2024 Family Farm Breakfast & Lobby Day FAQ

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Breakfast Location & Parking

The Family Farm Breakfast is held at the Wilder Foundation at 451 Lexington Pkwy N, St Paul, MN 55104. There is a free parking ramp with ample space. You may also access the Wilder Foundation by bus, light rail, or bike.

Breakfast Agenda

Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will begin at 9:00 a.m. You may eat anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. We ask that you do not sit in the auditorium space when you are not eating to ensure we have enough places for folks to eat. We will bring folks together into the auditorium for a short program around 10:00 a.m. Please allow those who are eating and those who are unable to stand to have access to chairs. We will not have chairs for everyone during the program.

Transportation to the Capitol/Christ Lutheran Church

If you are driving, we highly recommend that you park at the Wilder Foundation and, if you're staying to lobby, take the Light Rail's Green Line to the Capitol (two stops to the East). We'll have volunteers leading the way and we will provide light rail tickets, so don't worry if you're not familiar with the light rail system. You can leave your vehicle in the Wilder parking garage for free for as long as you need.

Lobby Day Preparation

LSP is offering six virtual Lobby Trainings via Zoom in February and March. At the trainings, we will cover how to have a powerful lobby meeting, share background information on your legislators, and connect you with other LSP members in your district to workshop your personal stories and strategize. These will be held at 7 p.m. on February 7, 13, and 28, as well as at noon on February 21, 26, and March 5. You can register for any of these trainings here.

LSP is also offering a three virtual "Family Farm Breakfast Legislative Agenda Overview" sessions via Zoom in February. We'll be sharing information about the bills we're advocating for during the lobby day will and answer any questions folks may have. These will be held at noon on February 14 and 21, as well as at 6 p.m. on February 29. You can register for any of overview webinars here.

We will also connect you with others in your House & Senate districts ahead of time via email. For those unable to join an online training (or register for the breakfast after online trainings are offered), we will offer a day-of training as well.

In addition, you will have access to an online packet ahead of time, as well as a folder of materials the day of. Last year's Virtual Lobby Packet can be found here as an example.

Lobby Day Kick-Off

After the Family Farm Breakfast, we will kick off our lobby day activities together and make sure you have space to connect with others in your district. We'll go over the materials in the folder before offering an in-person lobby training for those who were unable to attend a pre-event training.

Accommodations:

LSP strives to minimize barriers for this event. LSP is offering:

- Reduced price (\$10) and no-cost tickets.
- Translation of the materials, program, town hall, and other "front-of-room" speakers in Spanish, Somali, and Hmong.
- Free vans to and from Winona, Duluth, Montevideo, and Marshall with stops along the way. (The venue also has ample parking for cars and bicycles and is accessible by bus or light rail.)
- Free childcare during the lobby day. (Kiddos are more than welcome to attend the breakfast with you as well.)

Please indicate your needs when you register.

Volunteers

We need dozens of volunteers to make this event happen! We need folks to help prepare and cook food, set up and clean up the event, run a smooth check-in, chaperone folks from the Wilder Foundation to the Capitol, greet guests, and much more. You can sign up to volunteer here.