



INAUGURATION INFORMATION PACKET

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Dear Friend:

Thank you for your interest in joining us for the 2009 Presidential Inauguration. Washington, D.C. is alive with activity in preparation for this historic event and we are looking forward to welcoming you and your family to our Nation's Capital.

To assist you in planning your trip to Washington we have created this guide to the 2009 Inauguration festivities. We will continue to update it as new information becomes available to our office.



The Presidential Inauguration Committee (PIC) is the official source of information on all Inauguration activities. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, visit the PIC Web site at www.pic2009.org where information is updated daily. Individuals traveling to Washington, D.C. for the Presidential Inauguration should check the PIC site regularly for important updates on travel, event, and security information.

I have also designated Ms. Christine Meléndez and Mrs. Diana Williams on my staff as Presidential Inaugural Hospitality Coordinators. They are available to assist you in answering questions and directing you to resources. You may reach Christine at (202) 225-6365. You may reach Diana at (757) 382-0080.

As always, it is my privilege to serve you. With kind personal regards, I am

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Randy Forbes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

J. Randy Forbes
Member of Congress

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Office of Congressman J. Randy Forbes

Congressman Randy Forbes and his staff are available to offer assistance to ensure a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable trip to our Nation's Capital for you and your family.

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Presidential Inaugural Committee (PIC)

The 56th Presidential Inaugural Committee (PIC) organizes, plans, and executes most Inaugural celebration activities as well as works to select participants for the Inaugural parade and assign credentials to media covering the Inauguration and surrounding festivities.

Website: <http://www.pic2009.org/content/home/>

Joint Congressional Committee On Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC)

The Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies plans and executes all Inaugural activities at the U.S. Capitol, including the Inaugural swearing-in ceremony of the President and Vice President of the United States.

Website: <http://inaugural.senate.gov/>

Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, dial 911 or contact the U.S. Capitol Police at (202) 228-3555.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 18, 2009

Inaugural Kick Off

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Lincoln Memorial

This event is free and open to the public. President-elect Obama will kick off the schedule of official inaugural activities in Washington, D.C. with this welcome event on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on Sunday afternoon.

Monday, January 19, 2009

National Day of Community Service Event

Time: This is an all-day event.

Location: Varies

To honor Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy, the President-elect and Vice President-elect and their families, joined by Americans in communities all across the country, will participate in activities

dedicated to serving others in communities across the Washington, D.C. area. For information on volunteering during the National Day of Community Service Event, visit www.usaservice.org.

Children's Concert

Time: TBD

Location: Verizon Center

This event is free but ticketed. Information will be forthcoming from the PIC at www.pic2009.org.

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Inaugural Swearing-In Ceremony

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: West Front of the US Capitol

This event is ticketed. Tickets for the Inaugural swearing-in ceremony are divided between the Members of Congress by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies. This is the only Inaugural event to which our office received tickets.



Our office was allotted fewer than 200 tickets. We received over 10,000 requests for tickets. As of January 9th, all tickets have been allocated.

For the first time in history, the length of the National Mall will be open to those wishing to attend the swearing-in ceremony. Festivities will commence at 10:00 a.m. and will include the following:

- Musical Selections: The United States Marine Band, followed by The San Francisco Boys Chorus and the San Francisco Girls Chorus
- Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks: Senator Dianne Feinstein
- Invocation: Dr. Rick Warren
- Musical Selection: Aretha Franklin
- Vice President-elect Joseph R. Biden, Jr. will be sworn into office by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, the Honorable John Paul Stevens
- Musical Selection: John Williams, composer/arranger with Itzhak Perlman, (violin), Yo-Yo Ma (cello), Gabriela Montero (piano) and Anthony McGill (clarinet)
- President-elect Barack H. Obama will take the Oath of Office, using President Lincoln's Inaugural Bible, administered by the Chief Justice of the United States, the Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr.
- Inaugural Address
- Poem: Elizabeth Alexander
- Benediction: The Reverend Dr. Joseph E. Lowery
- The National Anthem: The United States Navy Band "Sea Chanters"

After President Obama gives his Inaugural Address, he will escort outgoing President George W. Bush to a departure ceremony before attending a luncheon in the Capitol's Statuary Hall. The 56th Inaugural Parade will then make its way down Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House with groups traveling from all over the country to participate.

2009 Inaugural Parade

Time: Immediately following the Swearing-In Ceremony

Location: Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

The inaugural parade is free and open to the public. The 56th Inaugural Parade will make its way down Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House with groups traveling from all over the

country to participate. A limited number of tickets will be made available for purchase for bleacher seating through the Presidential Inaugural Committee (PIC).

Inaugural Balls

The Presidential Inaugural Committee (PIC) will host ten official inaugural balls. Tickets to these official balls will be available to invited guests. For further information on these balls, please visit www.pic2009.org.

INAUGURAL CEREMONY INFORMATION

For Ticket Holders

Tickets are color-coded to facilitate entrance onto the Capitol grounds for the ceremony. Entrance will be granted only at the gate indicated on your ticket. All visitors should use [Metro](#) to get to the Capitol grounds.

Due to the huge interest from constituents regarding the Inauguration ceremonies, tickets made available to our office were distributed to constituents by a random selection process. As of January 9th, all tickets have been allocated.



For Guests without Tickets

For the first time in history, the length of the National Mall will be open to those wishing to attend the swearing-in ceremony. The PIC has worked closely with officials from the District of Columbia government, the National Park Service, the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee (AFIC), and the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC) to make space at this historic location available to members of the public who are unable to obtain tickets to the swearing-in. Those who come to witness the swearing-in on the Mall will be able to watch and listen to the ceremony on large screens that will be provided by the PIC along the Mall.

When to Arrive

Arrive early for required security screening and anticipate large crowds. Gates to the Inaugural Ceremony open at **9 a.m.** and the musical prelude begins at 10 a.m. Be prepared to pass through several security screenings before reaching the section indicated on your ticket. Non-ticket holders should proceed to the National Mall. There will be no check room for prohibited items. Because of road closures and restricted access around the U.S. Capitol, ticket holders should use [Metro](#) to get to the Capitol grounds.

Security

All guests are required to pass through security screening, including handbag inspection.

Inside the Event

Movement will be difficult inside the security perimeter. Please be prepared to stay within the perimeter and within your ticketed section for the duration of the festivities.

Prohibited Items

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:

- Firearms and ammunition (either real or simulated)
- Explosives of any kind (including fireworks)

- Knives, blades, or sharp objects (of any length)
- Mace and/or pepper spray
- Sticks or poles
- Pockets or hand tools, such as “Leatherman”
- Packages
- Backpacks
- Large bags
- Duffel bags
- Suitcases
- Thermoses
- Coolers
- Strollers
- Umbrellas
- Laser pointers
- Signs
- Posters
- Animals (other than service animals)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Other items that may pose a threat to the security of the event as determined by and at the discretion of the security screeners

Medications

Any questions regarding items required for medical conditions should be directed to the United States Capitol Police, at (202) 228-3555.

What to Wear

There is no official dress code for the swearing-in ceremonies. It is typically cold on Inauguration Day - normally 37 degrees Fahrenheit - and often wet. Expect to be outside for more than three hours, to stand in line, and to walk for long periods of time. Wear a winter coat, consider wearing comfortable shoes, gloves, a hat and a scarf, and bring a blanket. Extra consideration should be taken when planning to bring infants, young children, the elderly, or anyone with a weakened immune system.

Children

There are no child care facilities provided to attendees. Due to increased security and space constraints strollers are not permitted on the Capitol grounds. Direct questions regarding the admittance of items required for child care to the U.S. Capitol Police at 202-228-3555.

Elderly

The Swearing-In ceremony is an outdoor event held on the West Front lawn of the U.S. Capitol. Inauguration day is typically cold — normally 37° F at noon — and occasionally wet. Extra consideration should be taken when planning to bring infants, young children, the elderly, or anyone with a weakened immune system.

Medical Conditions

Emergency Medical Teams are on hand in the event of any medical emergencies. For additional information about permitted items for medical purposes (i.e. insulin), please contact the U.S. Capitol Police at 202-228-3555.

Restrooms

Outdoor, portable restrooms are located throughout the Capitol grounds.

Food and Drink

Food, beverages, and other amenities are not available within the ceremony perimeter. Do not bring any food item larger than a small snack. Thermoses are prohibited items.

Cell Phones

Cellular Phones are permitted on the Capitol Grounds. Turn off phones or set to vibrate before the program begins. Please note cell phone service may be limited due to a high volume of callers.

Cameras

Cameras are permitted on the Capitol Grounds, however, tripods and camera bags are prohibited items.

PLANNING YOUR STAY IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL

Washington, DC is one of the most beautiful and interesting cities in the world. I encourage you to take advantage of its rich history and endless opportunities during your trip to the nation's capital. Below you will find links to some of the most interesting and popular attractions, things to do, and events to experience in the DC Metro Area. For information on special hours during Inauguration week, please contact individual venues.



Monuments and Memorials

<http://forbes.house.gov/ConstituentServices/monandmem.htm>

On Capitol Hill

<http://www.forbes.house.gov/constituentservices/visitcapitolhill.htm>

Historic Homes and Areas

<http://www.forbes.house.gov/constituentservices/historichomes.htm>

Museums and Galleries

<http://www.forbes.house.gov/constituentservices/galleries.htm>

The Smithsonian Institute

<http://www.forbes.house.gov/constituentservices/smithmuseum.htm>

Events and Festivals

<http://forbes.house.gov/ConstituentServices/dcevents.htm>

Theaters and Venues

<http://forbes.house.gov/ConstituentServices/theaters.htm>

DC Sporting Events

<http://forbes.house.gov/ConstituentServices/dcsportingevents.htm>

Getting Around Washington, D.C.

Metro: Metro is the suggested transportation for all Inaugural events. From Capitol Hill to Downtown, the Metro is fast, easy, and cheap. Fares start at \$1.35 each way. All-day passes are also available. Tickets can be purchased at any Metro station. Website: wmata.com

Bridge and Road Closures: Access to Washington, D.C. by vehicle will be extremely limited. Multiple bridge and road closures are expected beginning the afternoon of Monday, January 19th. Please check the PIC web site, www.pic2009.org, for the most up-to-date information on bridge and road closures.



Lodging

Accommodations for Inauguration weekend are in unusually high demand. Please note that prices and availability will reflect the high demand for accommodations in the area. We suggest searching hotels near the ends of metro lines in Virginia and Maryland. The following sites may help in your hotel search:

Stay Washington DC: <http://www.staywashingtondc.com>.

Area Hotel Guide: <http://www.areahotelguide.com>

Washington.Org: <http://www.washington.org> (click Visitor Information, Where to Stay)

Weather

Plan your visit better by finding out what the weather will be like in Washington, D.C. before you arrive at Weather.com

Map of the Capitol Complex



FOR MORE INAUGURATION INFORMATION...

Presidential Inaugural Committee

<http://www.pic2009.org>

Official Tourism Information for Washington, DC

<http://www.washington.org/visiting/experience-dc/presidential-inauguration/information>

Armed Forces Inaugural Committee

<http://www.afic.northcom.mil/>

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies

<http://inaugural.senate.gov/>

DC Presidential Inaugural Committee

<http://inauguration.dc.gov/index.asp>

Washington Metrorail Inaugural Page

<http://www.wmata.com/inauguration/>

U.S. Secret Service Inaugural Page

http://www.secretservice.gov/presidential_inaugural.shtml

Washington Post Inauguration Watch

<http://voices.washingtonpost.com/inauguration-watch/>