2026 SASA National Advocacy Conference Agenda

June 21 – 23, 2026

All events located in the Blue Room at the Omni Shoreham (2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC) unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, June 21, 2026

8:00 AM	Registration Open until 1:00pm	Blue Room Prefunction
9:00 AM	Optional First Timers' Session - Intro to NAC and Advocacy	
11:00 AM	Lunch on your own	
12:00 PM	Blue Room Doors Open & Informal Networking	
12:30 PM	Welcome	Steve Hyer, SASA
1:00 PM	Kickoff teambuilder	
1:30 PM	Who Do You Need to Know?	SASA Staff
2:00 PM	Appropriations 101	Arjit Agarwal and Harry Cornell, SASA
2:30 PM	Break	
2:45 PM	Authorizing Legislation	Arjit Agarwal and Harry Cornell, SASA
3:30 PM	REC Foundation & Advocacy	Brandi Bollinger, REC Foundation
4:00 PM	Trivia (Prizes)	Jonah Sementkowski, SASA
4:45 PM	Wrap Up	Frank Ferrari, SASA
5:00 PM	Head to the Capitol for Team and Group Pictures	
5:30 PM	Individual Group Photos Begin	
6:00 PM	Group Photo at the Capitol	
	Dinner on Your Own	
7:00 PM	Attendee Networking Reception	Blue Room Prefunction

Monday, June 22, 2026

7:15 AM	Breakfast & Networking	
8:00 AM	Welcome to Day 2	Steve Hyer, SASA
8:15 AM	ESSA and Title IV-A & B	Leslie Brooks, Afterschool Alliance
9:00 AM	National Defense Authorization Act	Austin Hall, STEM Ed Coalition
9:30 AM	Break	
9:45 AM	What's Going on in DC?	Noelle Ellerson Ng, AASA
10:15 AM	Effective Meetings	Steve Hyer, SASA
10:45 AM	Talking Points & Capitol Logistics	Steve Hyer, SASA
11:30 AM	Lunch and Team Builder	
12:30 PM	Live Practice Meeting	Nate Bandt and SASA Interns
1:15 PM	Break	
1:30 PM	Panel Discussion w/ Q&A	Rob Blackwell, BSG LLC; David Griffith, NAESP; Keiffer Mitchell, BGR Group
2:30 PM	State Breakout Meetings and Practice	
5:00 PM	Adjournment - Dinner on Your Own	
5:00 PM	Rain Date - Team and Group Pictures at the Capitol	

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

8:00 AM	Hill Meetings Based on Your Team and State Schedule	
5:00 PM	SASA NAC Congressional Reception with Robots	Cannon Caucus Room - 390 CHOB
7:00 PM	Reception Ends - Conference Adjournment	