



2026

A CAPITOL EXPERIENCE

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

U.S. House of Representatives Child Care Center

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

A Capitol Experience Summer Enrichment Program provides an enriching educational experience with positive learning interactions and opportunities for self-discovery, socialization, and team building. Our dynamic programing includes interactive, age-appropriate activities led by staff and guest speakers to help children explore history, science, law, geography, and the arts.

CONTACT

For more information, please contact the Summer Enrichment Program Office at SummerEnrichment@mail.house.gov or 202-225-6100.



U.S. Capitol-Speakers Balcony



U.S. Botanic Garden



Thomas Jefferson Memorial

2026 SUMMER ENRICHMENT SCHEDULE

Each session is two weeks long. A schedule of daily activities, explorations, and field trips will be provided in advance of each session. Parents/guardians are welcome to join, but please make arrangements in advance with program staff, in case reservations are required.

SESSION 1

July 13 to July 24, 2026 — 10 days

SESSION 2

July 27 to August 7, 2026 — 10 days

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

A Capitol Experience is an opportunity for the children of Members of Congress and House staff to see where their families work and help them understand the significance of Washington, D.C. as the seat of the federal government. The program is committed to ensuring a safe, nurturing environment for children to learn, have fun, and make new friends through exciting activities that allow them to explore the history and beauty of the nation's capital.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The U.S. Capitol sets the stage for *A Capitol Experience*. Our program is designed to keep kids physically and mentally active through a variety of fun activities and adventures that help them become actively engaged citizens.



The House Recording Studio



National Museum of American History



Washington Nationals Ballpark





National Museum of Natural History



National Building Museum



United States Capitol



U.S. Capitol-Democracy Lab



Library of Congress

THEME

Both sessions of the 2026 Summer Enrichment Program have the same theme — the United States Congress and Washington, D.C. — and all activities, trips, and special events are based on that theme. Children will experience a wide variety of quality educational, motivational, and recreational activities in a safe, healthy, and fun atmosphere.

MORNING TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Each day begins with a Morning Town Hall meeting to help increase engagement and excitement about the day's scheduled activities, goals, and any special events.

AFTERNOON TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Afternoon Town Hall meetings wrap up the day's events and discuss what was learned, liked, and disliked. This helps staff make any necessary adjustments to the next day's activities.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are offered throughout each session to provide an immersive learning experience.

ACTIVITIES

Our program's interactive, age-appropriate activities are designed to help children learn about the rich history behind the United States Congress and the nation's capital.

GROUP GAMES AND OUTDOOR QUESTS

Program session themes are supplemented with activities and excursions beyond the U.S. Capitol. Children get to explore the various institutions that make up the National Mall.

LUNCH

Children must bring their own snack, lunch, and beverage every day.

STAFF

Our counselors bring an outstanding pedagogical experience to the program. They undergo an extensive background check prior to being hired and are CPR/First Aid certified.

PROGRAM RATES

Each two-week session costs \$825. Families registering multiple children will receive 15 percent off the total registration fee. Due to limited space, registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment in full is required for registration.

PROGRAM HOURS

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION

Ford House Office Building, Room 108

AGE RANGE

Designed for children ages 6 to 13 (i.e., 1st to 8th grade).

REGISTRATION

Payment in full is required for registration and must accompany a completed *Capitol Experience Summer Enrichment Program Packet*, which can be found at **ChildCare.house.gov/Summer**. For more information, please contact the Summer Enrichment Program Office at **202-225-6100** or **SummerEnrichment@mail.house.gov**.

