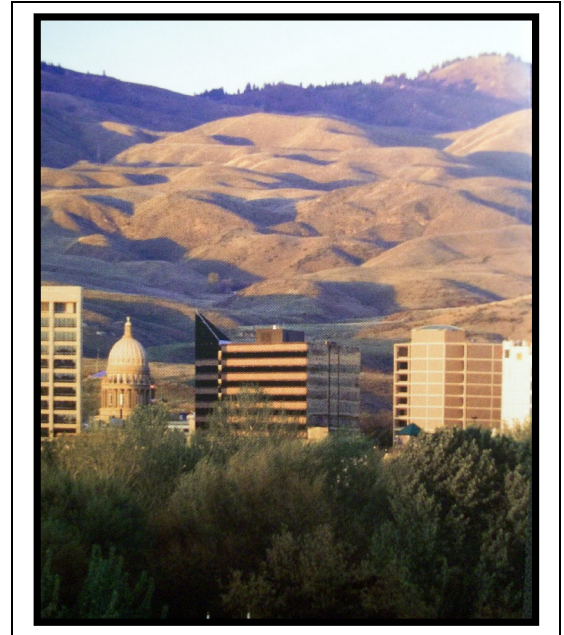


# 2009 NAVVF REUNION Boise Idaho

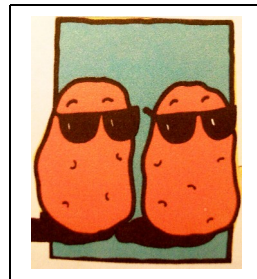
August 6-9, 2009



We are looking forward to hosting the NAVVF Reunion in Boise, Idaho located at the base of the foothills where the desert meets the Rocky Mountains. Boise has on average 234 days of sunshine; but you can always find some shade under “the city of trees”



What % of consumers think of Idaho when they think of potatoes?? **82%**



The Reunion hotel is the **Hampton Inn & Suites** in Downtown Boise (Direct phone (208) 331-1900), and our deadline for booking is **July 24<sup>th</sup>**. The hotel reservation link is ready on the NAVVF site:

[www.navvf.org](http://www.navvf.org)

Free airport shuttle to & from hotel  
Free breakfast in the lobby each morning for hotel guests

Please stop by the **Hospitality Suite** to let us know you've arrived and retrieve your registration packet; lots of additional information will be available about Boise and the surrounding area. We will have scheduled times posted but also cell phone numbers available at the front desk if you need to contact Carl or Valerie and the suite isn't open.

The Hampton Inn is located in downtown Boise in an area called the “BODO”; close to shopping, a variety of restaurants, entertainment venues, movie theaters and parks. The hotel has a swimming pool and workout room so don't forget your swim suit and running shoes or water shoes for the river.

If you arrive early on Wednesday, the 5th there is a free downtown concert: **Alive After Five**, in an open area called the Grove Plaza within walking distance of the hotel;



## Thursday, August 6:

Thursday morning at 9:30am anyone interested in an historic tour of downtown Boise and surrounding neighborhoods can join us at the Boise Tour Train located a short walk from the hotel at Julia Davis Park. The tour is approximately one hour long and will drop us back at the park where you can visit the Boise Art

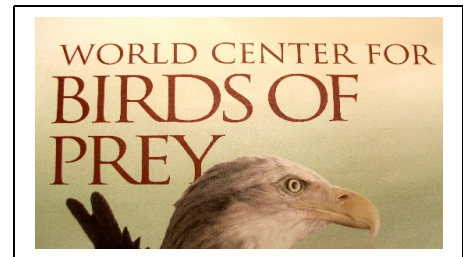
Museum (BAM), Idaho Historical Museum or Zoo Boise. The park has a beautiful rose garden and is located along the Boise River Greenbelt.

The Discovery Museum (interactive science museum for kids) paddleboats and the Anne Frank outdoor memorial are short walks from the park. We will have a picnic table in the park with

snacks and drinks for anyone who chooses to stay near the park and explore. (Any fishermen/women might want to bring their rod for the Boise River).

### Friday, August 7

Friday morning at 10:30 we will board a bus for a ten mile drive to the World Center for the Birds of Prey for a group tour including the Archives of Falconry. There are interactive displays, multi-media shows and live bird presentations. We will have lunch in the picnic area and hopefully leave a little time for the gift shop.



### Saturday, August 8



Have you ever eaten Basque food??? Well, the Saturday banquet will be your chance at Leku Ona located on the Basque Block a short distance from the hotel. We hope you can learn more about the Basque people who have made Idaho their home for many years and if we're lucky they may be able to provide some entertainment

**Other Entertainment Options** while visiting Boise: check the Hospitality Suite (you can also search the Internet on your own)

**First Thursday;** free activities sponsored by downtown merchants; art galleries, music & food tasting. Map and activities will be available.

**Idaho Shakespeare Festival;** Twelfth Night & The Mystery of Edwin Drood/tickets and schedule [www.idahoshakespeare.org](http://www.idahoshakespeare.org)

**Boise Botanical Garden** evening concert; music schedule is currently in the works; prices and musical entertainment for Thursday evening will be available [www.idahobotanicalgardens.org](http://www.idahobotanicalgardens.org)

**Float the Boise River from Barber Park;** an easy float with inner tubes and raft rentals available; a short drive from downtown Boise with shuttle service at the end of the float back to the parking area.

**Saturday Farmers' Market;** every Saturday in downtown Boise; stroll along 8th street starting at 9:30 am and discovery local produce and art work

**Knitting Factory;** a music venue located in the BoDo very close to the hotel with nightly concerts; [boknittingfactory.com](http://boknittingfactory.com)

**Float the Payette River;** want a more exciting river float? Book a trip with a rafting company. The rivers have slowed by August but it is still great fun! [www.riverrootsltd.com](http://www.riverrootsltd.com)

See you in August ... Your 2009 NAVVF Reunion Hosts, Valerie and Carl VanValkenburg (Br 7)