

Capitol Day Frequently Asked Questions:

Who should come?

- This is a family event. All children must be supervised by a parent for the entire day.
- School-age children are best suited for CHEO Capitol Day. Quiet coloring activities are also provided for younger students in The Ladies Gallery.
- We love babies, but this event may not be appropriate for very young children. Since legislative business is often conducted in the hallways, baby noises that echo can be a distraction.

How does parking work at the Statehouse?

<https://www.ohiostatehouse.org/about/general-information/parking>

- There is access to the underground parking from 3rd Street or from Broad St. There are 3 levels – green (first level), yellow (middle), and blue (lowest).
- Please keep the ticket issued upon entering the garage with you because you will pay for the ticket at a “pay station” located at the entrance to the Statehouse (green level) before returning to your car.
- Remember, you will be arriving during morning rush hour. Please allow extra time.
- As you enter the Statehouse (1 Capitol Square), there will either be signage or a CHEO volunteer to direct you to the Atrium.
- Registration begins promptly at 8:30 am in the Statehouse Atrium. The program begins at 9:00am.

What to Expect:

- Statehouse Tours: We will give you simple directions at Check-in. Tours begin in the Map Room.
- Scavenger Hunt with a Prize!
- Coloring Station for young students
- Keynote Speaker
- Meet your legislators by making an appointment (Find your representative here and schedule an appointment@legislature.ohio.gov)
- Workshop Speakers Teaching about Ohio State Government
- Hands-On Museum Education Center <https://www.ohiostatehouse.org/museum/museum-education-center>

- Lunch can be on-site, area restaurants, or bring a packed lunch from home.
- Q&A with CHEO Board Members including a legislative update from Melanie Elsey.
- Museum Shop (gift shop) open 10am-5pm

What should we wear?

- We would respectfully suggest that we all dress in a way that is comfortable and honors Christ. In meeting with legislators or their staff, you may be the first home-educating family they have met.
- Business casual is recommended.
- Backpacks are **NOT** allowed in the Capitol, please make plans accordingly.

Are cameras allowed?

- Cameras and photography are permitted, but flash photography is not permitted during General Assembly sessions. If you get some great shots during the day, please send them to cheo@cheohome.org so we can share in follow-up publications.

What about lunch options?

1. On-Site Lunch:

Options can be reserved on your registration form. Lunch will be delivered directly to the Atrium for a stress-free time of fellowship.

2026 Menu: \$16 per lunch meal with us and skip the crowds, the traffic, and the lunchtime stress!

- **\$16 Option 1:** Entrée Salad Boxed Lunch (Includes Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad, Focaccia Bread and a Cookie)
- **\$16 Option 2:** Wrap Boxed Lunch (Includes Grilled Buffalo Chicken Wrap, side of Pasta Salad, and a Cookie)
- **\$16 Option 3:** Sandwich Boxed Lunch (Includes Herbed Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/ Bacon, Roasted Tomatoes & Avocado Spread. Side of Pasta Salad and a Cookie)

2. Choose from a variety of nearby restaurants.

We will have a list of area restaurants at the CHEO table.

3. Pack lunch from home.

How can I prepare my children for their learning experience?

Visit [Ohio Statehouse](#) to learn more about the building, history and more.

Additional Questions?

If you have questions, please let us know via email or give us a call.

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