

DC Days 2020 | 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 32 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 2020 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 \$85 for students (and those under age 30) and \$185 for all others. Rates rise to \$110 and \$285 after March 13. That fee includes a light breakfast and lunch at the Sunday Training, all facilities, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages at the headquarters and Monday and Tuesday evening events, 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 the DC Days Coordinator joseph@anuclear.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](#).

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 event. 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, April 19** in the **United 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 2020 Headquarters is at the Quaker Welcome Center in the **Friends Committee on National Legislation Building, 245 2nd St NE #5795, Washington, DC 20002**.

Headquarters will be open from **9:00am - 5:00pm on Mon., April 20 – Wed., April 22**. 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., April 20, evening**, Pizza Party at the Mott House, near the UM Building.
- **Tues., April 21, 6:00pm-7:30pm**, **ANA Awards Reception** to honor public officials and activists who have helped advance our agenda. Light appetizers and beverages provided. (Part of your DC Days registration fee.)
- After DC Days, the **ANA Spring Meeting** will be at the Quaker Welcome Center in the **Friends Committee on National Legislation Building, 245 2nd St NE #5795, Washington, DC 20002**, **Thurs., April 23, 10am-5pm and Fri., April 24, 9am-3pm**. There is a separate registration process and fee (details forthcoming).

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.

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

No one expects you to become an instant expert! There will be a limited number of major issues for which you'll have materials in advance and be trained on Sunday. 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 2020 staff:

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