

123rd Annual Convention

July 13-15, 2026

The Hotel Hershey - Hershey, Pennsylvania

It is our pleasure to invite you to the 123rd Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania Telephone Association. We hope you will join your friends, colleagues and industry experts at The Hotel Hershey, *The Sweetest Place On Earth*.

Attending PTA's Annual Convention affords attendees the opportunity to meet owners and employees of companies that continue to weather many changes in the telecom industry. Attendees can participate in numerous networking and recreational activities while gaining valuable knowledge during our general sessions. You will have unlimited opportunities to meet and develop business relationships with the key employees of the telecom industry, who are the backbone of this leading association. **Networking is what it's all about.**

Early-Bird Registration (early-bird rate ends June 5, 2026)

Everyone must register through PTA's website, then follow up with payment.

Go to <https://patel.org/event/pta-123rd-annual-convention/>.

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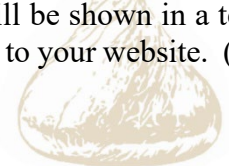
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Event	Fee	When	How/Where Do I Register
Membership Appreciation Day at Hersheypark (and luncheon)	FREE to those registered (all names MUST be on registration form)	July 13 th when park opens Deadline for ticket request – June 26th	Convention Registration Form
PTA Dinner (menu viewable on PTA site)	\$80/person	July 13 th – 6:30 PM	Convention Registration Form
Dessert on the Mezzanine – Exhibit Table	\$200/table	July 13 th – 7:30 PM	Convention Registration Form
Tel-PAC Breakfast	\$35 donation (cash or personal check)	July 14 th – 7:15AM Speaker at 8:00 AM	Separate Form Online (<i>or email Sue</i>)
John S. Rocker Memorial Golf Scramble	\$210	July 14 th – 1:00 PM (Hershey's West Course)	Convention Registration Form
Casino Night Game Sponsor (also receives complimentary exhibit table for Monday night)	\$500	July 14 th – 8:00 PM	Sponsorship Form Online (limited availability)

Ways to Save

1. If you register by June 5, 2026, you take advantage of the early bird rate, saving yourself \$25/person.
2. If you are a PLATINUM SPONSOR, you will receive a \$200 Hershey Gift Card OR \$200 off registration during the Northeast Telecommunications Showcase (NETS), sponsored by PTA & NYSTA; a FREE Full Page Color ad in PTA's directory; a complimentary table during Dessert on the Mezzanine (and first choice of a table location); your company logo included in PTA's online Associate Member listing as well as sponsorship level; company detail in the printed membership directory will be shown in a text box for added recognition; AND have your logo on our home page for the remainder of the year with a link to your website. (up to \$1,750 in savings!)
3. If you are a GOLD SPONSOR, you will receive a \$100 Hershey Gift Card or \$100 off registration at the Northeast Telecommunications Showcase (NETS), sponsored by PTA & NYSTA; first choice of a table location if you're exhibiting (after Platinum); your company logo included in PTA's online Associate Member listing as well as sponsorship level; a FREE Black and White Half Page ad in PTA's directory; company detail in the printed membership directory will be shown in a text box for added recognition; AND your company logo on PTA's home page for the remainder of the year with a link to your website. (up to \$800 in savings!)
4. If you are a SILVER SPONSOR, you will have your company name entered into a drawing for a \$100 Hershey Gift Card; you will receive \$100 off registration at the Northeast Telecommunications Showcase (NETS), sponsored by PTA & NYSTA; first choice of a table location, if you are exhibiting (after Platinum and Gold); \$200 off an ad in PTA's directory; sponsorship level noted in PTA's online Associate Member listing; company detail in the printed membership directory will be shown in a text box for added recognition; AND your company name on our home page with a link to your website. (up to \$400 in savings!)



Speakers

PTA continues to work on the speaker line-up for this event – please check our site for updates.

JOSH SEIDEMANN VP Policy & Industry Innovations NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association	KIMBERLY M. BARROW Vice Chair Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Cozen O'Connor	US Telecom
Panel Discussion on AI	

Sponsors

To date, the following member companies have supported the association through their sponsorship of the convention. Please go to <http://patel.org/become-a-sponsor/sponsorship-opportunities/> to sponsor.

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OTHER SPONSORS

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Schedule of Events

MONDAY, July 13th

- 10:00 AM MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DAY AT HERSHEY PARK**
Enjoy your day at Hersheypark. Have fun at the waterpark or riding one of Hershey's 15 rollercoasters. Free for registered attendees.
- 1:00 PM LUNCHEON AT THE PARK**
For those that take advantage of Membership Appreciation Day at Hersheypark, take a break for lunch and refreshments. All you can eat from 1-3. Door Prizes too!
- 6:30 PM PTA DINNER**
This is PTA's only planned group dinner for the convention. Pre-registration is required on convention registration form (view menu online).
- 7:30 PM DESSERT AND EXHIBITS ON THE MEZZANINE**
Save room for dessert on the mezzanine. Refreshments and dessert will be available as attendees visit the exhibits.

TUESDAY, July 14th

- 7:15 AM TELPAC BREAKFAST**
This is a breakfast to raise money for PTA's Political Action Committee. Please consider attending (\$35 contribution requested). Speaker at 8:00 AM. Door Prizes at the conclusion of breakfast. Please register in advance.
- 9:30 AM GENERAL SESSION**
Industry Speakers (\$200 gift card given to one lucky attendee).
- 1:00 PM JOHN S. ROCKER MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE**
This year's scramble will be held at Hershey Country Club's West Course.
- 7:00 PM PTA BOARD DINNER**
Board Members and Staff will dine in Vista (above the 1933 Restaurant & Tavern – formerly Harvest)
- 8:00–10:30 PM CASINO NIGHT**
Always a big hit! Casino Games sponsored by members. Lots of fun and prizes!

WEDNESDAY, July 15th

- 8:15 AM ACTIVE MEMBER BREAKFAST MEETING**
Telcos Only – annual meeting for telcos – this year we are adding breakfast.
- 9:30–11:45 AM GENERAL SESSION**
Industry Speakers (\$200 gift card given to one lucky attendee).
- Noon ADJOURNMENT**

Accommodations

Can elegance co-exist with serendipity? *The Hotel Hershey* is situated high atop the town of Hershey, Pennsylvania, *The Hotel Hershey* is a getaway in itself. This is a place to awaken your senses, soothe your soul, and experience the finest in elegance and service. It's Milton Hershey's ultimate expression of grandeur.

The Hotel Hershey is a place for families to relax in the cozy privacy of premium guest villas, enjoy an expansive recreation complex, browse the hotel's collection of sweet boutique shops, and choose from authentic culinary experiences.



Room reservations can be made by calling 855-729-3108

Our block will be held until **June 12, 2026**
RATES*

Single occupancy: \$537/person/per night

Double occupancy: \$293/person/night

Children ages 9 & older: \$38.00/night

Children ages 3-8: \$20/night

(rate includes breakfast)

*call hotel directly for rate on villas

Villas: *The Villas at The Hotel Hershey* showcase refreshed furnishings, and unmatched amenities, including an all-new exclusive concierge lounge, and a tailored *Hersheypark* experience. Guests of the Villas enjoy larger bedrooms and sweeping views from the comfort of rocking chairs on the front porch. Each guest villa also features a private outdoor entrance and adjacent parking spaces, along with the luxurious amenities and professional services of The Hotel Hershey.

The Spa At The Hotel Hershey

The Spa At The Hotel Hershey is a haven with innovative and relaxing spa services, where you will enjoy classic elegance, timeless sophistication, and the unmistakable touch of Hershey.

Let yourself be soothed and toned in total luxury at *The Spa At The Hotel Hershey*, a sanctuary where chocolate is not just a treat to eat, but a necessary ingredient for innovative spa treatments. For reservations call toll free 844-330-1797. Call early – they fill up fast!



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Membership Appreciation Day at Hersheypark

Current Sponsors: **Arista**
Hickory Telephone Company
NEP Telephone
Venus Telephone Corporation
Zingaretti Enterprises



Membership Appreciation Day at Hersheypark will be on Monday, July 13th. Convention registrants can enjoy time at the park riding rides, going to shows or simply taking in the atmosphere. Also included is a luncheon at one of the Hersheypark catering areas and **DOOR PRIZES!**



Find your **HERSHEYPARK HAPPY** on 15 epic coasters, an entire water park, and an 11-acre zoo. **3 Parks – 1 Ticket – Endless Thrills.** Tickets are free to convention registrants. However, you must pre-register. Deadline for ticket request is June 26th.



Signing Up: If you and your family are interested in attending Membership Appreciation Day at Hersheypark (and luncheon) you **MUST** pre-register with PTA via the Convention Registration Form. This event is intended for use by our members and their immediate family and is non-transferable. All tickets will be date-stamped for July 13th. Anyone that registers for this event must also be listed on the registration form for the convention – no exceptions.

Non-Dated Hersheypark Tickets: Those wishing to purchase discounted Hersheypark tickets may do so through PTA. Please see the order form on our site for the discounted rates. These tickets will not be date stamped and can be used any time during the season.



Make a note...

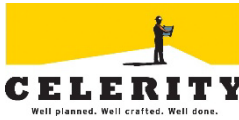
- **PREVIEW PLAN:** Anyone with a ticket can enter the park the day before - 2 hours prior to close. Guests of The Hotel Hershey (or the Lodge) can enter 3 hours early. Plan to go on Sunday, July 12th!
- **HERSHEYPARK SWEET START:** If you are a guest of The Hotel Hershey or Lodge you can enter the park an hour earlier (select rides are open). Park opens at 10:00 AM to the public.
- If you are a guest of The Hotel Hershey or Lodge, you can use your room key to charge items back to your room when you are at Hersheypark (not Chocolate World).
- Guests of The Hotel Hershey or Lodge can take advantage of the **FREE** shuttle service to and from Hersheypark. You must show room key; otherwise, you cannot use the shuttle service and must pay for parking (general parking is \$35 – or \$25 if you purchase online in advance).
- PTA will be available for ticket pickup both Sunday (at the Hotel Hershey) and Monday morning at Hersheypark's Ticketing Center.



Dessert and Exhibits on the Mezzanine

Sponsored by:

ARISTA



(additional sponsors needed)

After dinner on Monday night, step onto the mezzanine for desserts, refreshments, and exhibits. Active members that visit each table will receive an extra \$5,000 voucher for Casino Night on Tuesday.

CURRENT EXHIBITORS

*Arista
Fiber Broadband Association
Henkels & McCoy, Inc.
Power & Tel*

SIGN UP TO EXHIBIT!

Members wishing to exhibit should select exhibit table on convention registration form. Those sponsoring a game table during Casino Night receive a complimentary exhibit table.

John S. Rocker Memorial Golf Scramble

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The annual **JSR Memorial Golf Scramble** will be held at the **Hershey Country Club's West Course** on Tuesday, July 14, located minutes from The Hotel Hershey. Enjoy sweet bird's eye views of the town of Hershey as you play your way through a leisurely day of golf. Tee off on a traditional 18-hole course – that golfers of all skill levels and ages can enjoy! Registration is \$210/golfer, which includes lunch. Register for this event on the Convention Registration Form.

HOLE SPONSORS

Every year PTA gives its members the opportunity to sponsor a hole during the JSR Memorial scramble. We greatly appreciate your continued support. The cost is \$150. (Sponsor information for the hole is continuously displayed on a screen, within each golf cart - during the entire round).

To date the following members have signed up to support the event:

*Arista
Celerity
NEP Telephone
Power & Tel
Venus Telephone Corporation
Yukon-Waltz Telephone Company*



Casino Night (for all ages)

Sponsored by:



Come join the fun of Casino Night. Play some Craps, Blackjack, Poker, Roulette, Chuck-a-Luck and Moneywheel. All ages may play. Many prizes will be awarded to lucky winners. Casino Night is scheduled for Tuesday at 8:00 PM.

Members wishing to sponsor a casino game should fill out the sponsor page and select your game.

CURRENT GAME SPONSORS

*Fiber Broadband Association
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Attendance Awards

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(Tuesday)



(Wednesday)



Attendance awards will be distributed to lucky members following the general sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday. REMEMBER, you must be present to win.

Tel-PAC

The traditional Tel-PAC breakfast fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, July 14th in Starlight West. (*Breakfast begins at 7:15 AM – Speaker at 8:00 AM*).

*Anyone attending the TelPAC breakfast must first register with PTA. This breakfast is a fundraiser for PTA's Political Action Committee and is not included in the cost of your hotel room (see Tel-PAC registration form for further details). **Fee is \$35- must be cash or personal check.***

It is only through the continuing, active involvement with PTA that industry positions can be effectively communicated to legislators, regulators and other interested parties. We will continue to do our very best to represent the communications industry and all PTA member companies.



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Dining

Breakfast:

Breakfast is served in the hotel's Circular Dining Room. For adult guests staying at The Hotel Hershey, your breakfast is included in your room. Children may be signed to your room or paid in the dining room.

Lunch:

Lunch on your own.

Dinner:

Monday dinner will be held in the Castilian Room (above Fountain Lobby) for those that signed up for the dinner. You must pre-register for this dinner. A dinner ticket is required and will be given when guests register with PTA at the hotel (see Convention Registration Form).

Tuesday dinner is on your own (except for PTA Board of Directors). The hotel has several options for dinner plus there are many restaurants nearby (be back in time for Casino Night!).

Below are a few dining options on the grounds of the hotel.

Check the hotel site for specific hours of operation.

Check PTA Convention site for additional restaurants in the area.

- *The Circular:* The Hotel's Award-Winning restaurant is located off the Fountain Lobby and overlooks the formal gardens – reservations required for dinner
 - Breakfast, Dinner (closed for dinner Sunday-Tuesday)

- *1933 Restaurant and Tavern:* Located beyond the Formal Gardens of the Hotel
 - Casual Dining
 - Lunch and Dinner
 - Steakhouse & elevated pub fare

- *Trevi 5:* Trevi 5 offers a spacious veranda and provides comfortable seating with an inviting ambiance. (closed Mondays)
 - Lunch and Dinner
 - Italian Cuisine

Special Diet

If you, or anyone in your party, require a special diet, please note this on the registration form and PTA will contact you to discuss what is needed. We would like to organize these meals prior to the start of the convention. Thanks for your understanding.

Dress Code

The dress code throughout the convention is casual. If you plan to dine in The Circular or Harvest Restaurant, we strongly suggest you make a reservation by calling 717-534-8800.

Mark Your Calendar

The Northeast Telecommunications Showcase (NETS), sponsored by PTA & NYSTA will be held on October 7 & 8, 2026, at the Turning Stone Casino in Verona, NY.

See you in Hershey!

