

LEAD Lobbyist Instructions

Thank you for volunteering as a lobbyist for LEAD's Legislative Committee Meetings! We are looking forward to a wonderful and educational week for our campers.

Overview

You will be serving as a lobbyist who will give a testimony on your assigned bill. Each bill will have two lobbyists (one supporting the bill and one opposing). Committees are named after US Presidents (Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison) or values (Freedom, Liberty, Justice) rather than being named to indicate what type of bills are being considered. Each committee is split into two caucuses, Green and Blue, instead of Republican and Democratic.

Campers spend the week role-playing as state representatives or senators and are assigned their positions on each bill. They are not allowed to change their positions. Rather than convincing the campers to change their position, your role is to help them think through different aspects of the bill and provide arguments for them to use during their Mock Session held Friday.

Please come prepared to give a **3–5-minute testimony on your assigned position**. After your testimony, please be prepared to take questions from the campers. Please be creative and provide thought-provoking reasons for the campers to consider regarding their bill. Sample testimonies, arguments, and additional resources for each bill and position can be found at www.ssionline.org/lead-committee-resources/.

Note: if you would like campers to have copies of your testimony or resources, please bring at least 15 copies. Upon arrival, please submit a copy of any handout materials to the Chair.

Schedule

1:00 – 1:15pm	Lobbyists assigned to the Blue Caucus Bill arrive and check in with SSI Staff
1:30 – 1:35pm	Introductions and Instructions
1:35 – 2:25pm	Item 1 – Blue Caucus Bill
2:25 – 2:40pm	Lobbyists assigned to the Green Caucus Bill arrive and check in with SSI Staff
2:40 – 3:30pm	Item 2 – Green Caucus Bill
3:30pm	Adjourn Committee

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 517-321-6233 or email us at programs@ssionline.org.

On the day of the event, if you are running late or unable to attend, please call or text Grace Anne Rosbury at (989)-494-8432.

Thank you for participating!