

# 2010 Congressional Award Gold Event Schedule

## **Sunday, June 20, 2010**

12 NOON Week-Long Program Begins  
Check in at George Mason University (*Fairfax, VA*)

## **Wednesday, June 23, 2010**

The Ceremonies will be held in the Caucus Room of the Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill (345 CHOB). When entering the building, you will need to go through security. Please allow additional time.

Cannon House Office Building  
First and Independence Avenues, SE  
Washington, DC 20515  
*Handicap Entrance: New Jersey Avenue, S.E., south of the terrace at the intersection with Independence Avenue*

Metro Accessible: *Capitol South (Orange and Blue Lines)*

10:00 AM Ceremony 1 in the Cannon House Office Building Caucus Room\*

12 NOON Pictures on the steps by the Capitol Reflecting Pool (Please see map)

2:30 PM Ceremony 2 in the Cannon House Office Building Caucus Room\*

*\*\*Medalists should arrive 45 minutes before your ceremony is scheduled to begin\*\**

*Guests may check in 20 minutes before the ceremony is scheduled to begin*

## **Thursday, June 24, 2010**

7:00 AM Week-Long program concludes at George Mason University  
*Participants will be brought into the city via bus with luggage on board*

10:00 AM Open House Blocks Begin (Capitol Hill Complex)

Metro Accessible: *Capitol South (Orange and Blue Lines)*

3:00 PM Final Open House Block Concludes

*Medalists with the week-long program will retrieve their luggage from the bus after their assigned Open House concludes*

## **History of the Cannon Caucus Room**

Built in 1903, the Caucus Room in the Cannon House Office Building is an excellent example of the Beaux Arts style of architectural design. Grand, well-ordered, and richly detailed, the room provides a dignified environment in which important political meetings and social functions are held. The room is the oldest and among the largest assembly rooms built for the House of Representatives outside of the Capitol. Before the construction of the Caucus Room, caucuses and other meetings took place in cramped committee rooms in the Capitol.

The Cannon Caucus Room is the site of numerous dinners, receptions, and other events each year. Unlike its counterpart in the Russell Senate Office Building, this room does not host public hearings. One prominent event that took place in the Cannon Caucus Room date back to 1943 when 350 women were sworn in as members of the Women's Army Corps.

## **Group Picture Set Up**

On the day of the Ceremony, pictures of all 2010 Gold Medalists will be taken at the Capitol Reflecting Pool located west of 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NW, in between Maryland and Pennsylvania Avenues. A map has also been included for use.

The pictures will begin promptly at 12 NOON with the group picture and then partnership pictures. If you are affiliated with any of our sponsoring organizations, please listen for your group, as these pictures are sent to the sponsoring organizations and news outlets for press purposes. We understand that the middle of June in the middle of the day is not the ideal temperature to take a picture. We ask for your cooperation and patience as we try to capture your accomplishments with your fellow medalists in front of the Capitol.

The following groups will be included in group pictures (*not necessarily in this order*):

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Air Force  
American Red Cross  
AmeriCorps NCCC  
Boy Scouts of America  
Boys and Girls Clubs of America  
Civil Air Patrol  
Girl Scouts of the USA  
HOBY  
Home school Students  
Migrant Education Students  
People to People International  
Some State Groups  
St. Louis Irish Arts

## PLANNING FOR YOUR TRIP

All Gold Medal Award Recipients and family/guests that are not participating in the week-long program are responsible for their own transportation, accommodations and tours. Gold Medalists that are taking part in the week-long program will have a set schedule with accommodations, meals and entry fees taken care of. June is one of the busiest tourist seasons in Washington, DC and prices do reflect this. Please plan accordingly.



### **Travel by Plane**

Three major airports service the Washington, DC area:

- Washington Reagan National Airport/DCA  
([www.mwaa.com/national/index.html](http://www.mwaa.com/national/index.html))
- Dulles International Airport/IAD  
([www.mwaa.com/Dulles/index.html](http://www.mwaa.com/Dulles/index.html))
- Baltimore-Washington International Airport/BWI  
([www.bwiairport.com](http://www.bwiairport.com))

The average cab fare to the Capitol Hill area for one person is approximately \$25 from National, \$60 from Dulles, and \$70 from BWI Airport. You may consider airport shuttles ([www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com)) and bus services, which offer transportation to various destinations at a more affordable cost. See the respective airport Web sites listed above for more information. Washington Reagan National Airport is conveniently located on the Metro subway.



### **Travel by Train**

Washington, DC is accessible by Amtrak trains, which arrive and depart from Union Station ([www.unionstationdc.com](http://www.unionstationdc.com) or [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)). From Union Station, you are within four blocks of the Capitol Building. Union Station is also on the Metro Red Line, if you are trying to get around the city. From the Capitol South Metro station off the Blue and Orange Lines, you are within two blocks from the Cannon House Office Building.



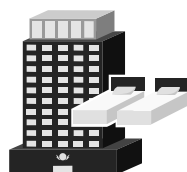
### **Travel by Bus**

The Washington, DC area is also serviced by Greyhound buses ([www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)). The bus terminal is located at 1005 1st Street, NE. The nearest Metro Rail Station is Union Station on the Red Line.



### **Travel by Car**

For getting around the city, taking Metro is **strongly recommended** ([www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)). For the Ceremonies and Open House, the closest Metro stop is Capitol South on the Blue and Orange Lines. Public parking can be found at Union Station. For more information on parking near the Capitol, visit [http://www.aoc.gov/cc/cc\\_map.htm](http://www.aoc.gov/cc/cc_map.htm).



### **Accommodations**

The closest hotels to the Capitol are:

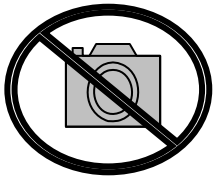
- 1. The Phoenix Park Hotel**  
520 North Capitol Street, NW  
(6-7 blocks from the Capitol)  
202-638-6900
- 2. The Washington Court Hotel**  
525 New Jersey Ave., NW  
(5-6 blocks from the Capitol)  
202-628-2100
- 3. The Holiday Inn Capitol**  
550 C Street, SW  
(5-6 blocks from the Capitol)  
1/800-315-2621
- 4. The Marriot Residence Inn**  
333 E Street, SW  
(3-4 blocks from the Capitol)  
202-484-8280

Please note that the hotels listed may be expensive due to their proximity to the Capitol. The State Plaza Hotel offers some more affordable rooms (reservations 800-424-2859 or 202-861-6200). They are located at 2117 E. St., NW, near George Washington University and a ten-minute cab ride to the Capitol. You can also look for hotels in Northern Virginia and Southern Maryland for more affordable rates. **We recommend using travel sites such as [www.priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com) or [www.kayak.com](http://www.kayak.com) to find affordable deals for traveling. We do NOT make arrangements for families traveling to the city.**



### **Tourism**

[www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org) - Contact your Representative or Senator if you would like a tour of the Capitol  
[www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com) - Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority's site can help you navigate the city  
<http://eg.washingtonpost.com> - The Washington Post can help you find out what's happening in DC  
[www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/travel/visitorsguide.htm](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/travel/visitorsguide.htm) - The Washington Post's visitor's guide  
<http://www.culturaltourismdc.org/homepage2558/index.htm> - Take a walking tour of DC



### **Photography**

No flash photography is allowed during the ceremony. A photograph of each young person as they receive their medal will be sent free of charge to each participant. Furthermore, for the comfort of others, all guests are expected to remain seated for the duration of the ceremony. Additional photos will be available to purchase at <http://carlcoxphoto.com/>.



### **Attire**

Please keep in mind that the Gold Medal Ceremony is a formal event. Business attire should be worn by all participants (Jacket and tie for men, business suit/dress for women). Formal gowns or prom dresses however will not be appropriate. Participants are encouraged to make conservative clothing choices. Please do not wear flip flops or tennis shoes for the Award Ceremony or Dinner.



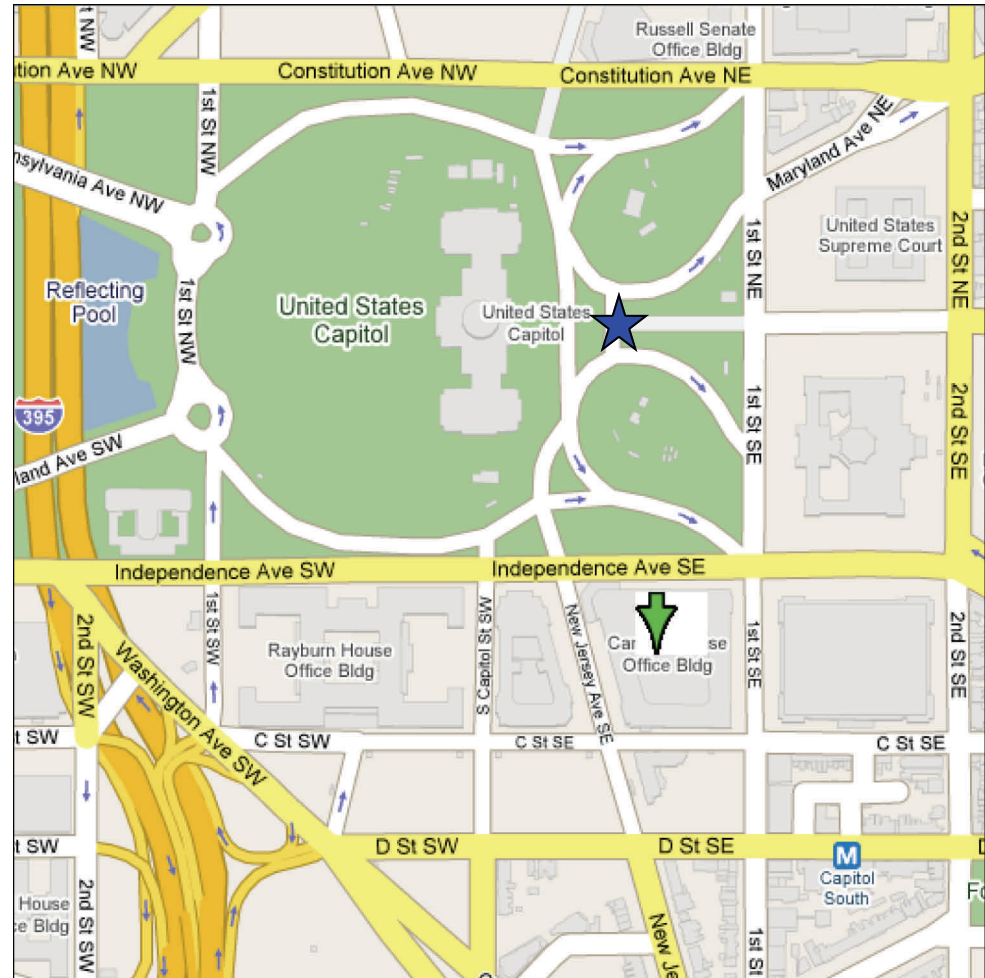
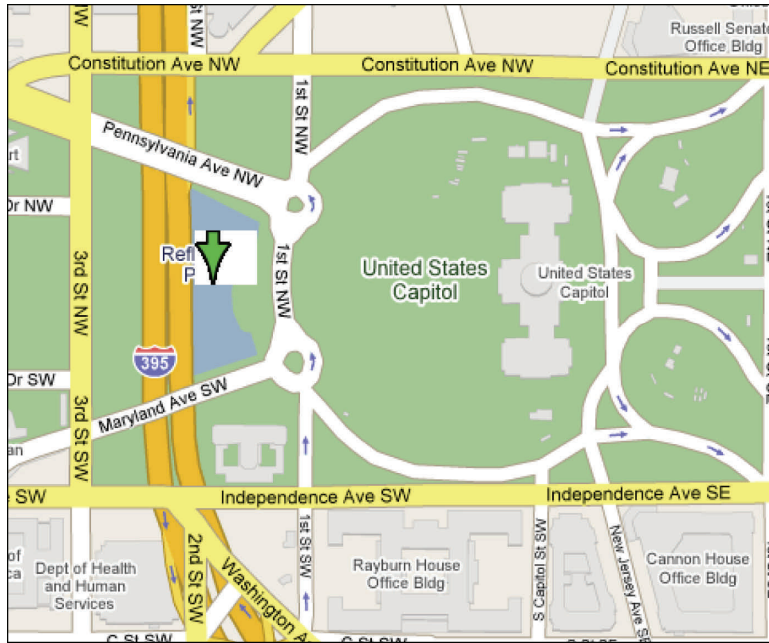
### **Hydration and Humidity**

Washington, DC during the month of June can have temperatures of 90°F and higher, with high humidity. Although we will only be outside for a short while, you should consider bringing a bottle of water. You may check [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) for local weather information.



### **Tours**

If you are planning to spend more time in Washington, you may consider contacting your Member of Congress for a meeting/tour. Contact information for Members of Congress can be found at [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org).



**Pictures, June 23, 2010 – 12 NOON**  
 Capitol Reflecting Pool Steps  
 First Street, between Pennsylvania and Maryland  
 Avenues, NW

# MAPS

*Wednesday, June 23, 2010 &  
 Thursday, June 24, 2010*

**Ceremony, June 23, 2010 (Arrow)**  
 Cannon House Office Building Caucus Room (345 – CHOB)  
 First Street, New Jersey Avenue, and C Street, SE

**Open House, June 24, 2010 (Star)**  
 United States Capitol  
*Actual Location To Be Announced*