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**SOUTHERN MAINE**  
Southworth Planetarium

# INVITATION

to

## MAPS 2010

Happy 2010!

On behalf of the University of Southern Maine and the USM Southworth Planetarium, we invite you to attend the annual MAPS conference this year in Portland, Maine from May 19 – 22, 2010! We will begin our time together with a reception on Wednesday evening, May 19, starting at 6:00 p.m. Paper/workshop sessions begin at the hotel Thursday morning, and we'll journey to the planetarium that afternoon for some exciting presentations from our vendors! We'll continue sharing our expertise on Friday, and wrap things up by Saturday at noon!


Please plan to participate by presenting a poster, a paper or workshop for us! Take advantage of being among colleagues to share your great experiences and ideas.

Our conference hotel is the Eastland Park Hotel located in downtown Portland, Maine. Special MAPS discounted hotel rates are \$99.00 per night plus the 8% Maine sales tax. There is a parking structure next door. The rate is \$2.00 per hour or \$16.60 per day. If you need to exit and enter the structure several times per day the rate could amount to more than \$16.60. The hotel does offer a flat rate valet parking service of \$25.00 per day. The garage is also automated, which means payment is made via credit card or cash into a machine at the exit gate.

The Southworth Planetarium is located at the University of Southern Maine, in Portland, only 10 minutes away by bus. The centerpiece is the Zeiss ZKP2 star projector in a 30 foot dome. With a seating capacity of 62, we will need to divide the membership into two groups for our Thursday visit. More details will be provided at registration.

Look over the enclosed documents for further information and a tentative schedule. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Jerry LaSala, Edward Gleason, and Steve Innes  
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Portland, Maine