

# Eighty-third Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America

August 1-6, 1999  
DoubleTree Hotel  
Somerset, New Jersey, USA

## General Information

This is the registration material for the conference meetings and activities. Please complete the PRE-REGISTRATION FORM and mail it to:

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The deadline for pre-registration is June 1st to avoid late registration charges.

If you are planning to rent a car at Newark International there are seven companies in the airport: Alamo 800 327 9633, Avis 800 831 2847, Budget 800 527 0700, Dollar 800 800 4000, Enterprise 800 325 8007, Hertz 800 654 3131, and National 800 654 3131.

Ground transportation from Newark to the DoubleTree Hotel will be provided; however, you must give us your flight information by June 1st. To get to the pick-up area, take the Monorail from any terminal to Station E.

If you are traveling by auto the hotel is at Exit 10 off I-287 halfway between the NJ Turnpike and I-78. A map will accompany your pre-registration confirmation letter.

## Location

Somerset, New Jersey is conveniently located in the Northeast US corridor and is just 45 minutes from New York City, 90 minutes from Philadelphia, and just 30 minutes from Newark International Airport. New Jersey is still the Garden State even through our 7836 square miles is home to 7.7 million residents. Beaches are convenient and plentiful.

Summer weather in New Jersey is generally warm/hot with afternoon temperatures 80 to 90°F with moderate to high humidity.

## Travel

Somerset, New Jersey is easily accessible by air into Newark International Airport ([http://www.nyctourist.com/travel\\_newark.htm](http://www.nyctourist.com/travel_newark.htm)) which is served by 47 airlines. For the best airfare available contact "A Better Airfare" at 800 454 7700 or Fly Cheap at 800 359 2432. Booking early and having flexible departure times results in the least expensive fares.

## Conference Headquarters

The DoubleTree Hotel Somerset will be the headquarters for all PAA '99 activities. Their address is 200 Atrium Drive, Somerset, New Jersey 08873. The hotel has 360 oversized guest rooms, indoor and outdoor swimming, whirlpool and sauna, tennis and a fully equipped fitness center. There are three restaurants ranging light and casual to elegant.

Reservations phone: 800 554 3612

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The block of rooms will be held until July 7th

## Other Housing

Holiday Inn, 195 Davidson Ave., Somerset, NJ  
ph: 732 356 1700

Summerfield Suites, 260 Davidson Ave., Somerset, NJ  
ph: 800 833 4353

Marriott Hotel, 110 Davidson Ave., Somerset, NJ  
ph: 800 228 9290

Hampton Inn, 255 Davidson Ave., Somerset, NJ  
ph: 800 426 7866

### Conference Activities

The results of the activities survey you filled out in Fargo last summer were interesting. The top five were Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island, Broadway Show, NY Boat Trip, Ag Tour, and Philadelphia. Followed by fishing, aquarium, bleach, and Liberty Science Center. The losers were horse racing and shopping. We attempted to respond to your wishes. Tickets for some choices may be limited but will be assigned on a FCFS basis.

**President's Reception:** All registrants are invited to attend the President's Reception at the DoubleTree Hotel on Sunday evening, August 1st from 7:00 - 9:00pm. Admission will be free but you must have a ticket. Please indicate on the pre-registration form if you plan to attend.

**New Jersey Fish Fry and Picnic:** Wednesday evening August 4th will feature an outdoor picnic in the Rutgers Display Gardens. The Display Gardens has 10 acres of annual flowers, shrubs, and trees. All tours will return in time to attend the picnic. Dinner will include several types of fish and seafood native to New Jersey.

**PAA Awards Banquet:** Thursday evening August 5th at 7:00 pm is the highlight of the PAA Annual Meeting. New Honorary Life Members are presented, Graduate Student Competition winners are announced, and Special guests are honored. A social hour will precede the banquet which will feature a Gourmet Prime Rib Dinner.

**Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island:** Ellis Island is a small island in the Hudson River between New Jersey and New York. It was the portal for over twelve million immigrants to enter the United States from 1892 to 1954. The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on October 28, 1886. The statue is a light to freedom for many of the immigrants sailing into New York harbor. The tour will include both sights. Tours will be arranged for the groups with the National Park Service Rangers with time to explore on your own. Lunch facilities are available on both islands. This tour will leave the DoubleTree Hotel at 8:30am on Monday Aug 2nd. For more information <http://www.nps.gov/stli/mainmenu.htm>

**Liberty Science Center:** An excellent hands-on science center with virtual games, pitch black touch tunnel, insect touching, Kodak Omni Theater, 3-D laser shows and many more "How Things Work" exhibits. This is of special interest to parents and children

age 8 and older. This tour will leave the DoubleTree Hotel at 8:30am on Monday August 2nd. For more information <http://www.lsc.org/>.

**Crafts and Conversation:** We will spend a leisurely morning working on a choice of crafts. If you aren't crafty - just come for conversation. There is no charge but we do need to know how many to plan for so no one is disappointed.

**The Beach at Sandy Hook:** A part of the National Park Service, Sandy Hook includes six miles of ocean beaches, salt marshes, the waters of Sandy Hook Bay and the historic sites of Fort Hancock. This is a day trip to the beach with a chance to see Fort Hancock and the NY Harbor as well as wild life habitat. A box lunch will be provided. The bus will be leaving the Doubletree Hotel at 9:00 AM and returning at 4:00PM.

For more information <http://www.nps.gov/gate/homepage/sandy.htm>.

**New York City Tour I and Broadway Show:** This tour will leave the DoubleTree Hotel about 12:30 pm, we will eat a box lunch on the way to Pier 83 for a leisurely boat ride around Manhattan Island on the Circle Line. Followed by dinner, and a Broadway Musical Show. (Such as Cats, Ragtime, The Phantom of the Opera, or Beauty and the Beast).

**New York City Tour II:** This tour will leave the DoubleTree Hotel about 12:30 pm, we will eat a box lunch on the way to a bus tour of Manhattan and with a guide. Making stops at the South Street Seaport and the Empire State Building. Followed by dinner and return.

**Great Adventure:** Six Flags Great Adventure is a 125-acre Theme Park providing world-class thrill rides, splashy water-filled fun, exciting shows, and food of all kinds, as well as the largest drive-thru Safari outside of Africa with 350 acres 'filled' with over 1200 animals. Lunch can be purchased in the Park. This tour will leave the DoubleTree Hotel at 8:30am on Wednesday August 4th and return to the Rutgers Display Gardens/ Log Cabin for the Fish Fry or return to Hotel. For more information <http://www.sixflags.com/parks/index.html>.

**Philadelphia:** A chance to see the "City of Brotherly Love" at your own pace. The historic area, Penn's Landing, Society Hill and shopping are all within easy walking distance. You will have the opportunity to visit the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Franklin Court, Carpenters' Hall, Congress Hall and more. Lunch will be on your own. Suggestions of sights to see and restaurants will be provided in your registration packet.

This is a great family trip. Many of the historic sights are part of the Independence National Park. This tour will leave the DoubleTree Hotel at 8:30am on Wednesday August 4th and Return to the Rutgers Display Gardens/Log Cabin for the Fish Fry or return to Hotel. For more information:

<http://www.libertynet.org/phila-visitor/>

<http://www.nps.gov/inde/>

**Northern New Jersey Ag Tour:** Leaving the Hotel at 12:30pm on Wednesday, August 4th, we will eat a box lunch on the way to the first stop. This tour will provide a look at New Jersey's direct marketing and the difficulties of farming in a suburban environment. Stops will include Rutgers Snyder Research and Extension Farm and commercial farms that use pick-your-own and farm markets. Return to the Rutgers Display Gardens/Log Cabin for the Fish Fry or return to Hotel.

**Deep Sea Fishing:** A fishing trip is planned for Friday August 6th. Summer flounder are usually plentiful in August either in the bay or just off the coast. Lunch will be provided. This trip will leave the DoubleTree Hotel at 8:30am on Friday August 6th.

**Non-Fishing Alternative:** Explore the New Jersey Shore Communities and have lunch. Mainly for spouses and kids of fisherman. This tour will leave the DoubleTree Hotel at 9:00am on Friday August 6th.

**Southern New Jersey Ag Tour:** This tour will leave the Hotel about 8:00am and showcase the Garden State and its commercial vegetable and fruit production, with stops on farms growing many different vegetables. Also included will be the Vineland Produce Auction. Lunch will be provided.

**Yankees Baseball:** For baseball fans the Yankees are in town for three games with the Toronto Blue Jays (Clemens vs Cone?). A trip will be plan for August 3rd the game starts at 7:30pm. Ticket prices range from \$26 to 14 for reserved seats plus transportation. If there is interest we will plan this outing.

For more information: <http://www.yankees.com/>

**Golf at Rutgers Golf Course:** For the golfers, New Jersey has over 250 golf courses. All of which are full on weekends in the summer time even when it rains. If you are interested in golfing with your PAA friends on Sunday August 1st and to insure that the group can play together, contact us today and certainly by April 1st. if there is interest we will plan this outing. You will pay the fees (\$30, carts \$28) on site.

For more information: <http://www.gogolfnj.com/index.htm>

