

Capitol Visitor Center TEACHER WORKSHOP



Congress and Time

Congress has shaped how American citizens view and regulate time. Join the Capitol Visitor Center for this interactive Teacher Workshop. Curriculum connections will focus on both STEM learning and civic education. Participants will:

- Explore the history of time from solar local time to national standardization in the 20th Century
- Learn how the clock system works on Capitol Hill
- Understand Congress' role in managing time
- Create and learn new activities replicable in the classroom
- Leave with educational resources in hand

Farar Elliott, House of Representatives Curator, will take the teachers on tour to share historic clocks in the House Collection.

Lee Coykendall, Children's Education Specialist at the U.S. Botanic Garden, will instruct teachers how to build their own sundial to use the sun as a natural clock and discuss how the natural world is full of clues for a deeper understanding of our environment. We will also discuss how solar perception of time was important to early Americans.



Topics will include:

- Daylight Savings from Benjamin Franklin to today
- Prime meridians and solar time
- Technology and events that influenced standardization
- Historic clocks in the Capitol (will be included on tour)
- Congressional legislation regarding time, including:
 - 1849 Appropriations Act - 1918 Standard Time Act - 1966 Uniform Time Act

REGISTER at www.visitthecapitol.gov/education/professional-enrichment.

For more information, please contact education@visitthecapitol.gov or call **202.593.1868**. For logistical information about the Capitol Visitor Center, go to www.visitthecapitol.gov. Please plan extra time for security screening at the entrance of the Capitol Visitor Center. See the prohibited items list at www.visitthecapitol.gov/plan-visit/prohibited-items.

WHAT

Teacher Workshop

WHEN

Saturday, March 10, 2018

Registration 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Workshop 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE

U.S. Capitol Visitor Center

WHO

Farar Elliott, House of Representatives Curator

Lee Coykendall, Children's Education Specialist at the U.S. Botanic Garden

Other logistics:

- During the workshop, teachers will tour historic spaces in the U.S. Capitol
- The day will include a 30-minute break. The Capitol Cafe, on the lower level of the Visitor Center, will be open
- Teachers will receive certificates at the end of the training to use toward Professional Learning Units

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