



# 2015 Advocacy Summit

## Advocacy in ACTION

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### Pre-Summit Orientation Calls Start Today!

Join the Arthritis Foundation Advocacy and Access staff as they walk you through what to expect at the 2015 Advocacy Summit including logistics information, the agenda, and what you should know before you head to Capitol Hill. If you are unable to make any of the calls, they will be recorded and posted on the Advocacy Summit website. **You only need to attend one call!** Please see below for dial in information.

Dial in: 866-487-9460 with code 9317092991 – [please click here to follow along with the slides](#)

To join the webinars just click on the dates:

- [Thursday, March 12 at 3:00 PM Eastern](#)
- [Monday, March 16 at 6:00 PM Eastern](#)
- [Wednesday, March 18 at 8:00 PM Eastern](#)

### Virtual Summit Letter Writing Campaign – We NEED Your Help!

We need more participation in the Virtual Summit letter writing campaign! Just five minutes of your friend's and family's time makes a big difference! As a Summit attendee, you will hand deliver letters to your legislators from people who cannot attend the Summit. That's our way of making sure the stories of those who cannot attend the Summit are shared on Capitol Hill. [Please click here for the sample letter and instructions.](#) Be sure to encourage your friends and family to submit their full home address so we can match them with their member of Congress, and include a photo if possible. **Please send the letter to [advocacy@arthritis.org](mailto:advocacy@arthritis.org) by Wednesday, March 18!**

### Advocacy Summit Dress Code

The Advocacy Summit has a casual dress code while you are in the sessions at the hotel. You might want to consider bringing a jacket or sweater for the meeting rooms, as they can be chilly. For the Awards Dinner, the dress is business casual, so a nice top or dress for women is acceptable, with button-downs and polo shirts recommended for men.

Capitol Hill is formal, so please plan on dressing in business clothes – including children. Please do not wear a t-shirt or jeans to Capitol Hill. Suits, blazers, dresses, and above all, comfortable shoes are advised for your Capitol Hill visit! You will do a lot of walking while on Capitol Hill.

Also, please come prepared for the unpredictable weather in Washington, DC! The weather can go from being warm and sunny to cold and rainy in a matter of hours. We recommend having a light jacket and an umbrella handy!

**Questions?** Contact Laura Keivel at [lkeivel@arthritis.org](mailto:lkeivel@arthritis.org) or 202-887-2913.

