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Pioneer schools

Republicans Look Ahead



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Did you watch any of the Democratic National Convention last week? This week, Republicans are gathering in Charlotte, North Carolina, from Aug. 21-24. A planned celebration in Jacksonville, Florida, was canceled in late July because of concerns about COVID-19.

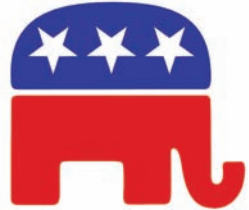
Let's learn more about the Republicans' plans. **Coming together**

A political party (a group of people who have similar ideas about how our country should be run) 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 become vice president if they are elected.

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

The Republicans plan to hold party meetings and formally nominate President Donald J. Trump in Charlotte. Much of the party's business and activities may happen online, including events to celebrate President Trump's nomination.



The elephant is the symbol of the Republican Party.

Mini Fact:

Groups of delegates from a state or territory are called a **delegation**.

Who's running?

President Trump is running for a second term as the leader of our country. Vice President Mike Pence is his running mate.

When a president competes for a second term, he is called an **incumbent**. According to the U.S. Constitution, presidents can serve for only two terms of four years each. If President Trump should win a second term, it will be his last as president.

About Charlotte

Charlotte is home to about 1 million people. It's the largest city in North Carolina.

Before settlement by Europeans, members of the Catawba tribe lived in the area. The city is nicknamed the Queen City after a German princess, Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz.

Many banks are headquartered in Charlotte, along with other large companies and NASCAR.

Republican roots

In 1854, the modern Republican Party was founded in the northern states by people who were against slavery. (The Democratic Party was formed in the early 1830s.)

The first Republican convention was held in Philadelphia in June 1856. About 600 delegates attended the meeting, and about 100 newspaper reporters covered the events there.

The party nominated John C. Fremont, a U.S. senator from California, for president.



Republican delegates

How many does your state have?

Alabama	50
Alaska	29
American Samoa	9
Arizona	57
Arkansas	40
California	172
Colorado	37
Connecticut	28
Delaware	16
District of Columbia	19
Florida	122
Georgia	76
Guam	9
Hawaii	19
Idaho	32
Illinois	67
Indiana	58
Iowa	40
Kansas	39
Kentucky	46
Louisiana	46
Maine	22
Maryland	38
Massachusetts	41
Michigan	73
Minnesota	39
Mississippi	40
Missouri	54
Montana	27
Nebraska	36
Nevada	25
New Hampshire	22
New Jersey	49
New Mexico	22
New York	94
North Carolina	71
North Dakota	29
Northern Mariana Islands	9
Ohio	82
Oklahoma	43
Oregon	28
Pennsylvania	88
Puerto Rico	23
Rhode Island	19
South Carolina	50
South Dakota	29
Tennessee	58
Texas	155
Utah	40
Vermont	17
Virginia	48
Virgin Islands	9
Washington	43
West Virginia	35
Wisconsin	52
Wyoming	29
TOTAL	2,550

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Try 'n' Find

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



CATAWBA, CELEBRATE,	R	E	T	T	O	L	R	A	H	C	I	D	E	A	S
CHARLOTTE, CLIMATE,	H	O	Q	E	N	O	I	T	N	E	V	N	O	C	L
CONSTITUTION,	A	C	U	T	P	I	D	E	L	E	G	A	T	E	X
CONVENTION, DELEGATE,	D	A	E	A	M	N	K	M	S	I	R	U	O	T	E
ELEPHANT, FLORIDA,	I	T	E	N	U	T	E	R	M	M	P	O	R	T	T
IDEAS, INCUMBENT,	R	A	N	I	R	E	P	U	B	L	I	C	A	N	A
NOMINATE, PORT, QUEEN,	O	W	K	M	T	Y	T	N	A	H	P	E	L	E	M
REPUBLICAN, TERM,	L	B	N	O	I	T	U	T	I	T	S	N	O	C	I
TOURISM, TRUMP.	F	A	T	N	E	B	M	U	C	N	I	A	H	M	L
	Y	F	R	B	E	T	A	R	B	E	L	E	C	U	C

Cook's Corner

Easy Cucumber Salad

You'll need:

- 2 cucumbers, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar

- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 cup light sour cream



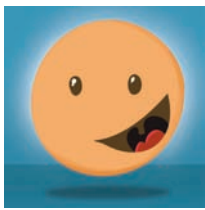
* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

What to do:

1. Sprinkle salt on cucumbers and let them stand for 30 minutes in a medium bowl.
2. After 30 minutes, drain water from cucumbers.
3. Stir in white vinegar and sugar.
4. Just before serving, add sour cream and mix well.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.



1. mixture of red and yellow (6) _____
2. black-and-white bear (5) _____
3. pasta with filling (6) _____
4. doing laps in the pool (8) _____
5. bad guy (7) _____
6. candy-filled target (6) _____
7. not wearing shoes (8) _____

NGE	ATA	ING	OLI
OOT	RAVI	PAN	AIN
DA	MM	EF	BAR
PIÑ	SWI	VILL	ORA

Answers: orange, panda, ravioli, swimming, villain, pinata, barefoot.

Mini Jokes



Randall: On Election Day, what did Delaware?
Reina: Her New Jersey!

Eco Note



More than 2 million wildebeest cross from Tanzania's Serengeti National Park to Kenya's Maasai Mara Game Reserve each year at this time. But this year, rangers set fire to some of the overgrown grasslands in their path to help with pasture regeneration. The smoke and fires have spooked the wildebeest, causing them to stop short of the Sand River, along the Kenya and Tanzania border.



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