

Building a Stronger Precinct

How to Involve those who live in the boundaries of your precinct

Hold Periodic Precinct Meetings and:

- Develop a program to increase Caucus attendance
 - Set a % attendance increase goal
 - Identify move-ins to your Precinct and contact them
 - Find a location for the March 23, 2010 Caucus
- Identify how you can best communicate with residents of your Precinct
 - Flyers, New Media, Surveys, News Letter, Door-to-Door, etc.
- Organize neighborhood walks
 - Recruit support and/or volunteers
 - Register Voters
 - Distribute material
 - Walk for a candidate
- Invite your State Senator or Representative for a Q&A session
- Invite Federal Delegation Staff to give a Report and/or a Q&A Session
- Discuss current issues
 - What do Republicans in your precinct support and/or oppose
 - What legislation would they like to see submitted
 - Identify potential future candidates
- Study a current Federal or State bill
- Organize to support or oppose a current issue or initiative
- Organize a community service/involvement project
 - Bring attention to Republicans working together to improve and support Community projects, schools, businesses, activities, etc.
- Train "How to Become a State Delegate"
 - Show training Power Point (available at UTGOP)
 - Teach Duties and Responsibilities of a State Delegate
- Organize to help a GOP Candidate
 - Develop a signage map - identify best locations for signs in your precinct
 - Organize a Meet-the-Candidate event
 - Develop an Opponent Research program

What Can You Do?

Ideas for Involvement in the Political Arena

Talk About It

- Tell your neighbors
- Complain to the newspaper if coverage is unbalanced
- Express appreciation when the coverage is fair
- Call into local and national talk radio shows
- Use social networking sites like Facebook to share links and commentary with your friends
- Ask questions of elected officials at townhall meetings

Write About It

- Write to your Republican and/or Democrat elected officials to express your views - tell them what you support, do not support and what you expect of them
- Write letters to the editor - keep it respectful, intelligent and to the point
- Create a powerful viral e-mail or video that people can forward to their friends
- Comment on blogs and online news stories
- Start your own blog
- Submit an op-ed piece to the local news paper
- Participate in an online discussion group

Join Forces With Others

- Join a conservative group that is organizing to protest bad policies
- Start a caucus group if one does not exist
- Attend a rally
- Work on a campaign for a candidate, party or issue you support
- Participate in existing political action groups

Be the Change

- Attend your precinct caucus and recruit others to join you
- Serve as a State Delegate
- Donate money to a candidate, cause or party
- Organize an event to draw attention to a specific issue
- Run for office

As you pursue these and, other activities, please remember four important principles:

Be Informed - Understand the legislation that is being proposed. Get a copy of the bill, statement or policy you support or object to. Research the pros and cons. Document your research. Simplify what you've learned and find ways to articulate the main points. Know the Republican Party Platform and use those basic values to frame your discussions.

Be Fearless - Dare to speak to your neighbors, family, friends and associates. Dare to stand firmly behind those timeless values that do indeed resonate with the majority of people in Utah.

Be Calm - Don't allow the conversation to be reduced to a squabble. Find a common interest or shared belief with the person you are talking to.

Be Confident - Stand strong! Do not be intimidated. Stay in control - never back away from defending what you know is right. Remember that when the opposition loses the debate, the only thing they have left is to be confrontational. Do not follow them down that unproductive path.