

# Cap Times Idea Fest '23

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## **BERNIE SANDERS, ADAM KINZINGER ANNOUNCED AS CAP TIMES IDEA FEST SPEAKERS, TICKETS NOW ON SALE**

MADISON, Wis. — A few months ago, Cap Times publisher Paul Fanlund [announced](#) that the seventh annual Cap Times Idea Fest will once again be a hybrid of virtual and in-person events from **Sept. 17-23** across Madison. This morning, Cap Times associate editor John Nichols [announced](#) **U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders** — the iconic progressive leader who has been a contender for the Democratic presidential nomination — as the keynote speaker on Friday night, Sept. 22. Other guests at the festival include former [U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger](#), former PBS NewsHour anchor [Judy Woodruff](#), Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison and many more, with session topics ranging from hunger to artificial intelligence and free speech.

Woodruff and her husband, Al Hunt, a high-powered journalism duo, will be the featured guests in a special fundraiser on Thursday, Sept. 21, while Ellison, a leader in progressive circles, will be on stage in Shannon Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 20. Kinzinger, a former U.S. Representative from Illinois and one of only two Republicans to serve on the Jan. 6 committee, will wrap up a day of in-person sessions at UW-Madison's Shannon Hall with a talk the evening of Saturday, Sept. 23.

[Tickets are now on sale and registration is open](#) for all free virtual events. The most current information on sessions and speakers is available at [captimesideafest.com](https://captimesideafest.com). For media passes or questions about filming a session, contact meeting planner Tracey Bockhop.

For the second year in a row, the Cap Times has teamed up with Madison's **Young Blood Beer Company** for an official Cap Times Idea Fest beer. This year's brew, aptly named **Second Draft**, is a hazy IPA dry hopped with Citra and Summit, and will be available for purchase for a limited time at Young Blood's taprooms in downtown Madison and at Northstreet, as well as at some in-person fest sessions.