

SEA DAY 2009

Make plans to take a day off to support your Association and meet with your legislators as concerned citizens, taxpayers and state employees. You can attend by yourself or with others from your section. Contact your Section President for full details of the day and what's going on with members from your section. Car pools may be available.

SEA members will meet Wednesday, April 22 at 9:30 am in Room 330 Southwest in the State Capitol to get updated, arrange and coordinate their tours and share information of concern. The Capitol building opens at 8 am

Issues you can bring up with your legislative delegation can cover any concern you have as a state employee, SEA member, taxpayer or citizen. Be sure to consider telling your elected representatives how you feel about contract bargaining, work outsourcing, and the need for open government, election and campaign finance reform.

In past years, SEA members have had great success planning their presentations out in advance and preparing handouts. This year, 2nd Vice President Tim Hanley will distribute an information kit covering the main issues of concern to SEA. But feel free to compile your own materials, from here at the SEA web site or other sources. This year there will be no special SEA Day newsletter, but if you have found articles in regular newsletters or news stories that help illustrate your concerns, feel free to bring them along.

The formal meeting at 9:30 am is expected to be brief. Afterward, SEA members will head out to meet with their legislators, one on one or in groups. When you're done, consider caucusing to compare notes. You might also want to go to lunch on the Capitol Square with fellow members, and celebrate your experiences.

Enter the Capitol from South Hamilton St. Handicapped entrances are at Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., East Washington Avenue, Wisconsin Avenue, and West Washington Avenue. The Capitol can be confusing to navigate, even for veterans, so if all else fails, visit the ground floor information desk in the Rotunda and ask how to get to the meeting room or your legislator's office.

Parking: Capitol Square spaces are limited and strictly enforced. See lots / ramps marked on map. Recommended: Ramp #4, enter from E. Mifflin St., N. Butler St. or N. Webster St. (takes Visa, MC, cash). Lots 2 and 3 are NOT suitable because they have maximum two-hour meters and you risk a ticket.

Vending: North Wing basement.

TOURS: If you have time, you might consider taking a tour of the Capitol. Tours are available at 9, 10, and 11 am, 1, 2, and 3 pm. Tours start at the Information Desk in the rotunda and last 45 to 55 minutes. Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. Call (608) 266-0382 7:30 am - 5 pm Monday - Friday. The Capitol's Observation Deck is on the sixth floor and is accessible from the 4th floor via NW or W stairways. There is also a small museum devoted to the Capitol at the entrance to the observation deck.

In an emergency, visit the Capitol Police station in Room B4 North.

