



# *House of Representatives*

**MINI-SESSION  
OCTOBER 2-4, 2019**



**Mini Session Member Activity Signup  
Sheet**

Member Name:

Committee Membership:

**General Overview**

The House of Representatives is planning a three day Mini Session from Wednesday, Oct 2 through Friday, October 4 in Southeastern Minnesota that will feature a number of committee hearings, roundtable discussions and tours in Winona and throughout the region. Wednesday, Oct 2 will have separate buses leaving in the morning for Austin and Rochester for scheduled committee activity (detailed below). Members are encouraged, but not required, to participate in the committee activity of which they are members, but with limited space for each activity preference will be given to those who sit on the respective committees if there is more interest than available seats.

For this signup sheet each member will indicate their preference for one Wednesday activity, two activities for Thursday morning and Thursday afternoon, and a Friday morning activity. There is also an option to be part of a visit to the Prairie Island Tribe on the return visit Friday afternoon. All members are invited to be a part of the receptions, lunches and brunches that will happen throughout the Mini Session.

Questions about the Mini Session schedule? Contact Owen Wirth at [Owen.Wirth@House.mn](mailto:Owen.Wirth@House.mn) or (651) 296-6970.

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*Wednesday, October 2*

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**Daily Snapshot:**

**Members will meet at the Capitol and will board buses traveling at various times throughout the day to southeast Minnesota. House committees/divisions will be meeting in Austin and Rochester (see more info below). Members who are not part of these committees or who choose not to attend the committee meetings will travel separately to Winona area hotels. All transportation from the Capitol to Southeast Minnesota will be provided.**

**Committee meetings in Austin:** Agriculture, Capitol Investment, Education Policy, Education Finance, Environment, Elections, Higher Education, Water Division

**Committee meetings in Rochester:** HHS Finance, HHS Policy, Aging and Long Term Care, Energy

**Please Check One:**

I will ride a bus to Austin, MN leaving St. Paul at 8:00am \_\_\_\_\_

I will ride a bus to Rochester leaving St. Paul at 10:00am \_\_\_\_\_

I will ride a bus directly to Winona leaving St. Paul at 3:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

I will provide my own transportation to Winona, and have approved this with Leadership \_\_\_\_\_

***Austin Itinerary Overview***

- 8:00am – Bus departs from State Office Building for Austin, MN
- 10:00am – Bus arrives in Austin
- 10:00am-12:30pm – Committee activities (detailed below)
- 12:30pm-1:30pm – Lunch in at Hormel Institute
- 1:30pm-2:30pm – Travel to Niagara Cave
- 2:30pm-4:30pm – Tour of Niagara Cave, discussion of KARST Region
- 4:30pm-6:00pm – Travel to Winona and hotel check in

**Please indicate which committee you would like to join for the Austin, MN trip:**

Committee	Committee Activity Description	Mark ONE to indicate interest
Agriculture/Higher Education	Tour of Hormel Plant owned by Hormel Foods and tour of Hormel Institute. The Hormel plant has over 1,800 employees, 1.3 million square feet of manufacturing space, and cans their flagship product, SPAM. The Hormel Institute is a U of M research institute that studies the connection between food and cancer. The Institute has 130 leading cancer research scientists and is seeking to add another 130 new faculty and staff jobs over the next few years.	
Capital Investment/Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Riverland Community College: Brief description of HEAPR</li> <li>- Visit three city projects: wastewater treatment, 4th Ave, and Ramsey projects</li> <li>- Visit the Cedar River Watershed District project (flood mitigation)</li> </ul>	
Education Finance/Policy Committees	Tour of local area schools in Austin: Woodson Kindergarten, Sumner Elementary, IJ Holton Intermediate School	
Elections	Hearing on the 2020 Census preparation at Austin City Hall with the office of the MN Secretary of State, US Census Bureau and Office of MN Census participating in the hearing.	

**All attendees of the Austin, MN trip will come together at 12:30pm for lunch and depart for the Niagara Cave by 1:30pm**

Attendees	Activity
All Austin, MN attendees	Lunch at Steve's Pizza
All Austin, MN attendees	Visit and tour the Niagara Cave in Harmony, MN. Discussion led by the Water Division on the Karst Region in SE Minnesota.

***Rochester Itinerary Overview***

10:00am – Bus departs from the State Office Building for Rochester, MN

11:30am-12:00pm – Arrive in Rochester and have a box lunch

12:00pm-4:00pm – Committee Activities (detailed below)

4:00pm-5:00pm – Tour of the Mayo Clinic

5:00pm-6:00pm – Travel to Winona, MN and hotel check in

**Please indicate which committee you would like to join for the Rochester, MN trip:**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Mark ONE to indicate interest</b>
HHS Finance/Policy, Aging and Long Term Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Health education workforce tour/discussion</li><li>- Hearing on prescription drug prices</li><li>- Tour of the Mayo Clinic (will include all Rochester attendees)</li></ul>	
Energy and Climate Finance and Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hearing at University of Minnesota-Rochester discussing clean energy city initiatives</li><li>- Tour of Rochester energy facilities</li><li>- Tour of the Mayo Clinic (will include all Rochester attendees)</li></ul>	

**Winona Evening Itinerary 6:30pm-8:30pm (All members)**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>
ALL HOUSE MEMBERS AND STAFF	Buffet reception at the Winona History Center. Program will feature introductory remarks from Mayor Mark Peterson, Winona State University President Scott Olson, St. Mary's University President Father James Burns, and Southeast Technical College President Larry Lundblad. Remarks from Speaker Hortman and Rep. Pelowski.

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***Thursday, October 3 - Winona, MN***

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**Daily Snapshot:**

**A buffet breakfast for members and staff will be available at the hotels beginning at 7:00am. During the morning sessions, Members will board buses and vans and travel to various stops in the City of Winona. Members will rendezvous at 12:30pm for a box lunch in Downtown Winona. After lunch, Members will board buses and vans and hold committee meetings and tours throughout the region. Members will reconvene in the evening for a tour and short program with community leaders at the award winning Minnesota Marine Art Museum.**

**Winona Morning Committees meeting Thursday, Oct 3: Capital Investment, Early Childhood, Education Finance, Education Policy, Higher Education, Environment**

Finance/Policy, Legacy, Jobs/Greater MN Jobs, Judiciary, Public Safety, HHS Finance/Policy, Aging and Long Term Care

**Morning Itinerary 8am-12:00pm (Please pick one)**

Committee	Activity Description	Mark ONE to indicate interest
Education Finance/Policy, Higher Education, Early Childhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Breakfast and a community conversation w/ Winona Senior High School teachers and students and WSU faculty and students</li> <li>- Tour of Education Village at Winona State University – a brand new education training center for early and secondary education</li> </ul>	
Tax/ Property Tax Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Informational hearing at Winona City Hall on local property taxes, including testimony and discussion on what costs are increasing the most and the impact on the community</li> </ul>	
Capital Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Winona State University – tour previously bonded for Education Village</li> <li>- MN State #12 - Center for Interdisciplinary Collaboration</li> <li>- HEAPR needs at Minnesota State College-Southeast</li> <li>- HEAPR needs - Main Campus, roof replacement for \$2,160,890 was on last year's list</li> <li>- Port of Winona visit</li> </ul>	
Jobs/Greater MN Jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Roundtable discussion with Project FINE and the REACH Program, focusing on economic and workforce development</li> <li>- Tour of WSU's Composite Materials Engineering Program</li> <li>- Tour of RTP Co. Headquarters, a global compounder of custom engineered thermoplastics</li> </ul>	
Public Safety/Judiciary	<p>Tour of the Winona County Courthouse followed by a roundtable discussion with the State Court Administrator and judges from the 3rd Judicial district; topics will include the new District-wide Veterans' Treatment Court; Juvenile Truancy Court program and Greater Minnesota's access and growing need for Interpreter services. Following this event will be a round-table discussion with Winona County Attorney, and Chair of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to discuss Criminal Justice Reform in general in Greater Minnesota, the planning for a Family Treatment Court in Winona, the Juvenile Diversion program, re-entry programs and probation.</p>	
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Environment Finance/Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cal Fremling Boat Tour on Mississippi River: Details to be finalized but will include presentation on the history of the floating classroom, presentations by U.S. Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Natural Resources, and presentations from Winona State University faculty and students on work done on Mississippi River. The boat will make a stop at an island and a lock and dam.</li> </ul>	
HHS Finance/Policy, Long Term Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation on Adverse Childhood Experiences community education and trauma-informed services by Winona State University staff</li> <li>- Roundtable discussion with county workers regarding implementation of the Families First Prevention Services Act</li> <li>- Tour of the Friendship Center, a facility that supports the quality of life for older adults</li> </ul>	
Transportation Finance & Policy	Tour various transportation sites across the city of Winona and surrounding region, including but not limited to: local county roads tour, Winona Port Authority, Winona Railway Station, among others.	

**Lunch 12:30pm-1:30pm**

Attendees	Activity
ALL HOUSE MEMBERS AND STAFF	Box Lunch at the Winona Friendship Center in Downtown Winona. The Friendship Center is a facility that supports the quality of life for older adults, and is run by the city of Winona Parks and Recreation Department.

**Winona Afternoon Committees meeting Thursday, Oct 3:** Taxes/Property Taxes, Education Finance, Education Policy, Higher Education, Environment Finance/Policy, Legacy, Jobs, Housing, Early Childhood, Energy, Greater MN Jobs, Transportation

**Afternoon Itinerary 1:30pm-6:00pm (Please pick one):**

Committee	Activity Description	Mark ONE to indicate interest
Tax/Property Tax Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Caledonia, MN- Informational hearing on local property taxes, including testimony and discussion on what costs are increasing the most, impact on the community, and property taxes on agricultural land.</li> </ul>	
Education Finance/Policy, Higher Ed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community conversation about bridges to post-secondary education opportunities at Southeast Technical College.</li> <li>- Community conversation about Higher Education at St. Mary's University.</li> </ul>	
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Greater MN Jobs/Energy	Tour and hearing at the MiEnergy Cooperative in Rushford, MN. Following the tour will be two roundtable discussions. the first will focus on broadband development and disaster aid, and the second will focus on energy policy and initiatives.	
Legacy/Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tours of: Winona History Center, Garvin Brook, Farmers Park (Lewiston, MN), Clean Water Partnership Rain Garden</li> <li>- Roundtable with community/student input on Pollinators and Plastics</li> </ul>	
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cal Fremling boat tour of transportation sites, including a presentation from the Army Corps of Engineers on the new bridges in Winona and the Winona port</li> <li>- Hearing at the Winona City Hall on local transportation issues in Winona and the SE Minnesota region</li> </ul>	
Early Childhood/Housing/ Jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Childcare in Greater Minnesota Hearing</li> <li>- Presentations and testimony on the childcare shortage in Minnesota including informational overviews, economic impacts, and public testimony</li> </ul>	

**Winona Evening Itinerary 7:00pm-9:00pm (all members)**

Attendees	Activity Description
ALL HOUSE MEMBERS AND STAFF	Buffet reception at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum, one of the most unique and significant collection of marine artworks in the Midwest. The Marine Art Museum is home to some of the most venerated works of art, including pieces from Picasso, Monet and Van Gogh. This reception will be more informal, focusing on a social hour and allowing members to peruse the gallery at their leisure.

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***Friday, October 4 - Winona, MN***

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**Daily Snapshot**

A buffet breakfast will be served at the hotels prior to checking out. Members will check out before heading out for the final day of activities, which will feature a trip to the Veterans Cemetery in Preston, MN, an outdoors education/recreation activity in Winona, and a roundtable with local leaders and the Ways and Means Committee. Members will come together for a joint brunch on the WSU Campus at the Tao Rotunda where a demonstration of the Model Legislature will take place. Finally, there will be two routes back to St. Paul: one bus will go directly back to the capitol while another bus will make a stop for a hearing with the Prairie Island Tribe.

**Morning 8am-11am**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Mark ONE to indicate interest</b>
Veterans and Military Affairs	Travel to Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in the city of Preston	
All education committees	Table presentations of local Winona education and recreation groups on Lake Winona at the Band shell	

**Morning 9am-11am**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Mark to indicate interest</b>
Ways and Means and House Leadership	Community conversation with local leaders and House leadership and Ways and Means Committee Members—Winona City Hall	

**Community Brunch 11:30am-1:30pm**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Activity</b>
ALL HOUSE MEMBERS AND STAFF	Brunch buffet at Winona State University Tao Rotunda. There will be a demonstration of the Winona Model Legislature and a gathering of education groups.

**Travel Back to the Capitol (Please Pick One)**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Mark ONE to indicate interest</b>
TBD	- Depart from Winona to visit the Prairie Island Indian Community, near the City of Red Wing	
HOUSE MEMBERS AND STAFF	- Return to St. Paul, MN, arrive ~4:00pm	