



Florida Nurse Practitioner Network

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RALLY

Florida Nurse Practitioner Network welcomes you to the First “Rally IN Tally”. We are thrilled that you have made the commitment to travel to Tallahassee to visit your Legislators and advocate for advanced nursing practice. We have prepared this information for you to read before the event to make your visit efficient and easy.

Please make your Legislators appointments now. Go to FNP website to legislative page and do CAP WIZ to locate your Legislator. Call the Tallahassee office MONDAY-emails won't work now. Enter the appointment info on the FNP Survey on the Home Page so we have a list of meetings. We have several appointments for key legislators on the Health Committees for you to join w/ us to lobby them as they are the decision makers for the fate of our bill HB 677 and SB 188.

Press releases are now out to the media outlets and we have hired a video team to follow us this day. So be prepared to give a reporter your “elevator speech” about your reason and need to be in Tallahassee. Practice this! It's what you say to patients who may not know what a NP is!

Attachments to this email for your Trip:

1. Rally Program
2. Strategies for Meeting with Legislators
3. Capital Center Maps
4. FNP Talking Points for Legislators
5. Bus Information
6. Sample Press Release to personalize and send to local media
7. List of pre-set KEY Legislator Appointments

The weather in Tallahassee on Wednesday will be partly cloudy-sunny 76/50°

Things to Bring:

Lab coat, Comfortable shoes, sun block, sunglasses, umbrella
Bring anything you wish to carry around! Do not leave valuables on the bus.
Breakfast stuff for the bus-personal cooler if needed for drinks, snack

What to expect:

Bus riders please be on time! It takes about 35-50 minutes longer on a bus to get to Tally than auto. When the sun rises, you will view a CE program on the wide screen TV on Professional Advocacy and Legislative Issues. Bus monitors will take attendance, ask you to sign in on the CE form with your license number and you will get the CE certificate by e-mail later. You will receive your 4 hour CE from AANP for the Advocacy Program once

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you complete the post CE questionnaire and evaluation online. Thanks to Chris Saslo and Janet Dubois for putting this program together for you! Also, a very special guest will help us lead off the Rally for you! There is a lavatory on each bus. Before arrival, the Bus Monitor will give you a ticket for the Subway sandwich, chips, apple and bottle of water to redeem at the registration desk before the Rally at 12:30.

Your bus dinner plans for return trip home should be decided with the bus driver before you leave the bus for our rally event. The driver can help locate a quick stop for dinner meal, he has GPS, but this will add an extra hour at least on the return trip. Majority rules! If you need to grab something for the home trip, do so before we leave the capital area.

Arrival in Tallahassee:

The bus will drop us off near the Capitol building. Proceed to Waller Park near the Dolphin Fountain. The rally registration tables are there. Bus riders are pre-registered. The Rally is at 12:30 sharp. We have signs to hold in the air and NP buttons for your lab coat. Pick them up at the registration table. Several advocacy trained NPs will serve as host guides to help you get around and direct you to office site of your legislators. They will have a colored name tag. If you wish to have an experienced advocate join you at your legislative appointment, just ask one of the volunteers.

At 1:45 PM everyone must be headed to the House Gallery. You have to go thru security, so beware of the delay factor here. The House of Representatives are in Session and working from 11-2:30. We have been invited to be in the Gallery of the House Chambers and at 2PM, Representative Hudson from Naples will rise and have the Speaker of the House acknowledge us! Neat huh! You can leave after that if needed to visit the legislators.

During capitol building visits, we will have an information station inside the rotunda on the second floor. Look for the NP banners we will hang over the railing! If you get lost, need information, need more forms, stop by here. For urgent legislator issues that arise while in Tallahassee (legislator wants more information or data), call our lobbyist, Allison Carvajal (cell number below) or find anyone of the rally team.

Departure:

Return No Later Than 4PM for departure. The times are determined by the bus driver and your bus monitor to ensure we arrive home around 9 PM please. You will complete the CE program 2nd DVD disc "Rally Ride Home" and discuss your hometown press release "homework" that all will be expected to do!

Bus monitor will lead discussion on the press release and making your story personal to send to the home town paper, workplace newsletter or anywhere we can get it in print! Do jot down your thoughts and experience about your legislators visit. Using the **Cap Wiz website on our site (www.fnnp.org)**, you can generate **emails, faxes and letters to the media (5 at a time)**. You may wish to do the same thing using one of the two press releases we have drafted and are attached both for your quick reference.

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Do complete the **FNPN Post Visit Legislator Information** that we will sent to you by email after the trip. Afterwards, you can kick back and rest and visit with your colleagues knowing you made a difference today for our profession. Make a couple new friends on this trip, remembers it's FLORIDA NP NETWORK, so be sure to network!

Urgent cell numbers if you need during your time in Tallahassee.

MY Bus Monitor's Name and Cell Number: _____

Bus Driver Name and Cell Number: _____

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