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DC Days 2012: Insider Secrets

Remember: you are not expected to become an instant expert on everything all at once. Pick one or two of the ANA issues that interest you most and become a “2 minute expert” on those. After a little study, you will probably know far more than the aide or legislator you’ll be talking to!

Secrets for Surviving DC

- Ask your local ANA group to set up a meeting with the other people from your area going to DC Days a few weeks before traveling. You can get to know your colleagues and talk a bit about the issues. This way, when you get to DC, you’ll spot a few friendly faces right away and you’ll be more comfortable with the material.
- When you come to DC Days, you get the opportunity to do a lot of things you can’t do anywhere else, like influencing policies in Washington and learning first-hand about government, organizing, and the media. You can also meet new people and make friends in the capital – somehow everything is a little more fun when everyone is bouncing around in the fast-paced DC Days environment.

Dressing up in DC

- In DC, you must dress well to be taken seriously. While DC is definitely a fun town, it’s also a formal town. **Business attire is required** for your lobby meetings and Tuesday’s Awards Reception. Pick your shoes carefully! They should look nice, but you need to be able to walk long distances on hard surfaces in them. Some people like to wear walking shoes between meetings and then slip business shoes on at the last minute.
- Keep the events that happen outside the lobby meetings in mind.
 - Sunday = Orientation and Lobby Training (casual attire OK)
 - Monday = Pizza Party (casual attire OK)
 - Tuesday = Awards Ceremony (business attire required)

Things can get hectic, but if you stay flexible and keep an open attitude, you’ll find that you are more than capable of handling anything that pops up.

You can find out about ANA’s issues and download previous years’ DC Days fact sheets at our website, <http://www.ananuclear.org>.

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