

## 24<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE ON SEVERE LOCAL STORMS

27-31 OCTOBER 2008

HILTON DeSOTO HOTEL

SAVANNAH, GA

### SPONSORSHIP / ORGANIZERS

The 24<sup>th</sup> Conference on Severe Local Storms is sponsored by the American Meteorological Society and organized by the AMS Committee on Severe Local Storms. The conference will be held 27-31 October 2008 at The Hilton DeSoto Hotel in Savannah, GA.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements. All meeting sessions for the conferences will be held at The Hilton DeSoto Hotel, 15 East Liberty Street, Savannah, GA 31401. A block of rooms have been reserved at the hotel for meeting attendees at a special rate of \$145 single/double plus tax. Government per diem rates (\$104 for Savannah) are also available to those who qualify. To receive the special meeting rate, attendees must request a room under the AMS block. For reservations, call the hotel directly at (800) 426-8483 or (800) 445-8667 or make your on-line reservations at [https://secure.hilton.com/en/hi/res/choose\\_dates.jhtml;jsessionid=RPW5WHYMLO552CSGBJF2VCQ?ctyhocn=SAVDHHF](https://secure.hilton.com/en/hi/res/choose_dates.jhtml;jsessionid=RPW5WHYMLO552CSGBJF2VCQ?ctyhocn=SAVDHHF). If you qualify for the government per diem rate, use group code: AMS1  
For the AMS rate, use group code: AMS2

Reservations must be made prior to **Friday, 24 September** and must be accompanied by a one-night deposit. Reservations made after that date will be on a space available basis. We urge you to book at the Hilton DeSoto Hotel since revenue from sleeping rooms helps offset other meeting costs and is passed down to meeting attendees in keeping registration rates to a minimum. Please make your reservations early since space is limited.

### REGISTRATION

There are now several ways to register for these conferences.

1) **On-line Registration.** This option is available to AMS Members and non-members who are paying by credit card or purchase order. Please see the AMS homepage, Web address <http://www.ametsoc.org/AMS>. Select the "Meeting Information" link located at the top of the AMS homepage. Then select the Online Conference Registration and follow the instructions. You can register on-line between now and **Friday, 24 October**. Be sure to register by **Friday, 29 August** for the lowest rates.

2) **Download the registration form from AMS homepage.** Refer to Web address <http://www.ametsoc.org/AMS>. Select the "Meetings" link located at the top of the AMS homepage and follow these steps: a) Select AMS Upcoming Meetings; b.) 24<sup>th</sup> Conference on Severe Local Storms; c) Download and print the paper pre-registration form; and d) Return the completed registration form by fax (617) 249-0272 or mail to: AMS, 24SLS Meeting, 45 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108. REGISTRATION FORMS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED BY MAIL OR FAX THROUGH 24 OCTOBER. AFTER THIS DATE YOU MUST REGISTER ON-LINE OR ON-SITE.

3) **On-site registration.** The AMS registration desk at the Hilton DeSoto Hotel will be open for registration during the following hours:

Sun. 26 Oct:	5:00–7:00 p.m.
Mon. 27 Oct:	7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Tues. 28 Oct:	7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Wed. 29 Oct:	7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Thurs. 30 Oct:	8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Fri. 31 Oct:	7:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

We urge you to pre-register. If you do not have Web access, please contact the AMS Meetings Department 617-227-2426, ext. 228 for a registration form. Completed forms must be faxed or mailed to AMS by **Friday, 24 Oct.** We do not accept registration over the phone.

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION RATES

	BY 29 AUG.	AFTER 29 AUG.
SPEAKER OR POSTER PRESENTER	\$407.00	\$447.00
AMS FULL MEMBER	\$407.00	\$447.00
ASSOC. MEMBER	\$447.00	\$487.00
NON-MEMBER	\$492.00	\$532.00
AMS STUDENT MEMBER	\$177.00	\$217.00
STUDENT NON-MEMBER	\$207.00	\$247.00
RETIRED AMS MEMBER	\$202.00	\$242.00
ONE-DAY REGISTRATION*	\$252.00	\$292.00

**FULL-WEEK REGISTRATION includes:** your badge, a program, admission to all oral and poster sessions, the Monday evening Welcome Reception, entrance to the Tuesday evening video and slide show, and admission to the Wednesday evening Riverboat Banquet and Cruise.

**ONE-DAY REGISTRATION includes:** Registration includes your badge, a program and admission to all oral and poster sessions for one calendar day. On Tuesday evening, the video and slide show is also included. (The Wednesday evening Riverboat Banquet and Cruise is not included in the 1-day registration but may be purchased separately for \$62.00/ticket by 10:30am on Tuesday, 28 October.

**REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT PAYMENT.** Payment may be made with check, money order, purchase order, or credit card (MasterCard/VISA/American Express). Checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank and payable in U.S. dollars. Refunds (less a \$25 processing fee) will be granted only for cancellations received by **Friday, 10 October.**

## ICEBREAKER RECEPTION

An Icebreaker Reception will be held on Monday evening from 5:00-7:00pm in the Hilton DeSoto Atrium.

## CONFERENCE BANQUET

### RIVERBOAT CRUISE AND DINNER EVENT - WEDNESDAY - 5:00pm Boarding

Directions to walk to the Riverboat (0.6 mile walk)

- Take a left at Drayton Street (north towards the river)
- Continue ahead, curving left onto Bull Street
- At the river, look for River Street Riverboat Co. (9 East River St.) We will be on either the Savannah River Queen or the Georgia Queen

A bus will be available from 5:00-9:00pm for those who prefer a lift. We may begin boarding our riverboat at 5:00pm and our scheduled departure time is 6:00pm. We will dock at 8:00pm. A Savannah Seafood Buffet will be served and a cash bar will be available. To request a vegetarian meal or for those with special dietary requirements, contact the AMS Meetings Dept (617) 227-2426 x228 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

Guest Tickets (\$62) may be purchased along with your registration package or on-site at the registration desk until 10:30am Tuesday.

## POSTER ROTATIONS

Rotating Poster Viewings will be held in two rotations: Monday and Tuesday presentations will be in the first rotation and Wednesday and Thursday presentations will be in the second rotation. Formal viewings will be held Monday through Thursday from 3:00–4:30 p.m. in conjunction with the afternoon coffee break. Posters are to be displayed as follows:

### First Rotation:

Poster Set-Up: Mon. at 9:00 a.m.  
Tear-Down: Tues. by 10:00 p.m.

### Second Rotation:

Poster Set-Up: Wed. at 10:00 a.m.  
Tear-Down: Fri. by 12:00 p.m.

## STORM VIDEO AND SLIDE SHOWS

Storm video and slide shows will be shown in the general session room on Tuesday evening of the conference starting at 8:00 p.m.

## INTERNET ACCESSIBILITY

The Hilton DeSoto offers complimentary high-speed wireless internet access in public space and in guest sleeping rooms.

## DIRECTIONS TO THE HOTEL FROM THE SAVANNAH AIRPORT (14 miles, 20 minute drive)

1. Take I-95 South from the Airport to I-16 East.
2. I-16 ends at the Montgomery Street Exit.
3. At the first light, take a right on to Liberty Street.
4. The Hilton DeSoto is approximately 5 blocks down on your right at the corner of Liberty and Bullard Streets.

## GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Taxi is the fastest and cheapest way to get to the hotel. Expect a fare of ~\$25. Shuttle service is also available, but is more expensive. For more information, see:

[www.savannahairport.com/groundtransport.php](http://www.savannahairport.com/groundtransport.php)

Self-parking at the Hilton DeSoto is \$11 per day. A car is not needed. Once at the hotel, everything Savannah has to offer is within easy walking distance.

## SPECIAL NEEDS

It is our sincere desire to comply fully with both the letter and the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Attendees with special needs should call the AMS Meetings Dept. at (617) 227-2426 x228, 4–6 weeks prior to the meeting to request special arrangements. Special housing needs should be requested when making hotel reservations.

## BEYOND THE CONFERENCE

Historic homes, cemetery tours, parks, museums, trolley tours, shopping, golf, and great southern food abound! Savannah has a lively waterfront district and can be a fun place to visit with friends and family. For more information, visit Savannah's tourist site: [www.savannah-visit.com](http://www.savannah-visit.com)