



2015 Advocacy Summit

Advocacy in ACTION

FIGHTING FOR PEOPLE WITH ARTHRITIS

Attendance at the Advocacy Summit

The Arthritis Foundation is excited to welcome you to the 2015 Advocacy Summit!

Please note that by registering for the Advocacy Summit, you have committed to attending the entirety of the Summit including trainings and scheduled meetings on Capitol Hill. Please do not miss any scheduled Capitol Hill meetings. Missing scheduled Capitol Hill meetings damages the reputation of the Arthritis Foundation with Congress. Additionally, the Arthritis Foundation is charged a \$100 fee by our consultants to schedule each Capitol Hill meeting, and if you do not show up for your meeting, you will be charged the \$100 fee per person per missed meeting. Exceptions will be made for unexpected emergencies.

If you registered but do not plan to attend the Advocacy Summit, please contact Laura Keivel immediately at lkeivel@arthritis.org or 202-887-2913. We are very pleased you will be participating in the Summit and look forward to seeing you March 23rd!

Virtual Summit Letter Writing Campaign

If you have friends and family who are unable to attend the Advocacy Summit, they can still have their voice heard on Capitol Hill! 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 by Wednesday, March 18!**

Pre-Summit Webinars

The Arthritis Foundation is hosting three pre-Summit webinars to prepare for your trip to Washington, DC, and answer your questions! **You only need to attend one webinar**; if you are unable to attend any webinars, they will be posted on the Advocacy Summit website. The dates of the calls are below, as well as information on how to join:

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

To join the webinar, please dial 866-487-9460 and punch in code 931-709-29-91. Slides to follow along with the presentation will be posted on the Advocacy Summit website prior to the call.

Scooter and Wheelchair Rentals

If you require a scooter, wheelchair or other large medical devices while at the Summit, you can rent one and have it delivered to the Double Tree Crystal City. Below are the preferred companies for the Advocacy Summit:

- Spectrum Medical: (301) 587-2992
- Mobility Solutions: (301) 650-0035; (800) 519-0035

Calling All Bloggers!

The Arthritis Foundation is looking for three bloggers to blog about their experience leading up to and at the Advocacy Summit. Do you blog about life with arthritis or arthritis advocacy? Please send Laura Keivel (lkeivel@arthritis.org) a message explaining why you should be selected, and a link to your blog. **Send all submissions by Wednesday, March 11!**

E-Advocacy Contest

Advocacy Summit attendees are encouraged to sign up their friends and family to be Arthritis Foundation E-Advocates! To add a little friendly competition, we are hosting a contest to encourage E-Advocate sign-ups. For every five E-Advocates you sign up, you'll receive a raffle ticket at the Summit, making you eligible for exciting prizes!

To participate, [please collect all the information requested on this spreadsheet](#) and send completed spreadsheets to advocacy@arthritis.org. We will keep a tally of how many E-Advocates you collect – and you'll receive a raffle ticket at the E-Advocacy booth at Summit registration.

