



OFFICIAL CALL TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES INSTITUTE

October 18-23, 2026
The Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center
Onaway, Michigan

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

The UAW Education Department will hold its **Education Committees Institute** on October 18-23, 2026, at the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center in Onaway, Michigan.

Education is the engine that powers our union forward. This institute will explore the vital role of local union education committees in building collective power. Participants will grow their capacity to design effective education programs at their local union in coordination with their local leadership. They will learn to assess local union education needs and develop skills to better engage member participation in our union through education. We will practice workshop facilitation skills in addition to considering other tools and tactics to engage our members and mobilize them around shared union priorities. Delegates will learn to mobilize their locals from the ground up – one conversation, one action, and one member at a time.

Two core learning tracks will be offered, along with elective workshops that delegates can choose from throughout the week. **Local unions must select one of the below core tracks for each delegate as part of the registration process.**

CORE TRACK OPTIONS:

Effective Educator:

The Education Department's signature workshop *Effective Educator* provides foundational workshop facilitation skills training. Participants will build their confidence with public speaking and leading classroom workshops with members.

Upon completion of this training, they will gain access to a set of stock curriculum provided by the Education Department that they can use to host workshops at their local union.

Educational Talks, Tools, and Tactics:

The classroom is not the only place to reach members with our educational messages. In this track, delegates will consider other creative tools and tactics to educate and mobilize members to action. Delegates will develop their one-on-one conversation skills and explore best practices for building meaningful educational connections with members to engage them in our union.

ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND

This institute is open to UAW members in good standing. It is designed for current education committee members, those interested in implementing or joining an education committee, and local leaders looking to support educational initiatives and engage in strategic planning. Education committee chairs and co-chairs are especially encouraged to attend.

Delegates must be registered by their local union and approved by their region to attend this conference.

REGISTRATION

Local unions must register their delegates by **Monday, September 14, 2026, at 4 p.m. ET**. To register delegates, local unions must follow the registration instructions provided in the attached ***Local Union Process*** document.

The registration fee is **\$75** per delegate. Local unions will be responsible for the payment of all lost time.

Local and regional approval is required to attend this conference. Approved delegates will receive an email confirmation with complete logistical details before the start of the institute. It is important that delegates provide their personal email address and cell phone number to their local union for registration purposes to ensure that they receive all communications about the conference.

INSTITUTE DETAILS & AGENDA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

TRAVEL DAY

Registration: 3 - 5 p.m.

Center Tour: 5 p.m.

Dinner: 6 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026

Institute Opening Plenary: 8:45 a.m.

Workshops: 1:15 - 5 p.m.

All meals provided

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026

Workshops: 8:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.

All meals provided

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026

Workshops: 8:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.

All meals provided

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026

Workshops: 8:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.

All meals provided

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

TRAVEL DAY

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m.

Attendance at all sessions is mandatory. Roll call will be taken at all sessions.

Additional details about the conference agenda will be available on our website as it approaches: <https://uaw.org/education/education-committees/>

Approved delegates will also receive additional information about the conference via email and text message.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Due to limited accommodation, spouses/guests of delegates are not permitted to attend this institute.

All delegates will be paired with their requested roommate or a randomly assigned partner. If a private single room is preferred, single housing may be requested before arrival or at check-in for an additional **\$330.50 plus tax** for the week. This additional cost may be paid by the local union if approved following local protocol, or it may be the responsibility of the individual delegate. **Please note that single rooms are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed.** Payments must be made via personal credit or debit card, money order, personal check, or local union check. Payment of the additional cost must be made prior to arrival or at check-in. Single room arrangements must be made directly with the FEC by calling (989) 733-8521 beginning the day after registration closes. Refer to the ***Local Union Process*** document for additional instructions.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Transportation costs associated with this institute are subsidized as indicated in the ***Local Union Process*** document. Any costs that remain after subsidies are applied are the responsibility of the local union.

All delegates are expected to arrive at the Family Education Center (FEC) by 3 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on Sunday, the first day of the conference, and remain until the institute concludes at 9 a.m. ET on Friday. Arrivals and departures should be arranged accordingly.

Passenger Vehicle

Please be advised of the following Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center policy:

Vehicles allowed to park in the Family Education Center must be union-made and have a VIN beginning with 1, 2, 4, or 5. If the vehicle VIN is anything other than 1, 2, 4, or 5, parking accommodations are available in a lot adjacent to the Center's front gate.

CANCELLATION & SUBSTITUTION

Cancellations made before the registration deadline will be fully refunded. After this date, fees are **non-refundable**. However, if a delegate can no longer attend, the local union may send a replacement in their place. In the event of a swap, the local union should register the new delegate in the online portal and immediately notify their regional office, the Education Department at **education@uaw.net**, and Black Lake at **blacklakefec@uaw.net**.

We view this institute as a vital investment in your local union's future and look forward to your participation.

This official call includes information that should be shared with local unions.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark DePaoli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being more prominent.

Mark DePaoli, Director
UAW Region 1A

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