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Vermont Convention Bureau



Vermont Convention Bureau Celebrates 20 Years!

Meeting planners have often told us that Vermont as a destination works well for them; it enables them to combine business with recreation and relaxation. As we celebrate twenty years of connecting meeting planners with Vermont's hospitality industry, we thought it might be nice for you to hear what other planners had to say about the state of Vermont and working with the Vermont Convention Bureau.

"Vermont was the quintessential destination for the Oracle Users Conference. Other New England destinations were considered but Vermont won when it came to location, price and destination appeal. Best of all the conference had record attendance, well ahead of previous programs." *Bob Berkowitz, Events Specialist*
 "Vermont offers our group all the essentials and then some...breathtaking scenery, fabulous accommodations, tons of attractions and some of the most unique group activities we've encountered!" *Judith Ziernik, American Meteorological Society*

"Our members look forward to association meetings in Vermont. Beautiful scenery, comfortable accommodations and friendly hosts. An authentic New England experience." *Pat Hyland, Northeast Public Power Association*

"We hold an annual meeting in Vermont each year and we utilize the services of the Vermont Convention Bureau because it streamlines the site selection process for us making it easy to Meet in Vermont!" *Julie Sweeney - Housing Partnership Network*

"Working with the Vermont Convention Bureau to find a site for our board meeting saved us valuable time and energy. Thank you for

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Meeting Planning
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meeting in Vermont,
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your expertise and assistance." *Jan Queenan, New England Board of Higher Education*

We hope you'll consider Vermont for your next meeting, conference, or event. Let the VCB assist you in finding the perfect location to inspire your attendees.

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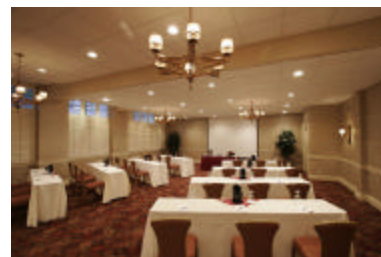


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This month's featured property: Topnotch Resort & Spa



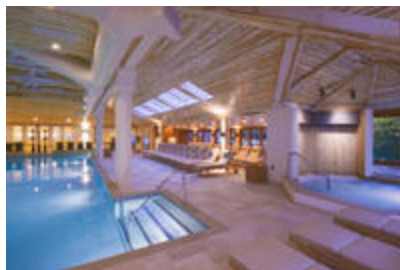
Take advantage of the Topnotch Experience! We can offer your group complete satisfaction in every facet of your event:

MEET: We offer over 6,000 square feet of flexible meeting space. Complimentary high-speed wireless internet throughout, complete audio and visual services. Our conference service staff can coordinate all aspects of your meeting: dining, entertainment, transportation, team-building, special events.

EXPERIENCE: Topnotch and Stowe have much to offer for your attendees to explore and enjoy! On property, take advantage of two outdoor pools (one heated year-round), horseback riding, indoor and outdoor tennis, sleigh and carriage rides, ice skating, bike rentals, hiking. In the winter, we have our own ski shop with full rental service and equipment for alpine and Nordic skiing as well as snowshoeing. Nearby, enjoy two excellent golf courses within 20 minutes of the resort or take in the wonderful shopping in Stowe Village and numerous local attractions such as Vermont's own Ben & Jerry's -- where else can you tour and eat ice cream?

INDULGE: The Spa at Topnotch has been chosen by Conde Nast Traveler Magazine as the # 10 spa in North America (2007). We offer over 120 different treatments in more than 30 treatment rooms. Luxuriate in our indoor pool with waterfall or relax the day away fireside in our spa lounges. We also offer a state-of-the-art

fitness facility with dedicated personal trainers.



We are currently offering an Experience Topnotch Package which is available on select dates that includes complimentary meeting space, spa discounts for attendees, complimentary suite upgrades and a complimentary welcome reception. We look forward to partnering with you to make your next event a memorable success! [Click here to learn more about Topnotch.](#)

Contact the Vermont Convention Bureau for more information: www.vermontmeetings.com or gigi@vermont.org.



VCB News

The Doubletree Burlington Hotel announces the Meetings by Doubletree package ideal for either business or social functions and includes the following for groups of 26 rooms or more:

- Complimentary meeting room & complimentary high-speed internet connection
- A dedicated Event Services Manager
- Access to exclusive online event planning tools such as Guest List Manager and Personalized Group Web Pages

"Double Hilton HHonors" Event Planner Bonus Points Promotion:

Meeting planners who are members of the Hilton HHonors Guest Loyalty Program have an added incentive to take advantage of this offer. For every meeting booked and held between now and March 31, 2009 at the Doubletree Hotel Burlington Vermont, HHonors members may qualify to earn Double Hilton HHonors Event Planner Bonus Points.

Vermont Convention Bureau Bestows Awards at 20th Annual

Meeting

Jim Glanville, Vice President & General Manager of the Inn at Essex, was presented with the Member of the Year award for his unprecedented two year term as chair of the VCB Board of Directors.

The Woodstock Inn & Resort Sales Team was honored with the Vermont Convention Bureau Southern, Vermont Sales Team of the Year Award while the Doubletree Hotel Sales Team took home the Northern, Vermont Sales Team of the Year Award.

Special Thanks to Simon Pearce for sponsoring this years awards, www.simonpearce.com

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