

SBN 2002 in Amherst - Housing Information

The meeting this year will be held at the Amherst College campus in Amherst, Massachusetts (take a virtual tour of Amherst College). Participants have the choice to either stay in dormitories on campus or in one of several hotels in the area.

Dormitories

This is the least expensive option. Dorm rooms are \$32 per night without breakfast or \$36.20 per night with breakfast (served in the Amherst College Dining Commons). The dorm rooms are not air-conditioned and are basic in their furnishing (no phones or TVs in individual rooms and bathrooms are down the hall). However, these are nicer than your average dormitories. They are in attractive buildings, are carpeted, have common lounges with TVs, and every room is equipped with an Ethernet connection for your lap top. Most important, all of the dorm rooms are within an easy stroll through the Amherst College campus to meeting events and to the shops and restaurants of downtown Amherst. To choose this option, complete the Housing Request Form (This is a pdf fill-in form), and the local organizing committee will make room assignments on a first-come, first-served basis.

Area Hotels

We have blocked rooms in area hotels and inns, listed below. Registrants wishing to stay in a hotel rather than in a dorm room must make their own reservations by contacting these hotels directly. When calling, please identify yourself as a participant of the "SBN meeting" to get the contracted price.

The largest blocks of rooms are at the Holiday Inn Express, Howard Johnson, and The Inn at Northampton. For those wishing something a little different, we have also reserved rooms at a number of local bed and breakfast inns in Amherst. Rooms at the bed and breakfasts are very limited in number and registrants wishing this option are urged to make their reservations early. Also, please note that the Amherst/Northampton area is a popular weekend vacation spot during the summer. For this reason, you room rates at many of the area hotels are higher for Friday and Saturday nights than during the week.

Hotels in the towns of Amherst and Hadley are within a couple miles of the Amherst College campus. Amherst is a charming New England college town, centered around a common green. Amherst has a surprising number of good quality restaurants, coffee shops and book stores for a small town, but less to offer in terms of night life. The Northampton hotels are farther from campus (~ ten miles) but close to the vibrant downtown of Northampton; rapidly becoming one of the culinary centers of New England, and offering a variety of shopping and night life. Staying in the Hadley and Northampton hotels requires a car, or a friend with a car. Staying in the Amherst inns allows, in many cases, walking to the meeting. Approximate distances from each hotel to the Amherst College Campus are indicated below.

The Hadley Hotels

The Howard Johnson and Holiday Inn are situated close to malls, about 2 miles from the Amherst College campus; in both cases a continental breakfast is included. Room rates at the Howard Johnson are \$65 per weekday night and \$109 on Friday and Saturday nights. Rates at the Holiday Inn (which is brand new) are \$87 weekday and \$119 weekend. Rates are based on double occupancy; slightly higher rates apply with more than two people in the room.

Howard Johnson

401 Russel Street (also called Route 9)
Hadley MA 01035

Phone: 413-586-0114 (local number) 1-800-446-4656 (toll free nationwide reservation line)

Holiday Inn Express

400 Russel Street (also called Route 9)
Hadley MA 01035
Phone:413-582-0002

Northampton Hotels

The Clarion Hotel and Conference Center (formerly The Inn at Northampton)

1 Atwood Drive
Northampton MA 01060
Phone: 413-586-1211

An attractive, low-rise hotel surrounding a dome-enclosed courtyard pool area. Montana's Steakhouse is on site. Within a mile of downtown Northampton and about 10 miles from the Amherst College meeting site. Rates are \$75 per weekday night and \$129 on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Autumn Inn

259 Elm Street
Northampton MA 01060
Phone: 584-7660

A small motel close to the Smith College campus. Less than a mile to downtown Northampton and about 10 miles to the Amherst meeting site. Rates: \$70 per night weekday and \$109 on weekends.

Bed and Breakfast Inns

The Allen House and Amherst Inn

Allen House Victorian Inn

599 Main Street
Amherst, MA 01002
Telephone (413) 253-5000

Amherst Inn

257 Main Street
Amherst, MA 01002
Telephone (413) 253-5000

The Allen House and the Amherst Inn are charming Victorian style bed and breakfasts owned by the same couple. The Allen House is about one mile and the Amherst Inn is about half a mile from the Amherst College campus. Prices range from \$75 to \$175 per night. Of course, full breakfast is included.

The Black Walnut Inn

1184 North Pleasant Street
Amherst, MA 01002
Telephone (413) 549-5649
Fax: (413) 549-5149

The Black Walnut Inn is a very nice bed and breakfast in an historic, federal-style brick building, about 2 miles from the Amherst College Campus. Approximately \$110 to \$135 per night. The breakfasts are outstanding.

Emily's Amherst Bed & Breakfast

71 N. Prospect St
Amherst MA 01002
Phone: 413 549-0733
Fax: 413 665-3245

Not as elegant as the three listed above but has a homespun, rustic charm. Very conveniently located in downtown Amherst, within half a mile from the meeting site. Some units have kitchens. Rates from \$70 - \$95 per night.