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Trainings highlight Environment Day at the Legislature

Friday's Environment Day at the Legislature will feature dozens of environmental, faith and other community organizations sharing information about important legislation and policies. Sierra Club and others will teach participants how to lobby their legislators and testify effectively in committee meetings.

Groups will provide training, fact sheets on key environmental-justice issues and opportunities for citizens to try out their skills by testifying and meeting with their legislators at the Roundhouse.

Schedule:

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Electric vehicles on display on the east side of the building. Members of Santa Fe Electric Vehicle Interest Group will be on hand to show the cars and answer questions.

10 a.m.: Lobbying training, Room 303

We will feature key climate and environment bills and give New Mexicans the opportunity to learn how to testify at committee hearings and find and effectively advocate with their elected representatives.

10:30 a.m.: Facilitators help participants find their legislators

Participants head out (with help from our mentors and experienced fellow grassroots lobbyists) to speak with legislators about our bills in groups. Sometimes we can mingle on the House floor and Senate Floor or in the lobby nearby.

10:30 a.m.: Kids climate march around the building and into Rotunda

Starting at east entrance of building.

11 a.m.-12 noon: Rally in the Rotunda

Speakers include students, bill sponsors and advocates.

12-3 p.m.: Afternoon activities

Participants can watch House and Floor sessions from the gallery or attend afternoon committee hearings and continue to visit with legislators.

What: Environment Day at the Legislature

Where: State Capitol Rotunda, [300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe](#)

When: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9

Visuals:

- Kids and legislators speaking at 11 a.m. Rotunda rally;
- Kids climate march;
- Lobbying trainings and New Mexicans speaking with their elected representatives;
- EV show on east side of building

The Sierra Club Rio Grande Chapter represents 35,000 members and supporters in New Mexico and West Texas whose mission is to explore, enjoy and protect the planet.