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Time for Republicans

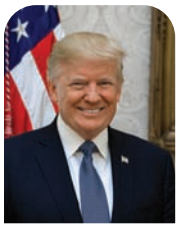
A **political party** holds a national meeting called a **convention** before a presidential election. At that meeting, representatives from each state, called **delegates**, announce which candidate they have chosen to run for president. The candidate also may announce his or her choice for a **running mate**, who would be vice president.

At the convention, members of the party also discuss the party's **platform**, or its ideas and goals about different issues facing the country.

This year, the Republican National Convention takes place July 15 through 18 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the Fiserv Forum, a large arena. It is expected that the party's nominee for president will be former President Donald J. Trump. Trump became president in 2016. In 2020, Joseph R. Biden was elected. He is expected to be the Democratic nominee in 2024.

Past conventions

The first national political conventions were held about 185 years ago, in the 1830s. At one time in our history, no one knew who the nominee would be until after the convention. Delegates voted for whichever candidate they wanted. In fact, in 1968,



Donald J. Trump



Democratic delegates chose a candidate who had won no primary elections!

This will be Milwaukee's first time hosting the convention.

Meet Milwaukee

Milwaukee is the largest city in Wisconsin, a north-central state. About 600,000 people live there. The city lies on the shores of Lake Michigan.



photo by Isaac Rowlett

The Milwaukee River cuts through the city, separating the east and west sides.

Indigenous peoples have lived in the area for many thousands of years, including Ojibwe and Potawatomi tribes. Later, French explorers settled in the area. Many German immigrants came to the region in the mid-1800s looking for inexpensive farmland. Milwaukee still celebrates a German Fest and Oktoberfest each year.

The Milwaukee Brewers and Milwaukee Bucks play major league baseball and basketball in the city. Residents enjoy the Milwaukee River, many parks, forests and nature centers.

Milwaukee has warm, humid summers and cold winters with lots of snow.



Republican Delegates

Groups of delegates from the same state or territory are called a **delegation**. A state's number of delegates is based on population and other factors.

Alabama.....	50
Alaska.....	29
American Samoa.....	9
Arizona.....	43
Arkansas.....	40
California.....	169
Colorado.....	37
Connecticut.....	28
Delaware.....	16
District of Columbia.....	19
Florida.....	125
Georgia.....	59
Guam.....	9
Hawaii.....	19
Idaho.....	32
Illinois.....	64
Indiana.....	58
Iowa.....	40
Kansas.....	39
Kentucky.....	46
Louisiana.....	47
Maine.....	20
Maryland.....	37
Massachusetts.....	40
Michigan.....	55
Minnesota.....	39
Mississippi.....	40
Missouri.....	54
Montana.....	31
Nebraska.....	36
Nevada.....	26
New Hampshire.....	22
New Jersey.....	12
New Mexico.....	22
New York.....	91
North Carolina.....	74
North Dakota.....	29
Northern Mariana Islands.....	9
Ohio.....	79
Oklahoma.....	43
Oregon.....	31
Pennsylvania.....	67
Puerto Rico.....	23
Rhode Island.....	19
South Carolina.....	50
South Dakota.....	29
Tennessee.....	58
Texas.....	161
Utah.....	40
Vermont.....	17
Virginia.....	48
Virgin Islands.....	4
Washington.....	43
West Virginia.....	32
Wisconsin.....	41
Wyoming.....	29
TOTAL.....	2,429*

* Does not include alternate delegates.

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of the Republican National Convention are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



CANDIDATE,
CONVENTION, DELEGATE,
FARMLAND, GERMAN,
ISSUE, MICHIGAN,
MILWAUKEE, NOMINEE,
PARTY, PLATFORM,
POLITICAL, PRESIDENT,
REPUBLICAN, SPEECH,
TRUMP, VOTE, WISCONSIN.

G T N E D I S E R P T R U M P
M I L A C I T I L O P U N D E
H V C U P L A T F O R M N N E
C O O S E T A G E L E D O A K
E T A D I D N A C Q V M M L U
E E U S S I N A G I H C I M A
P N A C I L B U P E R F N R W
S Y T R A P G E R M A N E A L
E N I S N O C S I W F L E F I
G N O I T N E V N O C G K A M

Mini Spy Classics

Mini Spy and her friends are listening to a speech at the Republican convention. See if you can find the hidden pictures. Then color the picture.



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- pencil
- cat
- ring
- eyeglasses
- needle
- number 2
- carrot
- apple
- doughnut
- letter D
- number 3
- pumpkin
- muffin
- duck
- cherry
- letter B
- letter Z
- kite
- bird
- word MINI

Resources



On the Web:
• bit.ly/MPRepublicans

At the library:
• "Political Parties: A Kid's Guide" by Cari Meister

For later:

Find your state in the list above. How does it compare in number of delegates to other states you've been to? Which state has the most delegates? Which state has the fewest?

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