



LEGISLATIVE DAY
February 2, 2011
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Thank you for the great work you do for Idaho Coalition of Home Educators. It's so important! I always look forward to the pie, and all the wonderful kids on the fourth floor who make home education sparkle like the crown jewel that it is.
~Representative Lenore Hardy Barrett, District 35

PURPOSE: Legislative Day is a formal pie reception at the Capitol hosted annually by ICHE. The purpose of this event is to give our legislators the opportunity to see the quality achieved by home education in Idaho without government funding or regulation. This is accomplished by presenting academic, social, organizational, and testing displays. Most legislators attend specifically to meet their own constituents and to connect with those in their district who home educate.

PARTICIPATION: Those who privately home educate from around the state are encouraged to apply. Composite test scores of Idaho's privately home educated students are compared with private, parochial, and public school scores. For this reason, participation does not include private, parochial, or public schooled students, including those enrolled in virtual charter schools. Participants must be current ICHE members who will be representing only private home education to our legislators. Applications for participation are available on the website and must be postmarked by the deadlines specified below. Further questions may be emailed to the chairmen.

CONTENT: In past years, displays have included history, art, science projects, unit studies, 4-H, Chess Club, sports, and family projects. Teen Ambassadors tour legislators around the displays while students play classical background music. The hundreds of home baked pies provided by home educators and the opportunity to interact with these unique families make this event the highlight of the legislative session.

VISITORS: Adults with younger children who desire to visit Legislative Day with a view toward participating in upcoming years are invited to drop by for an hour. Please observe the dress and conduct protocols, and keep your children quietly with you. The space constraints of numerous display tables and heavy foot traffic make strollers prohibitive.

PROTOCOLS: We are guests in a professional office building conducting the official business of our state. Noise and activity must be kept to a minimum. Because the intent of Legislative Day is to make the most effective presentation and facilitate conversation with our legislators, children under ten years of age are not included in this event. Name badges will be issued and placed on each display table. Along with your students, an adult participant must remain at the display the entire time in order to visit with legislators. Appropriate dress for both adults and students is business attire. Females: dresses with sleeves, dress lengths at or below the knees, shoes, and stockings or dark tights. No pants or leggings. Males: slacks, shirts, and ties. No jeans or hats. Congressional Award medalists will be wearing their medals.

SCHEDULE: Display set up begins at 8:45 a.m. Breakdown takes place at 2:00 p.m. Limited metered parking requires quarters. The Capitol Terrace Garage at 770 W. Main Street is the nearest pay garage and may be entered from Idaho Street.

Chairman

Legislative Day Chairman
Display Chairman
Pie Chairman
Music Chairman
Teen Ambassadors

Information/Applications

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Application Deadline

January 5, 2011
January 17, 2011
December 20, 2010
January 5, 2011