

W.S.F.A. Legislative Day

Thursday, January 12, 2012

The Washington State Fairs Association "Legislative Day" at the Capitol will be Thursday, January 12, 2012. Every member Fair has heard the story for the past several years... the plea to keep funding. *There is still much work to be done in educating our legislators that the Fair fund is NOT an entitlement program. The Fair fund needs to be viewed as an economic investment to the State of Washington which has an immediate return to the communities that the Fairs serve.*

This year, the battle has become personal. Each individual Fair must make an impact on their legislators, citing their unique stories and history. Legislative day gives you that opportunity to meet with legislators in person and explain the importance of the Fair Fund. No one can communicate better with your Representatives and Senator than you, their constituent.

Each year, we state that our goal is to have as many members of Washington State Fairs attend this event as possible to make the point that the Fair Fund must be saved or re-established. Each year, a few yet faithful make the trek to Olympia to do so. **This year, that simply will not be enough.** It is important that EVERY Fair in Washington State have a representative in Olympia. If an actual member is not available, perhaps a service member you have utilized may be able to make those contacts.

Please make your appointments now to visit with your Legislators on January 12th, their schedules fill up very fast and it may be very difficult to get one if you wait too long. The link below will help you find your legislator. If your legislative district has more than one fair, please coordinate appointments with them. After making your appointment, please contact us so we can chart all the contacts.

January 12:

**8:00 AM Meet at Office Building 2 for Welcome & Orientation, material pick up strategy meeting.
By 9:00 AM Depart for Meetings you have setup with your Legislators**

How do you Participate? Complete the reservation form at the bottom of this page Call all of your legislators (three per district) and setup appointments. The sooner the better, their schedules fill up fast. Let the WSFA Office know when you have an appointment so we know what legislators will be visited. This helps us plan and allows us to make sure we get all the legislators contacted about our funding issues. More information will be sent as soon as your Fairs commitment is made.

Important Information to Help you Plan your Day!

How to find your legislator: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx>

Capital Campus parking: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/Parking.aspx>

Capital Campus map: <http://www.ga.wa.gov/images/campus-map.pdf>

Legislative Day at the Capitol Registration Form

Name: _____

Fair: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Number of People Attending from your Fair

What Legislative District are your Fairgrounds in? _____

Questions call: The WSFA Office at (360) 269-9971 or for Legislative Questions call Heather Hansen at (360) 705-2040. Please return to WSFA, P.O. Box 914, Chehalis, WA 98532 or email to: wastfair@comcast.net or fax to 360-740-1478