.

The G8 Summit also follows proper Flag Protocol Order in representing each flag according to its own unique features or display etiquette. For instance, not every flag is the same size and any representation of the flags must reflect size differences. Also, each flag is displayed in a particular way. For instance, the American flag is always displayed with the stars in the upper lefthand corner and the Canadian flag is displayed with the maple leaf always pointing up.

The correct Flag Protocol Order for the Sea Island Summit is displayed below in the proper order with the U.S. flag appearing first, followed subsequently by Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the European Union.





**The Right Honorable
Tony Blair, MP**

**Prime Minister
of the United
Kingdom of
Great Britain and
Northern Ireland**



Quick Facts

Born Anthony Charles Lynton Blair on May 6, 1953, the Right Honorable Tony Blair is originally from Edinburgh, Scotland but spent most of his childhood in Durham, England. Mr. Blair studied law at Oxford and went on to become a barrister (lawyer).

At the age of 30, Mr. Blair was elected to his first political position—the seat of Sedgefield in 1983. Rising quickly through the ranks, he was named the Shadow Home Secretary in 1992.

Two years later, Mr. Blair won his party’s support as the leader of the Labour Party. In the 1997 General Election, the Labour Party won in a landslide, making Mr. Blair the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. At the age of 43, he was the youngest man to become Prime Minister since Lord Liverpool in 1812.

Mr. Blair was re-elected in the 2001 General Election, and he is currently serving a second term as Prime Minister.

Prime Minister Blair is married and has four children.

In 2005, the G8 Summit will be hosted by the United Kingdom.

Official Name:	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Population:	59.8 million
Language:	English
Capital:	London
Region:	Europe
Government:	Constitutional Monarchy
Currency:	The British Pound
GDP (2002):	\$1.57 trillion
Climate:	Mild and temperate the majority of the year with periods of change
Fun Fact:	The United Kingdom is the world’s 10th largest producer of crude oil and natural gas liquids

BRUNSWICK TOWN HALL MEETING HELD IN NOVEMBER

At the Glynn Academy Auditorium in Brunswick, Georgia, on November 11, 2003, U.S. Rep. Jack Kingston, members of the Sea Island Summit Planning Organization, and officials from Governor Sonny Perdue’s office held an hour-long Town Hall Meeting to discuss the Sea Island Summit. The presentation included a video and a Q&A session.

Part of the mission of the Sea Island Summit Planning Organization is to minimize the impact on the local community before, during, and after the G8 Summit occurs on Sea Island next June. Although planning is still in the early stages, several rumors have already been put to rest including the belief that businesses on St. Simon’s Island should close during the Summit. Residents of Brunswick and St. Simon’s Island will have access to their homes, although slower than usual traffic may be expected.

Please stay posted for more information regarding the next Town Hall Meeting.





Photo courtesy of *The Brunswick News* by Karen Sloan

BRUNSWICK TOWN HALL MEETING NOVEMBER 11, 2003

(Left to right) Director of Liaison Jack McDougle, Sea Island Summit Planning Organization, U.S. Rep. Jack Kingston, Chief of Staff Eric Tanenblatt from the office of Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue, and Barry Bennett, Director of Communications at the Sea Island Summit Planning Organization. All answered questions during a Town Hall Meeting held on November 11, 2003, at the Glynn Academy Auditorium in Brunswick, Georgia.

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