



## Countdown to *Home Education Day at the Capitol*

*Wednesday, February 25, 2004*

An excellent field trip for individual families or support groups, Capitol Day provides learning opportunities as well as the fun and excitement of going to Atlanta, riding MARTA to the Capitol, spending the day getting to know more about Georgia state government and our beautiful Capitol, and meeting other home educators and legislators from around the state. Here's what you can do now to prepare for this exciting event:

### December/January:

1. See last month's edition of this newsletter for the November/December Countdown suggestions or visit [www.heir.org](http://www.heir.org) to get comprehensive information about the event.
2. Contact Joni Hyde at [Joni.thea@juno.com](mailto:Joni.thea@juno.com) to make reservations for a **Tour of the Capitol** on Home Education Day at the Capitol. Space is limited, so reserve your spot as soon as possible. You may reserve for individuals or as a group. If you have a group, please have a count of the number of participants.
3. **Be featured on Capitol Day!** Here's how: You may wish to **submit information for the displays being planned for Capitol Day**. Please check the following categories to see if you think you can make a contribution to any of the tables; then contact Planning Committee to discuss your contribution. Please contact the committee at [info@heir.org](mailto:info@heir.org), and we will forward the request to the proper person on the planning committee.
  - a. **Sports** – If your home educated student participates in sports, especially on a home education sports team, we'd love to have pictures, write-ups, and other information to show off. This includes individual and team sports but does not include the arts or other extra-curricular activities (see below).
  - b. **Fine Arts / Other Extracurricular Activities** – If your home educated student participates in the fine arts (dance, painting, music, theatre, etc.), we'd love to have pictures, write-ups, and other information to show off.
  - c. **Colleges / Admissions** – If your home educated student has been admitted to college in Georgia or elsewhere, we'd like to know more about the admissions process he/she underwent. Was he/she admitted based on a portfolio? If so, we'd love to see and display a copy! Was he/she given a scholarship? We'd love the details. Also, please contact us if your student has graduated college. We're interested in all aspects of college/admissions as they affect home educated students. We'll also need some pictures!
  - d. **Enrichment Programs, Unique Methodology, Internships, etc.** – If your home education program includes variety or unique methods or opportunities that you think would be of interest to other home educators or legislators, we would love to hear about it for possible inclusion in our displays for Home Education Day at the Capitol.
  - e. **Support Group Activities and Support Group Newsletter/Brochure/Other** – We'll be having a table devoted to home education support groups, and we'd love to have yours featured. First, we'd like to have a copy of ***your support group newsletter*** to **include in a file for legislators to browse**. We will file these by county, so be sure we know where you're located. We would also like to have notebooks featuring the activities of your support group to display on our table. Your notebook can contain pictures, publications, descriptions of activities, or whatever else you'd like. The more exciting they are, the more we think they'll be enjoyed by other home educators and legislators. To get further information or submit a notebook or other display (if space permits), please contact [info@heir.org](mailto:info@heir.org).

**Coming Soon:** Please check the website [www.heir.org](http://www.heir.org) regularly for the following updates and more.

1. Home Education Day at the Capitol **COMPLETE SCHEDULE** so you can plan your day.
2. Buy a **One-Day MARTA Pass** for Home Ed Day at the Capitol. These can be ordered directly from MARTA by linking from the [www.heir.org](http://www.heir.org) website and will be mailed to you in time for you to use for all your travel around town while you visit Atlanta on Home Ed Day! As soon as MARTA completes our special link, it will be available on the site.
3. **HEIR T-Shirts** will soon be available to be purchased on-line at [www.heir.org](http://www.heir.org). Be sure to check back regularly to order yours to **wear to Home Ed Day at the Capitol** (and everywhere else, of course).
4. **Join HEIR or Make a Contribution** to cover the expenses of Home Education Day at the Capitol. HEIR is sponsoring this free event, and all expenses are being paid by HEIR. Because our only source of revenue is our annual membership dues of \$12.00 / family (\$6.00 with group discount), we need your support to underwrite the cost of presenting this event. Join or contribute online or by e-mailing [info@heir.org](mailto:info@heir.org). No donation is too small to be welcomed and greatly appreciated!

Yours for freedom in education,  
The *Home Education Day at the Capitol* Planning Committee  
(See [www.heir.org](http://www.heir.org) for a list of Planning Committee members)



## **For Newsletter Editors: (not part of newsletter announcement)**

If your support group wishes to organize a field trip to Atlanta as part of joining other home educators on Capitol Day, the Planning Committee will send your group an e-packet of information about activities and opportunities you may want to include in your plans as well as travel information, directions, and specific Capitol Day events including times and locations. Please contact Sylvia Dobb at [jsdobb@aol.com](mailto:jsdobb@aol.com) or 770-483-5842 for a *group fieldtrip information packet*.

If you know you are going to organize a support group field trip for Capitol Day, you may wish to include an announcement such as the following just beneath the closing in the above announcement.

Please contact *[insert your group's contact person here](#)* at *[insert contact person's information here](#)* for more information about attending Home Education Day at the Capitol with members of *[Insert your group name here](#)*.

We will be e-mailing further announcements similar to this one for your February newsletter. Unless otherwise notified by you, we will assume your newsletter deadline to be the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to each edition. Because there is a significant amount of specific information to disseminate, we would ask that you include the complete set of further announcements regarding Capitol Day in your next newsletter edition.

If you have feedback or questions, please send them to [info@heir.org](mailto:info@heir.org).

**Further, Optional Newsletter Content is Below. This information will be on the HEIR website, but if space permits and you would like to include it in your newsletter, feel free to do so.**

**Best regards and sincere wishes for a joyous holiday season!**

*The Home Education Day at the Capitol Planning Committee*

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## Other Things You Can Do While You're in Atlanta for Home Education Day at the Capitol

Perhaps you or your group would like to make this a multi-interest home education field trip and visit some of the following while you're in town. All are convenient to the Capitol, and we've given MARTA stops for each.

### [Atlanta Braves Museum and Turner Field Tours](#)

755 Hank Aaron Dr.; 404-614-2311. Open year round, enjoy a Turner Field tour which includes the Braves luxury suites, press box, broadcast booth, clubhouse and dugout. On a trip through the museum you will see over 200 pieces of one-of-a-kind baseball memorabilia displayed.

MARTA Station - 5 Points (shuttle), E1

### [Centennial Olympic Park](#)

220 International Blvd; 404-223-4412. Enjoy and relax in a 21-acre park representing a legacy to the Olympics. See the dramatic Olympic Rings Fountain, Water Gardens and Quilt Plazas.

[MARTA](#) - Simply take the West Line to the Philips Arena/Dome/GWCC Station (W-1), or take the North Line to Peachtree Center (N-1), and follow the signs to Centennial Olympic Park.

### [CNN CENTER](#)

1 CNN Center, Marietta Street at Techwood Dr.; 404-827-2491 or 404-827-2704. Open daily. CNN Center is the global headquarters of Turner Broadcasting System and the studios and newsrooms for CNN's international network. The CNN Center also has a movie theatre, eateries and various specialty stores. Visitors may tour and learn about the Center on the CNN Studio Tour.

MARTA Station – W1

### [CNN Studio Tour](#)

1 CNN Center, Marietta Street at Techwood. Tour the studios where news is happening. A 45-minute walking tour of the Control Room Theater, Special Effects Studio and Main Newsroom. Call 404-827-2300 for more information and reservations.

MARTA Station – W1

### [Georgia Dome](#)

One Georgia Dome Dr.; 404-223-8800. Home of the Atlanta Falcons and host to a variety of premier sporting events including the Peach Bowl, SEC football and basketball and the NCAA final four in 2002.

MARTA Station – W1

### [Georgia State Capitol](#)

214 Capitol; 404-656-2844. Visit the gold dome which houses the Georgia State Museum and Georgia Hall of Fame. Tour the capitol with other home educators at 9:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. Make reservations to join either tour by e-mailing or calling Joni Hyde at [joni.thea@juno.com](mailto:joni.thea@juno.com) or 770-471-8566.

Be sure to visit the [State Capitol Teacher's Guide](#) for lesson plan ideas and valuable information about the capitol and your visit there. MARTA Station – E1

### [Georgia Capitol Muesum](#)

413 Capitol; 404-656-2846 or 404-656-2844. Get a flavor of Georgia with a visit to the capitol museum. Museum includes portraits, statues and flags. **This is part of the Georgia State Capitol Tour mentioned just above.**

### [Horse and Carriage Tours](#)

See the city by horse drawn carriage either day or night. A perfect way to see and explore the Downtown streets of Atlanta.

### [Martin Luther King Jr. History Center](#)

450 Auburn Ave. N.E.; 404-331-5190. Open Winter/Spring 9 -5; Summer/Fall 10 -6. This four - block area on Auburn Avenue serves as remembrance of where Dr. King was born, lived, worshipped and is now buried. There is a restored Birth Home, Ebenezer Baptist Church and the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change. The Visitors Center has Park Rangers available to conduct programs and answer questions.

MARTA - Station E2. Take Bus #3 east from the Five Points station in downtown Atlanta to the national historic site.

### [Scitrek-Atlanta's Science & Technology Museum](#)

395 Piedmont Ave; 404-522-5500. Open: Mon. - Sat. 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday 12 - 5. A fun and exciting museum with over 150 hands-on exhibits. MARTA - N2, 5 Points / #16

### [World of Coca-Cola](#)

55 MLK Jr. Dr.; 404 676-5151. Take your taste buds on a trip around the world when you are able to sample Coke's most popular products from other countries at the first museum dedicated to the world famous soft drink.

MARTA – 5 Points

Take any train or bus to the Five Points Station. Proceed through Underground Atlanta to The World of Coca-Cola Atlanta.

### [Underground Atlanta](#)

Underground Atlanta is a great place to begin if you want to experience Downtown Atlanta's attractions and events. Located in the heart of the city, Underground offers a wide variety of shops, restaurants and activities for everyone to enjoy.

MARTA – 5 Points

### [High Museum of Art](#)

**Family Visits:** Explore the High with your family. All family programs are free with Museum admission. [Learn More](#) about Family Programs and Events at the High. MARTA – take the North/South Line to the Arts Center Station (N5)



**Train Riders:** Signs that display, "To Trains" direct you to the boarding platforms. Remember which direction (north, south, etc.) you plan to travel. Look for white courtesy telephones, customer service personnel and uniformed MARTA transit police for additional assistance.

*Easy Fares*

A single \$1.75 fare covers one-way bus or train trips, including transfers. Bus riders may drop tokens or exact cash (bills or coins) into the fare box near the driver. Or slide your weekly or monthly TransCard through the electronic card reader. Ask the driver for transfers when you board. Train riders may use tokens or exact change (coins only; no pennies) or bus-to-rail transfers, or weekly or monthly TransCards, to unlock turnstiles, which lead to the boarding platforms. Token machines are located outside all rail station entrances.

*Easy Riding*

Enjoy the ride, but stay alert. If you need assistance while

traveling, bus riders may ask our friendly drivers to help you identify your stop. As you approach your stop, pull the overhead cord, or push the strip along the windows to let the driver know you want to get off. For rail transit users, rail system maps are clearly posted inside each car. Trains stop at all stations and the station name is announced prior to arrival. The station name is also visible from the train. Exit signs located in every station identify nearby streets and landmarks.

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