

RESTROOMS:

Public restrooms in the Capitol are located on the first and third floors. Groups must remain quiet and orderly as they wait in the hall near the restrooms. Remember the Capitol is a professional workplace where important state business is being conducted.

Final Thoughts

- The sessions generally end by early afternoon, but it varies from day to day. Eat a good breakfast to sustain you until the day ends.
 - To finish your day, you may want to visit Underground Atlanta. Also, the new Coca Cola Museum and the Georgia Aquarium are just around the corner.
 - Network with other members from across the state as much as you can during the day.
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FCCLA DAY AT THE CAPITOL



NATIONAL FCCLA WEEK

FEBRUARY 6-12, 2011

FCCLA MEMBER GUIDE



This event is open to any **FCCLA member in the state and gives members and advisers an opportunity to come to the capitol during the General Assembly**. It is our best opportunity to inform legislators of the value of our **Family and Consumer Sciences program and career and technical student organization**, FCCLA, and to promote, in person, our legislative priorities.

Legislators rely heavily on the viewpoints expressed by their local constituents when they make important decisions regarding education issues. By coming to Atlanta and actively participating in a full day of observing and meeting,

FCCLA members and advisers can be an effective voice for our organization. A visit to the Georgia Capitol also offers students an opportunity to view first-hand the state government in action and to learn about the judicial and lawmaking processes.

DRESS CODE:

Males – business suit with collared dress shirt and necktie; OR sport coat, dress pants, collared shirt and necktie; OR dress pants, collared shirt and necktie. All the above should be worn with dress shoes and socks.

Females – Business suit or business pantsuit; OR skirt or dress slacks with blouse or sweater; OR tailored dress. All of the above should be worn with dress shoes.

Tennis shoes, t shirts, jeans and athletic pants are ***not*** appropriate attire.

CAPITOL SECURITY:

Students and chaperones are required to pass through a metal detector in a single file line. An x-ray machine will examine all backpacks, purses, and packages. Students should not bring radios, headphones, knives or any sharp objects into the Capitol. **It will take at least 1 hour to pass through security! Please make sure you allot time for this.**

MEETING WITH LEGISLATORS:

When meeting in chapter groups with a legislator, remember the following.

- Be On Time – Members of the legislature are very busy, so don't be late for a scheduled appointment.
- Remain Calm – Put your leadership skills to work. Speak clearly and establish eye contact during your visit.
- Be Prepared – Tell your legislative leader why you are in Atlanta and what FCCLA is all about.

- Be Reasonably Brief – Remember to state your opinions as concisely as possible.
- Remember to Say Thank You – Thank your legislative leader for his or her time and consideration of the important issues.

KEY POINTS TO COVER ABOUT FCCLA:

- Share the FCCLA brochure.
- Express appreciation for funding secured from the legislature in the 2010 session.
- Comment as to how this funding is essential in order for our organization to provide opportunities and services to members. Students could then give a few key points related to how FCCLA programs have benefited them. Concentrate on leadership development, career skills, community service and family emphasis.
- Encourage legislators to re-approve funding for our organization for next year.

CAMERAS INSIDE THE CAPITOL:

Photography is prohibited in the House and Senate galleries while the legislature is in session. Video cameras are also prohibited during the legislative session. If the General Assembly is not in session, flash photography is permitted as it is throughout the public areas of the Capitol.