

USSA'S 39th Annual Grassroots Legislative Conference & National Student Lobby Day

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What meals are covered with registration?

A: The provided meals are as follows: SAT - dinner, SUN - lunch, MON - lunch & dinner. Additional information about local eateries will be provided onsite.

Q: What hotel are we staying at and how do we reserve rooms?

A: The L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC is where we will be staying and where all conference activities will be held. The site is located at 480 L'Enfant Plaza SW Washington DC. Conference participants receive a reduced rate of only \$209/night if reserved by **February 8th 2008**. **After this date rates increase, so please make reservations ASAP!** To make reservations, call the hotel at 202.484.1000.

Q: How do I get to DC?

A: Depends on your preferences and where you're coming from! You are responsible for making these arrangements for your entire delegation. See our *Travel Guide*, which is included, for more information. Please be advised: The conference will begin in the early afternoon of Saturday March 15th and end at 5pm on Tuesday March 18th. Please plan to arrive at the conference center Saturday morning and schedule to leave after 6pm on Tuesday.

Q: What is in the conference agenda?

A: USSA's 39th Annual Legislative Conference & National Student Lobby Day will be packed with exciting meetings and events and plenty of information for you to take back to your campus. Conference highlights include a variety of issue and skill based workshops, regional and affiliate meetings, lunch panels on federal student issues, legislative briefings, lobby clinics, the student government reception, awards banquet, a party, karaoke night and of course our National Student Lobby Day! Check out the *Agenda*.

Q: Do we need to set up our own lobby visits? If so, how do we do that?

A: You are only responsible for setting up your delegations House lobby visits. Please visit www.house.gov to find the DC office contact information for your House of Representative Member and where all members of your delegation are registered to vote. Call your Member's DC office and let them know that you will be participating in USSA's National Student Lobby Day. Ask to set up meetings with your Members for Tuesday, March 18th between 11:00am - 4pm. Please be advised that meetings will be done on a regional basis, therefore, if there are other schools in attendance at the conference from your District, these schools may be attending these meetings as well. All Senate meetings will be set up for your state by USSA.

Q: Is there a place I can put my luggage while we are doing our lobby visit?

A: We will have staffed rooms available on the day of the lobby visit so you can leave your bags and luggage at the hotel. The rooms will NOT be staffed after 6:00pm so please plan to pick up your bags by then. USSA is NOT responsible for any damaged or lost items.

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Q: What will we get out of coming to the conference?

A: USSA's 39th Annual Legislative Conference and National Student Lobby Day will be a space for you to come share your organizing experiences and learn from others in the student movement across the country. All events, workshops and meetings will prepare you to not only lobby Congress but organize around federal and local issues on your own campus.

Q: Do we need to bring anything with us?

A: The conference itself, while professional, is full of students just like you, so please do not feel pressured to dress up. However, on the National Student Lobby Day, we ask that you and your delegation dress in business attire, as we will be hosting a press event and have formal meetings with Congressional Members. Additionally, the month of March in Washington, DC is often cold, so plan to dress appropriately for the cold weather.

Q: I would love to attend, but I do not have the financial backing from my student government to come. What should I do?

A: USSA staff will assist you in fundraising ideas and planning. Attached is a sample budget, fundraising letter, and a list of good organizations to ask.