



Celebrating Home Education!

TN Homeschooler's Capitol Hill Rally & Legislators Reception Day

A Call to TN Homeschool Families: Bring the Good News of Home Education to our Lawmakers on Rally Day, Tuesday, March 17th.

***YOU & YOUR FAMILY'S PRESENCE MATTERS!!** Tutorials, make Rally Day a Civics Credit Day & encourage your families to participate!*

Rally Day, is the Day on our TN State Capitol Hill hosted and sponsored by TN Home Education Association, for Tennessee homeschooling families to bring the good report of home education to our elected lawmakers. It is very important for our legislators to see their homeschooling constituents, to learn about the strength & vibrancy of home education in Tennessee! Join homeschoolers from across our state on Capitol Hill for Rally Day! We'll gather for our Rally at 8:45 AM in the historic House of Representatives Chamber (see below) in our Capitol Building for a celebration of home education!

[Downtown Nashville Parking Lots & Garages](#)

WARNING: The tunnel entrance from MLK Jr Blvd is Closed due to construction.

This is the usual secured tunnel entrance to the Capitol from the south side, from 600 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. It is closed due to construction. Now instead of 3 secure entrances there are only 2 secure entrances, one is the wooden stairway pictured below & located on the west side of the Capitol at the corner of 7th Ave. N. & MLK, JR. Blvd. This entrance opens at 8 a.m. The other entry is through the Cordell Hull Office Building at 425 Rep. John Lewis Way, N. See this info below.



As you face the Capitol to the left of the old tunnel entrance look to the corner of 7th Ave. N. & MLK, Jr. Blvd for this new set of wooden steps leading to the west side secure Capitol entrance.

A less steep climb alternate access into the Capitol with no stairs is from the east side of the Cordell Hull Office Building, CHB, at 425 Rep. John Lewis Way, N. Near by is the We Go Premier Parking at 400 Charlotte Ave., 37219.

In CHB to reach the Capitol, you go through security, past elevators, turn left to reach the Ron Ramsey tunnel on the CHB Ground level. At end of the tunnel, take the elevator to the 2nd Floor of the Capitol. Do not be too timid to ask for directions.

There are two entries into the CHB with one on the east & one on the west side. There are statues to the right of the east entrance on Rep. John Lewis Way, N.

In order to enter the Capitol from CHB you go through security twice, once as you enter CHB & a more strict security check to enter the Capitol. That second security is about 1/2 way down the underground Ron Ramsey tunnel.

For persons needing handicapped entrance, the CHB access offers a fully compliant pathway.



Statues on right at east entry to CHB, at 425 Rep. John Lewis Way, N.

The Rally in Our Tennessee House of Representatives Chamber

Our Rally takes place from 8:45-11:00 in the beautiful and historic Tennessee House of Representatives Chamber on the 2nd Floor in our Capitol Building with access to the House Chamber floor and the two galleries on either side of the Chamber.

A HS Choir sings in the House Chamber during the Rally.



Lunch Available for homeschoolers in the beautiful Legislative Lounge just down the hallway

Following the Rally, Chick-Fil-A box lunches, which must be pre-purchased [here](#), by 5:00 p.m. CST Friday, March 13th. Lunch will be available for families to pick up, just down the hallway in the historic and gorgeous Legislative Lounge, formerly called the Senate Library. See the picture below.

The Historic Legislative Lounge & awesome staircase in the room where we serve lunch.



After the Rally and lunch there is a Davy Crockett Statesmen's [Student Congress Tournament](#) for homeschool students ages 8-18. These take place in the House & Senate & the Old Supreme Court Chambers of our Capitol

BE A LEGISLATOR AT THE CAPITOL! WRITE YOUR OWN BILLS, POST THEM ON THE HOMESCHOOL STUDENT CONGRESS WEBSITE & PREPARE TO SPEAK PRO OR CON ON THE BILLS! ! Check out the link for details of this activity on the Student Congress website!

If not participating in Student Congress after the Rally, we have 180 dozen signature gift bags for homeschoolers to take to our legislator's offices to share with our legislators and their staff. This is a very important part of Rally Day and a significant activity for homeschoolers as you go to your legislator's offices to meet them and their staff! You and your children make a positive impact by being polite and respectful and sharing with them our gift bags and our Rally Day Program! You bring the good report of home education to them!

THEA requests you & your family deliver our Gift Bags with treats & programs to our legislator's offices in the Cordell Hull Building accessed from the 2nd Floor of the Capitol through the Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey Capitol connector, a 92' below-ground tunnel. See below.



Our State Legislator's Offices and Committee Rooms are in the Cordell Hull Building, CHB.

On the 8th Floor of the Cordell Hull Building a group of homeschoolers and parents on behalf of THEA hosts a Luncheon Reception for 400+ legislators, their staff, and other state employees. In two connected rooms we host our reception line and have tables and chairs for eating lunch. Against the wall in the room with tables and chairs are our tables for your homeschool displays. High school homeschoolers, your help is need to be a server at this important Luncheon.

Your homeschool displays “speak” volumes to our lawmakers

You can prepare an exhibit, a display, of your homeschool activities to set up in our Legislator’s Luncheon Reception on the 8th Floor of their office Complex, the Cordell Hull Building, for all our TN lawmakers to see!



Your displays do “speak” volumes to our lawmakers of the vibrancy of the home school lifestyle & educational option, bringing the good report of home education!

So, make an exhibit with a trifold to show your children's activities or your co-op or tutorial events, such as Play productions, Science Fair displays, Sports activities & trophies, or any of all the other myriad activities of the home school community! Be creative & showcase what your homeschool is doing!

*****If you have a display to bring to the Rally Day Legislator’s Luncheon Reception, call THEA’s Display Organizer, Pam Archer at 615-516-6157. If you miss her, leave a message with your contact information, your request for display space, & whether you need a 3’ or 6’ space. She will contact you! The table spaces first come, first served, so don’t hesitate! THEA reserves the tables for you & provides the tablecloth! You supply the display!**

THEA's Legislative Luncheon with yummy food & your displays for our lawmakers to see! Here's the group of high school homeschoolers & parents who served the Legislative Luncheon! More servers are still needed to serve this year! Please jump in & help! Contact Julie Clement at rexandjulie@nctc.com or 615-633-8336.



Access from the Capitol to our legislator's offices in the Cordell Hull Building is via the amazing & beautiful 92' deep underground Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey Tunnel, which you access via elevators on the 2nd Floor of the Capitol in the hallway outside the House and Senate Chambers and Legislative Lounge to visit our legislators & take them & their staff our gift bags of homemade goodies.

