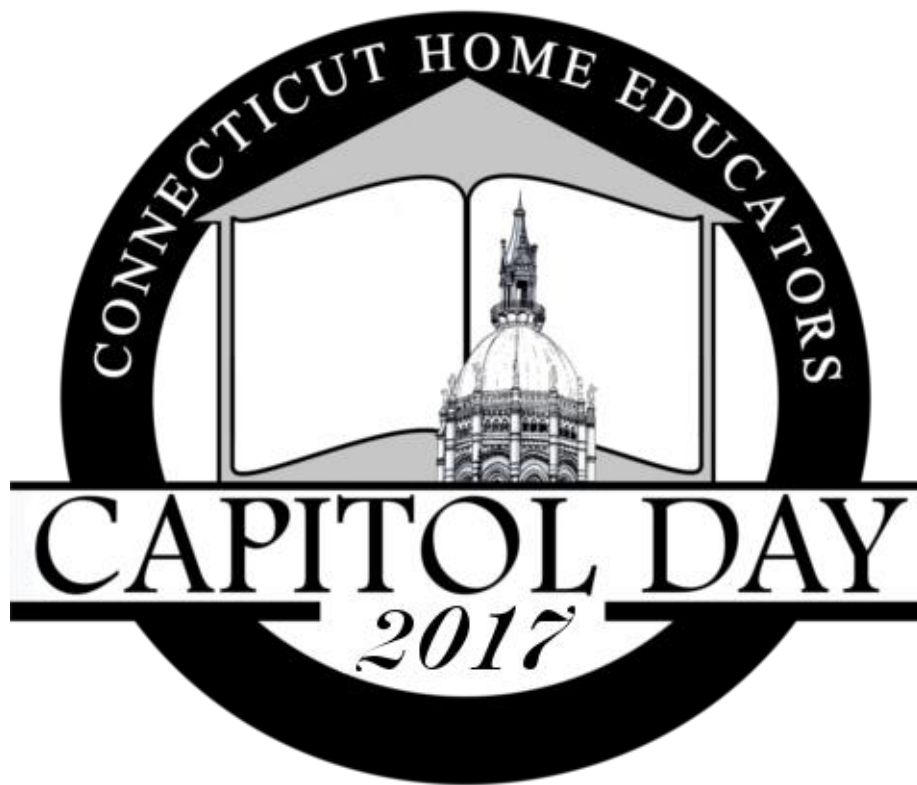


CAPITOL DAY



SCAVENGER HUNT



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***Welcome* to the Connecticut State Capitol and Legislative Office Building (LOB).**

You are about to explore two very beautiful and unique buildings which contain many interesting things to see and learn.



First, you will explore the **State Capitol Building**, which houses the executive offices and legislative chambers of the state and contains a variety of historical memorabilia. The Connecticut State Capitol opened in 1878 after a six year construction. It was designed by Richard M. Upjohn in the High Victorian Gothic style. Today it is considered a National Historic Landmark.

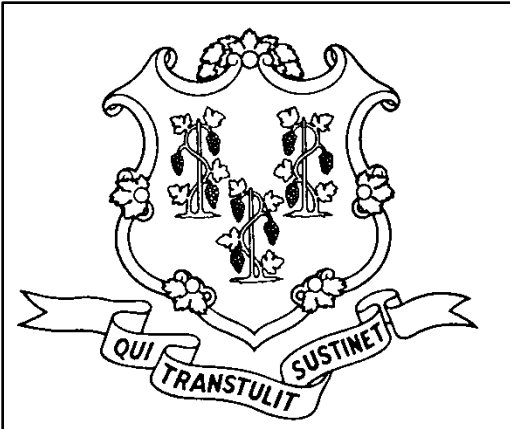
Next, you will explore the **Legislative Office Building (LOB)**, which was designed by Russell Gibson von Dohlen of Farmington, Connecticut, and was completed in 1988. The LOB contains the offices of our state legislators (36 Senators and 151 Representatives), as well as many meeting rooms used for study, research, public hearings and committee meetings.



During your visit to the Capitol, **please use it as an opportunity to show legislators and other visitors how respectful and well-mannered homeschoolers can be.** You never know, a positive association with homeschooling may someday result in the vote needed to tip the scales in our favor. So, let's impress them with a smile and a word of thanks!

Now, let the fun begin!

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Look for **Connecticut's State Seal** throughout the Capitol and Legislative Office Building (it can be found on doors, carpeting, chairs, stained glass, carved into stone and in painted form). Inscribed on the seal are the Latin words, "Qui transulit sustinet." Ask a tour guide or someone at the TEACH table what these words mean.

To be completed in the State Capitol Building...

1. Find the "**Genius of Connecticut**" and take your picture with her. (*Not you, silly. It's a statue!*)
2. **Nathan Hale**, Connecticut native and hero, served as a spy during the Revolutionary War. Find his statue and read his last words inscribed on the base.

"I only _____ that I have but one _____ to _____ for my _____."

3. In 1492, I sailed the ocean blue. Who am I? _____
Can you find a **small statue** of me?
4. Find the **hart (deer)** for Hartford. (HINT: *Look for me in something painted.*)
5. Find the **marble and brass fountain** underneath a staircase. Legislators and their staff once filled buckets for their horses at this fountain. (*No, the horses didn't get to come into the building.*)
6. Find the **Cannonball Tree Trunk** from the Civil War.
7. Can you find a replica of the **Liberty Bell**?

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8. On what floor is the **Hall of the House of Representatives**? 1st 2nd 3rd
9. On what floor is the **Senate Chamber**? 1st 2nd 3rd
10. Peer through (do not open) the mahogany doors of the Senate Chamber and look for the **Charter Oak Chair**, carved from the Charter Oak tree after it fell during a violent storm in 1856.

To be completed in the Legislative Office Building...

11. Find the **gold eagle** perched 24 feet high. The eagle represents civic pride, strength and virtue.
12. Several Connecticut **State symbols** have been carved into the wooden doors of the LOB. Look at the center panel of each door and match the door with the State symbol below.

Hearing Room 1A

Cafeteria Doors

Hearing Room 1B

Hearing Room 1C

Hearing Room 1D

Hearing Room 2B

Hearing Room 2E

State Tree (Charter Oak | White Oak)

Connecticut State Map

State Animal (Sperm Whale)

State Bird (American Robin)

Connecticut State Capitol

State Flower (Mountain Laurel)

State Insect ("Praying" Mantis)

13. Look for the design in the **tile floor** of the LOB. What geometric shapes can you identify in the marble? When looking down on the floor design from above, notice how it takes on a 3-D appearance.
14. Get a **business card** from one State Representative and one State Senator (HINT: *Visit the caucus offices*).
15. Lobbyists are required by law to wear badges as identification. Find a lobbyist and ask for their **autograph**.

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Congratulations! You've completed the Capitol Day Scavenger Hunt!