

2005 AVA Biennial Convention Host Hotel Accommodations Ready to Reserve

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The Hilton Philadelphia/Cherry Hill Hotel has been selected as the 2005 AVA Convention Host Hotel and convention site. The Hilton is where all convention activities: Executive Council and State Association meetings; Meet and Greet social; workshops; general business sessions; silent auction; convention seasonal walk plus swim; and closing banquet will take place. The Hilton has 408 rooms and our goal is to fill them all with AVA walkers. A large block of rooms is reserved until May 23, 2005 under the group identifier "American Volkssport Association." You are advised to reserve your room early! Reservations can be made by phone at 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667) or on-line through our Convention 2005 web site at www.2005avaconvention.org. The Hilton's 2005 AVA Convention room rate is \$105 for single, double, triple or quad occupancy. This special rate is valid for reservations beginning Saturday, June 18 through Sunday, June 26, 2005. If you would like to arrive earlier than June 18 or stay past June 26, please call the hotel directly at 1-856-665-6666 and talk to the Sales Department for an extended group rate.

The Hilton overlooks the Philadelphia skyline and the Cooper River. The lively Camden Waterfront which includes the Tweeter Center amphitheater, New Jersey State Aquarium and the Battleship New Jersey is close by, and the Atlantic City beaches and casinos are only an hour away. The Hilton amenities include standard rooms which offer you 252 square feet of comfort and style. You can select either two double beds or a large king bed. Guest room features include hair dryers, iron and ironing board, in-room coffee makers, and telephone with data port and voice messaging. Other hotel amenities include the on-site Cooper's Bar & Bistro (American cuisine offering breakfast, lunch or dinner), room service, gift shop, self-service laundry, complimentary parking for all convention attendees, ATM, currency exchange, safe-deposit boxes, fitness center, outdoor heated pool overlooking the Cooper River, business center, shipping/packaging, and a Hertz car rental desk. Numerous restaurants, shopping areas, and a movie theater are within a ½ mile to 4 mile range from the Hilton.

The newly renovated Hilton (2349 West Marlton Pike) is conveniently located near the NJ Turnpike, I-295 and only 12 miles from the Philadelphia International Airport. Directions: From the Philadelphia International Airport take I-95 North to the Walt Whitman Bridge Exit. Cross the Walt Whitman Bridge East into New Jersey to I-676 East to Route 130 North. Follow Route 130 North to Route 70 East. The Hilton is on the right. From I-295, take Exit 34B for Cherry Hill/Route 70 West. Proceed approximately 4 miles on Route 70 West to the second exit for Cuthbert Blvd passing under the Cuthbert Blvd overpass. Stay in the right hand lane so you can immediately exit Cuthbert Blvd to Route 70 East. You have just made a NJ U-turn and the Hilton is on your right. From the New Jersey Turnpike, take Exit 4 for Route 73 North to I-295 South. Follow I-295 South to Exit 34B for Cherry Hill/Route 70 West. Proceed approximately 4 miles on Route 70 West to the second exit for Cuthbert Blvd passing under the Cuthbert Blvd overpass. Stay

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There are numerous public and private campgrounds available in New Jersey. Private campgrounds which are the closest to Cherry Hill include: Timberlake Campground in Clarksboro, NJ; Lake Kandle Campground near Glassboro, NJ; and Hospitality Creek Campground near Williamstown, NJ. Public campgrounds include: Brendan T. Byrne State Forest (formerly known as Lebanon State Forest) located near the intersection of Route 70 and Route 72; and Wharton State Forest located near Atsion on Route 206. More detailed information on these camping facilities can be obtained at www.NewJerseyCampgrounds.com or to obtain a FREE full hard copy of the 2004 New Jersey Campground and RV Guidebook leave a message at 1-800-2-CAMP-NJ or e-mail your request to: request@newjerseycampgrounds.com.

To further assist you in planning your visit to New Jersey visit www.visitnj.org or order a FREE copy of the 2004 New Jersey Travel Guide plus a New Jersey Lighthouse Guide by calling 1-800-VISIT-NJ.

See you in June 2005 at the 14th Biennial AVA Convention!