



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

Mark your calendar and begin to plan your field trip to attend 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. [Map, Directions and Parking to State Capitol \(Click HERE\)](#). Here's what you can do now to prepare for this exciting event:

1. If you your state representatives, look them up at [smart.org/index.htm](http://smart.org/index.htm). Just put in your zip code to



don't already know the names of <http://www.vote-> find your representatives.

2. Call or arrange a meeting with your House Senator to discuss your interest in home education issues in Georgia.

Representative and your State

You may wish to tell them you're interested in protecting the freedom of Georgians to home educate and that you'd be happy to be contacted for your perspective as a home educator anytime they need insight. Do not be intimidated. Our representatives are ordinary folks and will appreciate your sincerity and willingness to talk with them. Be friendly and assume they mean well, regardless of their political party, their stance on other issues, or their current position on home education. The aim is to establish dialog with them so that you will have future opportunities to persuade them. Later, in the potential heat of political conflict, yours will be a friendly name and voice they will respect and be willing to listen to.

Our interests are best protected by being involved citizens! Legislators have told us they get incredible numbers of requests for their attention every day. The ones they listen to, they tell us, are those *from their constituents* who want to talk with them, not coerce them or threaten them or try to "shut down the switchboards" with canned position statements.

3. Visit



[http://www.sos.state.ga.us/onlinetour/Guided\\_online\\_tour.html](http://www.sos.state.ga.us/onlinetour/Guided_online_tour.html) to familiarize your children with our Capitol and take a virtual tour in preparation for the real thing.

4. 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.

5. Visit [www.heir.org](http://www.heir.org) regularly to get up-to-date information on specifics as they are posted.



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## How you can be featured on Capitol DAY!!

*All members of the Planning Committee are volunteers who responded to open invitations sent to numerous Georgia Homeschool e-lists. Special invitations to participate on the Planning Committee were issued to GHEA and Teenpact, previous organizers of Home Education Day at the Capitol.*

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 the appropriate Planning Committee Member 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.

1. **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). To contribute sports information, please contact [info@heir.org](mailto:info@heir.org).
2. **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. To contribute fine arts and other extracurricular activity information, please contact [info@heir.org](mailto:info@heir.org).
3. **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! If you can help supply any of these needs, please contact [info@heir.org](mailto:info@heir.org).
4. **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. Please contact [info@heir.org](mailto:info@heir.org) to tell us about what you have.
5. **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).

## **Other Things to 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 Museum**

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)

MARTA Rail Map



**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.

**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 or tokens online 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** (scroll down to view prototype images) will soon be available to be ordered 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). Below you'll see some photos of the prototype. The real things will be professionally screen printed and available at the lowest cost we can offer them. They will all be ash gray, long-sleeve, beefy –T's.

(For those truly alert among you, rest assured, too, that the screen printing will not be done upside down, and the HEIR of Georgia logo will be correctly placed on the front. ☺)



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