



DC Days 2017 | FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What Is the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability?

Founded in 1987 by organizations from communities in the shadows of U.S. nuclear weapons facilities, the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability (ANA) now includes more than 30 local, regional, and national groups concerned about the consequences of U.S. nuclear policies. ANA activists work to promote peace, human health, and the environment by addressing issues of nuclear weapons research, testing, and production as well as radioactive waste cleanup.

What is DC Days?

For the past 28 years, ANA has hosted four days of training, education, and political advocacy that bring grassroots activists from around the country to Washington, DC to promote their concerns. DC Days 2017 will be a great opportunity to make your voice heard by policymakers and to network with allies working on similar issues.

How Much Does It Cost?

Early-bird registration is just \$55 for students and \$155 for all others. Rates rise to \$60 and \$240 after April 21. That fee includes a light breakfast and lunch at the Sunday Training, all facilities, snacks and beverages, and lots of materials. Attendees are responsible for all other expenses including travel, housing, and meals.

Do I Need to Schedule My Own DC Days Meetings with Public Officials?

ANA staff will set up many meetings with Administration officials, Members of Congress, and their aides. ***If you are interested in making an appointment with your own Senators or Representative, please first check with Devan Kerley (dcdays@ananuclear.org).***

What Is the Best Way to Get to DC?

Washington, DC has three airports: Reagan National (DCA), Dulles International (IAD), and Baltimore-Washington International (BWI). Reagan is the closest and is located on a Metro transit line to downtown. Dulles and Baltimore-Washington often have less expensive airfares, but you have to allow additional time and money for ground transit.

Where Should I Stay?

Washington, DC is a huge tourist destination, so accommodations at all price levels are available. See a list of housing suggestions [here](#). This year, ANA has arranged hostel-like housing at [The Pilgrimage](#). **Contact DC Days staffer Kathy Crandall Robinson (kathycrandallrobinson@gmail.com).**

What Clothes Should I Pack for DC Days?

Washington, DC is a formal town. Business attire is required for all Team Meetings and Tuesday night's Awards Reception. Informal dress is fine for the Sunday Training and Monday evening Pizza Party. Pick your shoes carefully: Capitol Hill has concrete sidewalks and marble hallways – some participants like to carry soft footwear to use for traveling between meetings.

What Is the Sunday Training, and Where Will It Take Place?

The mandatory **Sunday Training** kicks-off DC Days at **8:30am on Sunday, May 21** in the **Methodist Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, NE 20002**. We will cover:

- The current status of nuclear weapons and waste policies, proposals, and legislation
- The most effective messaging for ANA's priority issues
- How to maximize your impact on DC decision-makers
- Potential roles in team meetings on Capitol Hill and with Administration officials

ANA will provide a light breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages.

Where Is the DC Days Headquarters?

ANA's DC Days 2017 Headquarters is at **Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) at 245 Second St, NE, Washington, DC, 20002**. Headquarters will be open from **9:00am - 5:00pm on Mon., May 22 – Wed., May 24**. At Headquarters, you can check on meetings, pick up materials, connect with participants, access internet, and get your questions answered.

What Other Events Take Place During DC Days?

- **Mon., May 22, 5:00pm – 7:30pm, Pizza Party** at the **Mott House, 122 Maryland Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20002**. Please join us to unwind and connect with other participants. A **\$10 fee covers pizza, salad, and soft drinks**. Beer and wine will be available at low-cost for those of legal age.
- **Tues., May 23, 5:30pm-7:30pm, ANA Awards Reception** to honor public officials and activists who have helped advance our agenda in **Room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building**. Light appetizers and beverages provided. (Part of your DC Days registration fee.)
- After DC Days, the **ANA Spring Meeting** will be at the **Mott House, 122 Maryland Avenue NE, Washington DC 20002, Thurs., May 25, 10am-7pm and Fri., May 26, 9am-3pm**. There is a separate registration process and fee (see [link](#) for details).

How Will I Get Around Between Locations in DC?

All events and DC Days Headquarters are on Capitol Hill within easy walking distance of all House and Senate offices and Union Station Metro stop. Cabs and services like Uber and Lyft are also readily available. [Please see the map of DC Days events and Headquarters locations.](#)

How Do I Prepare Before Heading to DC?

Briefing materials for you to study will be sent out and posted on the www.ananuclear.org. A **DC Days Orientation Call** will be on **Tues., May 2 at 8pm ET (7pm CT, 6pm MT, 5pm PT)** to walk you through plans and answer questions. An **Issue Briefing Call** to review highlights of key DC Days issues is scheduled for **Tues., May 16 at 8pm ET (7pm CT, 6pm MT, 5pm PT)**. **Call number for both calls is: (515) 604-9061, code: 159567**

What If I Don't Consider Myself an Expert Nuclear Weapons or Waste Issues?

No one expects you to become an instant expert! Pick one or two issues that most interest you – after a little study, you will probably know more than many aides or legislators who you will be meeting. There's a role for everyone in Team Meetings: even if you prefer to simply listen, note-takers and timekeepers are essential.

Who Can Help Me If I Have Any Questions?

Ask your local group leader, or contact any of ANA's DC Days 2017 staff:

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