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Legislative Action Days

What are “Legislative Action Days”?

Also known as “Lobby Days” or “Day on the Hill”, these organized events offer training on the topic, coaching on the talking points, and will often set up the meeting for you and your representative. The purpose of these events is to have a large presence at the capitol to make an impact on legislators and invite media coverage. Sometimes these days also include a rally in the rotunda. Sometimes there is a small cost of attendance to help the sponsoring organization cover the cost of food and renting space.

Benefits of Attending

The sponsoring organization has done the majority of the legwork for you! They will provide you with background and supporting facts, background on your representative (e.g. has this person generally been supportive of this issue or opposed?), and current information on the status of the issue in the government. It’s also fun to be around so many people who are passionate about the same thing!

How to Find a Legislative Action Day

The list that follows was compiled by searching “Minnesota Legislative Action Day”, “Minnesota Lobby Day”, and “Minnesota Day on the Hill”. Since the legislative session just started, not all organizations have set their lobby dates yet. So, if you don’t see the issue or organization you want on this list, do a search periodically.

You can also Google “(name of issue) day on the hill”. For example: “Minnesota hunting day on the hill”.

The Minnesota Council of Nonprofits also keeps a List of Nonprofit Days on the Hill or Legislative Action Days

<http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org/mcn-at-the-capitol/get-involved/nonprofit-days-on-the-hill>

Making Your Own Appointment with a Representative?

Here’s a great guide to meeting with your legislator:

<http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org/mcn-at-the-capitol/get-involved/helpful-tips-for-contacting-legislators>

January 24

Gun Owners Day at the Capitol

<https://www.gunowners.mn/lobby2019>

February 5

Minnesota Farmers Union

<https://www.mfu.org/event/mfu-lobby-day-drive-in/>

February 7

Second Chance Day on the Hill - criminal justice reform

<https://cd2action.com/event/second-chance-day-on-the-hill-2019/>

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition - "Stand Out Firmly For Justice", economic justice

<https://jrlc.org/day-on-the-hill/details>

February 14

Protect Minnesota's Lobby Day

<https://protectmn.org/>

February 18 and 19

LeadMN - Minnesota State community and technical college students advocating for changes in higher education

<https://www.leadmn.org/advocacy-day-february-2019>

Tuesday, February 26

Muslim Day at the Capitol with the Muslim American Society of Minnesota

For schedule details and registration: <https://www.masmn.org/mdac19/>

Library Lobby Day with Minnesota Library Association

<https://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/>

MN Citizens Concerned for Life Legislative Dinner, 6p (cost associated)

<https://www.mccl.org/dinner>

Thursday, February 27

Epilepsy Foundation

<https://www.epilepsyfoundationmn.org/programs/adults/advocacy/dayatthecapitol/>

Business Day on the Hill with Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

<https://www.mnchamber.com/connect/signature-events-and-series>

Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation Day on the Hill with American Cancer Society
<https://www.fightcancer.org/events/2019-minnesotans-smoke-free-generation-coalition-day-capitol>

March 12

Arts Advocacy Day with Minnesota Citizens for the Arts
<http://artsmn.org/act/events/arts-advocacy-day/>

Bleeding Disorder Awareness Day, 1-4pm
<http://www.hfmd.org/news/legislative-updates/>

March 13

Farm Bureau Day on the Hill
<https://fbmn.org/pages/take-action>

Moms Demand Action - MN
<https://cd2action.com/event/lobby-day-2019-moms-demand-action/>

Tuesday, March 19

Student Nurses Day on the Hill with Minnesota Nurses Association
<https://mnnurses.org/issues-advocacy/take-action/get-involved/mna-student-nurse-day-hill/>

March 20

Veterans Day on the Hill with the VA
<https://mn.gov/mdva/news/events/?id=1066-363395>

April 10

Water Action Day with Friends of the Mississippi River
advocating for the Minnesota Water Bill
<https://fmr.org/legislative-updates/looking-ahead-2019-legislature>

April 16

Habitat for Humanity Day on the Hill - advocate for affordable housing
<https://www.tchabitat.org/get-involved/advocacy>

April 25

Lobby Day for LGBTQ Equity with OutFront Minnesota
<https://www.outfront.org/public-policy#lobby-day>

Annual Days on the Hill that have not yet been announced:

- Hunger Day on the Hill (typically in March)
- Homelessness Day on the Hill
- Mental Health Day on the Hill
- Disability Day at the Capitol with The Arc - Minnesota
- Pro-Choice Day on the Hill with NARAL