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## We'll See You At Rockets on the Hill: Must Read Info & Details

Good afternoon,

We are excited to see you at National Finals on Friday! This is a reminder that **you are confirmed** to attend the Rockets on the Hill reception next Friday, May 17th.

### American Rocketry Challenge Rockets on the Hill

**LOCATION:** Rayburn Foyer

**DATE:** Friday, May 17, 2024

**TIME:** 8:30am - 11:00am Eastern Time

**VIP Guests:** Chirag Parikh, Executive Secretary, National Space Council

Tom Culligan, Senior Director of Government Relations, RTX

Eric Fanning, President & CEO, Aerospace Industries Association

#### **Overview**

Rockets on the Hill is an amazing opportunity for teams to showcase their rockets to leaders from the the aerospace community and your U.S. Senators

and Representatives and their staff. This is your chance to showcase your creativity and problem solving skills by talking about your rocket designs and the decisions (and failures) that helped you make it to the finals.

We'll be serving donuts, muffins, and light refreshments at the event. We suggest that attendees have a heartier breakfast **before arriving**.

## **Security**

This is a federal building. All the model rockets must be **inoperable. The engine must be removed and in no way be able to be launched. All energetic material such as primers, fuses, and the explosive or incendiary materials within them must be removed.**

## **Arrival Instructions**

Arrive between 8:30 and 8:45am. Participants and rockets should enter the Rayburn House Office Building at the South Capitol SE SE entrance (located on horseshoe drive off South Capitol Street). As you enter, you will go through metal detectors and put your rockets through an x-ray machine, similar to the airport. Security is expecting you—**only** at that entrance.

After security, AIA staff will direct you to the Rayburn Foyer. Each team will have an assigned table where they will showcase their rockets.

## **Rules**

**One member from your team is required to remain with your table at all times.** This way, someone is always available to talk about your rocket/team with VIP guests at the event. We encourage our teams to talk about their rocket, the American Rocketry Challenge program, your biggest successes and setback, and what you aspire to study in college.

## **Attire**

- Capitol Hill is a professional business environment.
- Acceptable attire for students:
  - Team shirt, Dress Shirt, or Blouse
  - Dress pants, nice khakis, or skirt
  - Suit or Dress
  - **No sandals or flip-flops**

## **Guest/Other Non-Team Members**

As you have been made aware, this year, **only student team members and the team's advisor/supervisor** will be permitted into the event space. Capitol Police prohibits large crowds from waiting in the lobby areas of the building. Please do not proceed past the security barriers outside of the building with the teams. Please coordinate travel and meet up logistics with your group.

### **Transportation**

There is no parking at the Capitol. The best way for you to get to the reception will be by Metro (subway). Teams may also get dropped off via a car or rideshare outside of the Rayburn Building off of South Capitol St SE.

The closest Metro stop is Capitol South Station on the blue, orange, and silver lines. Proceed to the Rayburn House Office Building and AIA staff will meet you in the front of the Horseshoe entrance.

Remember, this will be during peak hours for DC rush hour so give yourself plenty of time. We recommend using the Metro's Trip Planner to plan your trip: <https://www.wmata.com/schedules/trip-planner/>

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# SCHEDULE

Friday, May 17, 2024

- 8:30 am** Arrive at Rayburn House Office Building, South Capitol St. SE entrance
- 9:00 am** Rockets on the Hill begins
- 9:40 am** Remarks from Chirag Parikh, Executive Secretary, National Space Council  
Tom Culligan, Senior Director of Government Relations, RTX  
Eric Fanning, President & CEO, Aerospace Industries Association
- 10:30 am** Reception ends
- 10:45 am** Group photo on the steps of the U.S. Capitol

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