

NAMM Music Education Advocacy D.C. Fly-In FAQs

Q: What hotel will I be staying at?

A: Delegates will be staying at the Liaison. The address is 415 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington D.C. 20001. You can contact the hotel at 202-638-1616.

Q: If I decide to arrive before Sunday 5/17, or depart later than Thursday 5/21, can I extend my room night at the Liaison Capitol Hill DC?

A: NAMM will cover the cost of room and tax for Sunday 5/17 through Wednesday night 5/20 for those participating in the Day of Service, and Monday 5/18 through Wednesday night 5/20 for all others. Delegates may request to extend their room nights before or after the Fly-In Dates. If rooms are available for additional nights, delegates will be responsible for payment at the time of check-out. For more details or to reserve your room, please contact Jessica Cortez at jessicac@namm.org. **PLEASE NOTE:** Many groups are in D.C. during this time. Additional rooms at the Liaison are available on a first come, first served basis.

Q: What are the check-in and check-out times for the Liaison?

A: Check-in, 3 p.m., check-out, 12 p.m.

Q: Is there free Wi-Fi at the Liaison?

A: Wi-Fi is complimentary in hotel rooms and a code will be given to you upon check in.

Q: What is the nearest airport?

A: We suggest Reagan National Airport (DCA) or Dulles International (IAD); however please note specific details for each airport are below.

Q: How do I get from the airport to the Liaison?

Reagan National Airport (DCA):

Taxi Service: estimated travel time is five miles from the Liaison; drive takes less than 15 minutes.

Washing Dulles International Airport (IAD):

Taxi Service: estimated travel time is 27 miles from the Liaison; drive takes about one hour.

Q: I am traveling via train. How do I travel to the Liaison via metro?

From Union Station

Metro Stop, AMTRAK, MARC Commuter Train, and VRE Commuter Train. Union Station is located 3 blocks from the Liaison Capitol Hill DC. The station houses disembarkation points for AMTRAK trains, including the Acela trains from New York and Boston. The Metro subway has a Union Station stop, and commuter trains from Virginia and Maryland stop there as well.

Q: I am driving. What about parking at the Hotel?

Please park your car upon arrival. When checking in the front desk will give you a pass for the week. Charges will be placed on your room accounts.

Q: When should I book my flight?

A: We recommend booking your flight as soon as possible. Flights generally increase in April, as spring is a popular time of the year in Washington, D.C.

Q: What is the dress code for the Fly-In?

A: Dress code for each day at the Fly-In is Business attire. On Thursday, 5/21 Business Casual is permitted, unless you are conducting Hill visits which will require Business dress. Also please note that comfortable shoes are a necessity!

Q: When do I need to wear my badge?

A: Your badge will be in your welcome package, delivered to you when you check into the Liaison. Please wear your badge for *all* Fly-In events and functions.

Q: What will the weather be like?

A: May's average temperature is 65 degrees, daytime highs in the 70s and nighttime lows in the 50s. April showers bring May showers, however rain is typical in May, so be prepared for rain and bring an umbrella.

Q: I will be extending my stay in the D.C. area to site see. What landmarks are "must sees"?

A: Please refer to Washington DC visitor [website](#).

Q: Anything I need to bring that I'm forgetting?

A: Please remember to bring your business cards. You'll share those during Hill meetings. A travel umbrella is always a good idea. Also have memory available on your smart phone- we urge all to consider using social media to share your experience virtually with your team, customers and others.

Q: Will there be an app I can download on my smartphone for the Fly-In?

A: Yes!

We strongly encourage you to download our mobile guide to enhance your experience at NAMM Music Education Advocacy D.C. Fly-In 2015. You'll be able to plan your day with a personalized schedule, have access to the most current information and updates to agendas, see who else is attending, and participate in the social sharing of your experience.



The app is compatible with iPhones, iPads, iPod Touches and Android devices. Windows Phone 7 and Blackberry users can access the same information via our mobile site at <http://guidebook.com/browse/>.

To get the guide:

- Download '**Guidebook**' from the iTunes/Apple App Store or the Android Marketplace
- From the Guidebook application, tap "Download Guides" then "Redeem Code".
Enter the code **DCFLYIN2015** (case sensitive) and the guide will download to your device!

We have included a daily survey for the Day of Service, the Advocacy Day Training, and one for Hill Visits. Please complete our short survey at the end of each of these events so that we may improve your experience next year.

Q: I will be using social media to connect with customers. Which accounts should I follow?

Please “like” The NAMM Foundation on Facebook if you haven’t already- you’ll find updates there as well as Mary Luehrsen’s Twitter account. If you’re more of a visual person, follow us on Instagram. Please use the hashtags #NAMMFlyIn2015 and #MusicEd in all social media posts.

You will also find that the Fly-In App will connect your social media accounts directly within the app. For example, you can go into the app, click on the social media / Twitter icons, and tweet directly from your account within the app.

Q: How do I share photos with Fly-In delegates?

A: Delegates can upload photos within the Fly-In app. Photos can be viewed, downloaded, and shared to social media by all.

Q: How much Music Education Advocacy Knowledge will I need?

A: On Tuesday, all delegates will be thoroughly briefed on the issues and provided with specific talking points, tips, best practices and the opportunity to ‘role play’ with other delegates. It’s helpful to know the basics, but don’t worry, your own story about how music education has impacted your life or the life of someone you know, is probably the most important knowledge you bring to the event. At any rate, below are a few great resources for Music Education Advocacy Information.

[NAMM Foundation "Why Learn to Play Music"](#)

[Arts Education Partnership](#)

[National Association for Music Education](#)