

Frequently Asked Fly-in Questions:

What are the Fly-in Trainings?

- On Tuesday, March 14 and Thursday, March 16 from 3:00 - 4:30 PM NACD's Government Affairs Team will host Zoom trainings for all members to share information and tips ahead of the 2023 Fly-in and review NACD's priorities. This will also be an opportunity for members to ask any questions of NACD staff before meeting with their representatives. There will be a recording of the trainings distributed to all members for those unable to attend one of the two sessions.

How do I schedule meetings with my Congressional representatives?

- Each congressional office has a phone number and email address available on their website you can use to request a meeting with your representative on March 22 or 23. If you can't find this contact information, or if you have not received a response, please contact NACD's Government Affairs Team for assistance: chris-young@nacdnet.org and connor-simons@nacdnet.org. We also encourage NACD members to coordinate with their state associations as they schedule meetings. When you schedule Fly-in meetings, please use [this link](#) to let NACD know you will attend the Fly-in and to share your meeting details. This will allow NACD to track participation and support members.

Which members should I schedule meetings with?

- Members of Congress and their staffs are focused on meeting with their constituents. The most important members to schedule meetings with are those representing your district or state, even if they aren't seated on committees that consider conservation policy. Members of the Agriculture and Appropriations Committees are generally in a good position to influence many NACD priorities, so we encourage you to schedule meetings with those members when they are your federal representatives.
- NACD encourages districts to connect with the many new members of the [House Agriculture Committee](#). Below is a list of these members and the states they represent. We also encourage NACD members to use the additional links below to quickly identify if their Congressional representatives are seated on other relevant committees and subcommittees.

What policies should I advocate for during the meeting? Which should I prioritize?

- Prior to the Virtual Fly-in Trainings, NACD will distribute updated 2023 [issue papers](#) to all members. These priorities will be reviewed and discussed during the trainings. Members of Congress and their staff will be eager to talk about your priorities for the 2023 Farm Bill and we encourage you to share NACD's recently released [2023 Farm Bill Recommendations](#). A one-page summary of these requests will be provided for members ahead of the Fly-in to share with Congressional offices. NACD members are encouraged to raise any issues or policies that are important for their local districts, even if they aren't included in NACD materials.

What if the member isn't available and I'm offered a meeting with staff?

- Although it is nice to meet and develop relationships with the members of Congress, it is often more important to meet with their staff who manage the conservation policy portfolio. Members often have very hectic schedules and may be unable to meet, but don't turn down an opportunity to meet with staff!

How do I get through security to enter the House and Senate office buildings? Do I need a staff escort?

- [House and Senate Office buildings](#) are now open to the public and visitors do not require a staff escort to enter. You will be required to pass through security, which consists of walking through a metal detector (you are required to remove belts, phones, and other metal objects, but not shoes) and pass your bags through a scanner. Please see this [list of prohibited items](#).

When should I fly into DC?

- Flying into DC the evening of Tuesday, March 21 is recommended because the breakfast/briefing begins 7:30AM on Wednesday, March 22.

Where should I stay?

- Members are welcome to stay at any hotel they would like, but staying close to the Capitol Complex (near the Capitol building) is recommended. The [Yotel](#) is a good option, and there are several additional hotels nearby that offer reasonable rates. If you need assistance securing a hotel room please contact chris-young@nacdnet.org and connor-simons@nacdnet.org.

What should I wear?

- Congress will be in session on March 22 and 23, so formal attire is appropriate.



New members of the [House Agriculture Committee](#):

Rep. Elissa Slotkin (MI-07)
Rep. Yadira Caraveo (CO-08)
Rep. Andrea Salinas (OR-06)
Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (WA-03)
Rep. Don Davis (NC-01)
Rep. Jill Tokuda (HI-02)
Rep. Nikki Budzinski (IL-13)
Rep. Greg Casar (TX-35)
Rep. Jasmine Crockett (TX-30)
Rep. Jonathan Jackson (IL-01)
Rep. Eric Sorensen (IL-17)
Rep. Gabe Vasquez (NM-02)
Rep. John Rose (TN-06)
Rep. Ronny Jackson (TX-13)
Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19)
Rep. Monica De La Cruz (TX-15)
Rep. Nick Langworthy (NY-23)
Rep. John Duarte (CA-13)
Rep. Zach Nunn (IA-03)
Rep. Mark Alford (MO-04)
Rep. Derrick Van Orden (WI-03)
Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (OR-05)
Rep. Max Miller (OH-07)

Additional Committee and Subcommittee Rosters:

[House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation](#)
[Senate Agriculture Committee](#)
[Senate Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation](#)
[House Appropriations Committee](#)
[Senate Appropriations Committee](#)