WELCOME TO THE 2026 SASA NATIONAL ADVOCACY CONFERENCE

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First Timers' Session

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Agenda

Day 1: Sunday, June 21st

- 12:30 PM Welcome
- 1:00 PM Kickoff Teambuilder
- 1:30 PM Who Do You Need to Know?
- 2:00 PM Appropriations 101
- 2:30 PM Break
- 2:45 PM Authorizing Legislation
- 3:30 PM REC Foundation & Advocacy
- 4:00 PM Trivia (Prizes)
- 4:45 PM Wrap Up, Head to the Capitol for Team and Group Pictures

Day 2: Monday, June 22nd

- 8:00 AM Welcome to Day 2
- 8:15 AM ESSA and Title IV-A & B
- 9:00 AM National Defense Authorization Act
- 9:30 AM Break
- 9:45 AM What's Going on in DC?
- 10:15 AM Effective Meetings
- 10:45 AM Talking Points & Capitol Logistics
- 11:30 AM Lunch and Team Builder
- 12:30 PM Live Practice Meeting
- 1:15 PM Break
- 1:30 PM Panel Discussion w/ Q&A
- 2:30 PM State Breakout Meetings and Practice
- 5:00 PM Adjournment – Dinner on Your Own

Day 3: Tuesday, June 23rd

- 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Capitol Hill Meetings
- 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM: NAC Reception

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State Scheduling Documents

SASA NATIONAL ADVOCACY CONFERENCE MEETING SCHEDULE

STATE

JUNE 23 — 25, 2024

PLEASE READ ALL OF THE INSTRUCTIONS

List of Teams from your state and team contacts

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Sample Meeting Agenda Format

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Time – Congressman / Congresswoman / Senator / Name (State-Party), (Staff Member Name), Office # and Bldg, Phone Number, Staff and/or Scheduler Email Address, Teams Attending

Example:
8:00am – Senator Stabenow (MI-D), (Ms. Smith), 133 HSOB, (202) 224-4822, staff.email@stabenow.senate.gov, Teams 27, 66, 2834 or **ALL TEAMS**

Office Building Codes: HOB = House Office Building, SOB = Senate Office Building
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Tuesday June 25th Meeting Agenda:

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Advocacy 101

Arjit Agarwal – SASA

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Capitol Logistics

Frank Ferrari – SASA

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Past Participants Panel

Question & Answer

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SIT AT THE TABLE NUMBER YOU PICKED WHEN YOU WALKED IN

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SASA Charter Members

FRC 1086: Blue Cheese, VA

FRC 1296: Full Metal Jackets, TX

FRC 1511: Rolling Thunder, NY

FRC 1718: The Fighting Pi, MI

FRC 2655: The Flying Platypi, NC

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Logistics

- Bathrooms
- Meals
  - Breakfast 7:15am-8am, Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm
- Metro
- Picture at the Capitol
- mysasa.org/nacmaterials
- Meeting Scheduling Issues?
- Problems? Questions? 248-419-1189 staff@mysasa.org

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Networking Event

- Tonight
- Blue Pre Function Room
- 7pm-10pm
- Pizza and Lemonade
- $20 per person
- Cash or Card paid at the door.
  - www.mysasa.org/payment

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Legislative Asks

- Funding for ESSA Title IV Part A & B
  - Title IV A was funded at $1.38B in Fiscal Year 2026, annually given out to every public school in America
  - Title IV B 21st Century Community Learning Centers funded at 1.329B in FY26
- NDAA
  - Maintain the "Leveraging Regional STEM Ecosystems" language in the House version of the NDAA and add it to the Senate version
  - ¼ of 1% of DoD contracts to support high-quality STEM education
- OMB
  - Advocate for the nullification of the new OMB rule on grantmaking

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3rd Place - Maryland

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2nd Place - Virginia

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1st Place - California

Tuesday Meetings

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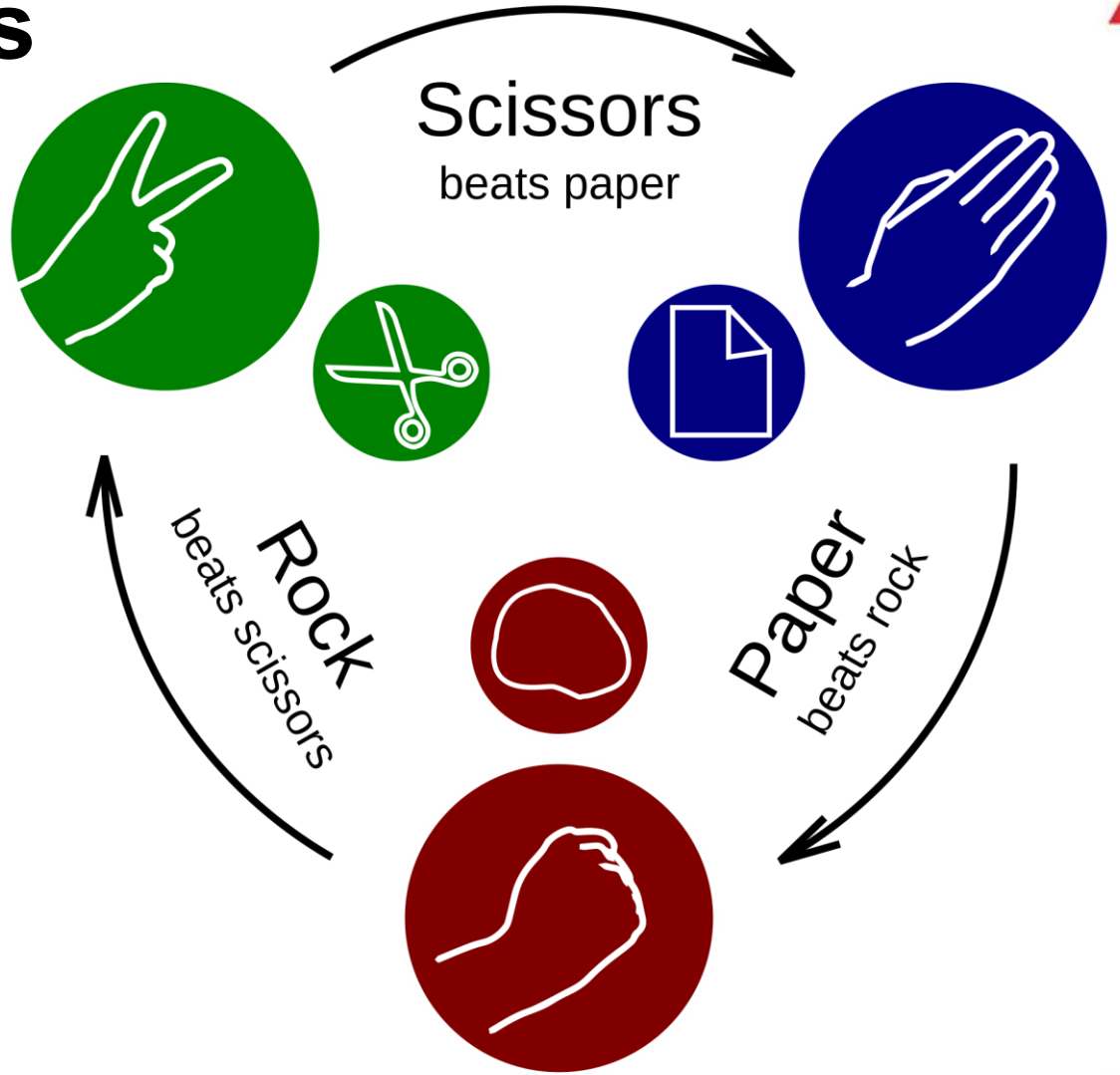
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Kickoff Team Builder

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Rock, Paper, Scissors

- Best of 3
- Name, Team, State, Fun Fact
- Pair off at your table
- Winner plays another person in your row. Loser out
- Each row has 1 winner
- Row winners plays winner across the aisle
- 1 winner



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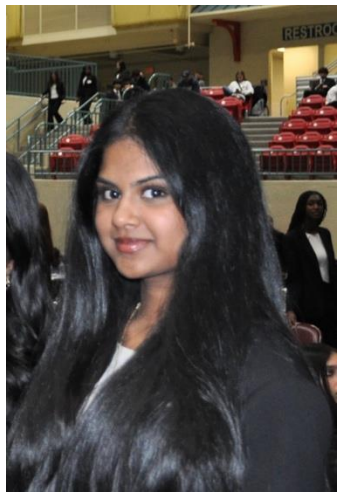
Who Do You Need to Know?

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Intern 2026-2027 Applications Open August 1st

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Appropriations 101

Arjit Agarwal & Harry Cornell – SASA

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Break

We will begin again at 2:45pm

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Authorizing Legislation

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REC Foundation & Advocacy

Brandi Bollinger – REC Foundation

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Trivia

Jonah Sementkowski, SASA

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Trivia Rules

- 3 Practice Questions
  - Not graded
- 26 Trivia Questions
  - 20 seconds to answer
  - Judged on correctness and speed
- Enter your FULL NAME (up to 15 characters)
- Top 3 Compete in FINAL BLOOKET

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Winner's Prize Options

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Free registration to NAC 2027



$100 Amazon Gift Card

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Finalist Prize



$50 Amazon Gift Card

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Blooket!

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Final Blooket

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Final Blooket

- Participants start with their point amounts
- The category is shown
- Each participant writes their wager on their board based on category
  - Wagers must be at least 10% of your points
- The answer is given and participants have 30 seconds to write the corresponding question
- The question is revealed and points are added or subtracted based on correctness and the amount of points wagered
- There are two questions total

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Final Blooket: The Rules

- See the Category
- Place Your Wager
- See the “Answer”
- Write the “Question”

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Category: NDAA

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When and why was the NDAA initially established?

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What is military construction in 1961?

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Category: ESSA

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How much was ESSA Title IV-A authorized at annually through FY21?

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What is $1.6 Billion?

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Day One Wrap Up

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Group and Team Pictures at the Capitol

Instructions in Following Slides

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Instructions

Important Information:

- Pictures start as groups arrive after the end of the program on Day 1, approximately 6:30 pm. You must be there by 6:30 pm to guarantee a team picture. Do not bring anything with you to the Capitol. **NO BAGS!!!**
- If you are planning a dinner reservation, we recommend making it for 8:30 pm or later. Times are approximate.
- We will be taking pictures on the West side of the Capitol (same side as previous years).

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Instructions

Metro:

1. Take the red line toward Glenmont. Enter at Woodley Park (Zoo) and travel until Judiciary Square. Walk to the West Side of the Capitol.

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