

Chisago County Republican Party Caucus Information
Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 7:00 pm
Registration begins at 6:30 pm

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What is a Precinct Caucus?

The precinct caucus is a meeting for all those interested in participating in and influencing the election of candidates. The precinct caucus is where political activity starts for the next two years.

In Minnesota, the two largest political parties which will hold caucuses are:

1. the Republican Party.
2. the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party.

In Minnesota there are approximately 4,200 precincts. Each precinct is scheduled to caucus on February 6, 2018.

- Anyone can attend a caucus.
- It is a voluntary, open meeting.

The Minnesota precinct caucus is a legally created political meeting, established by law in State Statutes, sections [202A.14 to 202A.20](#). All precinct caucuses follow a uniform, legally established format.

The Chisago County Republican Party arranges the meeting locations so Republican voters from each precinct can meet together with other Republican voters from that precinct.

A precinct is the geographical area in which you live and vote. It may be your township, your city or portion of your city.

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Who May Participate in a Precinct Caucus?

Participation and voting requirements are established by Minnesota State Statute [202A.16](#).

You may participate and vote in a precinct caucus if you:

- Are or will be eligible to vote in the next general election,
- Reside in the precinct on the day the caucus is held,
- Agree with the political party's stated principles, and
- Have not or will not participate in another political party's precinct caucus in the same year.

State law establishes your right to attend caucus. **Exercise your right.**

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Who Can Attend a Precinct Caucus?

Anyone can attend the Republican precinct caucus on February 6, 2018, to observe the meeting.

- An observer must sign in on the observer registration form.
- Students are encouraged to attend to observe civics in action.
- Parents are encouraged to bring their children to observe.
- A person may attend without participating in discussion or voting.

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Is There a Fee to Attend a Caucus?

No, there is not a fee to attend a caucus.

However, there are costs associated with organizing and conducting a caucus. Venue rental, printing and mailing expenses are a few of the costs involved. For this reason, caucus attendees will have an opportunity to donate to the Chisago County Republican Party. In this way, costs are shared among neighbors and fellow Republicans.

Donations are voluntary. You will not be pressured to contribute.

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When are Precinct Caucuses Held in Minnesota?

This year, caucus will be held February 6, 2018, and must remain open for at least one hour ([202A.15 Subd. 1](#)).

In the event of hazardous weather, caucuses may be postponed by the Secretary of State ([202A.14, Subd. 1 \(c\)](#)). Any postponement will be announced on radio and TV by 6:00 pm on the day of caucus.

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Where do the Chisago County Republican Precinct Caucuses meet in 2018?

In Chisago County there are 23 precincts which will meet in 14 locations.

| Precinct | HD | Caucus Locations | Address | City |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Amador | 32B | Amador Township Hall | 37562 Park Trl | Center City |
| Center City | 32B | City Hall | 300 N Center Ave | Center City |
| Chisago Lake N | 32B | Chisago Lake Town Hall | 12400 316th Street | Lindstrom |
| Chisago Lake S | 32B | Chisago Lake Town Hall | 12400 316th Street | Lindstrom |
| Chisago City | 32B | Chisago Lakes Lakeside School | 10345 Wyoming Ave | Chisago City |
| Lindstrom | 32B | Chisago Lakes Lakeside School | 10345 Wyoming Ave | Chisago City |
| Fish Lake | 32A | Fish Lake Town Hall | 2170 Brunswick Rd | Harris |
| Franconia | 39A | Franconia Town Hall | 25156 St Croix Trail N | Shafer |
| Harris | 32A | North Branch HS Auditorium | 38175 Grand Ave | North Branch |
| North Branch A (old W) | 32A | North Branch HS Auditorium | 38175 Grand Ave | North Branch |
| North Branch B (old N) | 32B | North Branch HS Auditorium | 38175 Grand Ave | North Branch |
| North Branch C (old S) | 32B | North Branch HS Auditorium | 38175 Grand Ave | North Branch |
| Lent | 32B | Lent Town Hall | 33155 Hemingway Ave | Stacy |
| Stacy | 32B | Lent Town Hall | 33155 Hemingway Ave | Stacy |
| Nessel | 32A | Rush City Community Center | 740 W 14th St | Rush City |
| Rush City | 32A | Rush City Community Center | 740 W 14th St | Rush City |
| Rushseba | 32A | Rush City Community Center | 740 W 14th St | Rush City |
| Shafer City | 39A | Shafer City Hall | 17696 303rd St | Shafer |
| Shafer Township B | 39A | Shafer City Hall | 17696 303rd St | Shafer |
| Shafer Township A | 32B | Shafer Town Hall | 18259 St Croix Trl | Shafer |
| Sunrise | 32B | Sunrise Town Hall | 41275 Oak St | North Branch |
| Taylors Falls | 32B | Taylors Falls Elementary School | 648 West St | Taylors Falls |
| Wyoming | 32B | Wyoming Elementary School | 25701 Forest Blvd | Wyoming |

To identify your precinct, find it [here](#) on the Secretary of State's website.

While at that website:

- Type in the requested information.
- Your precinct will be identified.
- Then look at the above chart to find the location of your Chisago County Republican precinct caucus. **The precinct caucus location may be different from your polling place.**

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What Should I Expect at the Precinct Caucus?

Plan to arrive before 7:00 pm.
Registration starts at 6:30 pm.

The caucus meeting will start promptly at 7:00 pm.

When you arrive at caucus:

- You will be greeted by fellow Republicans.
- You will be asked to register.
- You can browse the literature and any letters from candidates.
- You can ask questions.
- You can visit with your neighbors.

By state law, a fellow Republican will convene the meeting ([202A.18, Subd. 1](#)). This person has been appointed by the Chisago County Republican Party to call the meeting to order. The convener holds a temporary position just to start the meeting.

Since each precinct is a self-determining body, each precinct has the right to choose its own chair for the caucus meeting. The temporary convener will open the floor for nominations to elect a permanent chair for the caucus meeting.

The caucus may elect the temporary convener as the permanent chair for the meeting. Or it may elect someone else.

The Chisago County Republican Party has also appointed a temporary secretary to take minutes at the start of the meeting. The caucus may elect the temporary secretary as the permanent secretary for the meeting. Or it may elect someone else.

The precinct caucus will then conduct its business.

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What Business is Conducted at the Precinct Caucus?

Minnesota Republicans will caucus together by precinct to:

- elect officers for their precinct for the next two years ([202A.18, Subd. 2](#)),
- elect delegates to represent Republicans in their precinct at the Chisago County Republican convention which is a meeting of all delegates elected in each of the 23 precincts in Chisago County ([202A.18, Subd. 2](#)),
- consider and vote on political resolutions to promote at the Chisago County Republican convention on Thursday, March 1, 2018, and
- vote for a gubernatorial candidate ([202A.18, Subd. 2a](#)).

Elect Precinct Officers

The person elected as the chair of the caucus meeting is chair for that meeting only. The caucus will elect those who will be the precinct officers for the next two years. The Chisago County Republican Party Constitution, specifies the following four precinct offices:

1. Chair,
2. Vice-chair,
3. Secretary and
4. One Representative to the Chisago County Republican Party Board of Directors.

Elect Delegates

Each precinct will elect delegates and an equal number of alternates who will represent the precinct at the Chisago County Republican conventions during the next two years.

Adopt Resolutions

Any person participating in caucus may submit a resolution to the caucus for consideration. If the resolution is approved by vote of the caucus, it is then forwarded to the Chisago County Republican Convention for consideration.

A Resolution Form can be [downloaded here](#). A resolution is intended to change a specific portion of the [Minnesota Republican Party Platform](#).

Gubernatorial Poll

After voting for your choice of a Republican gubernatorial candidate, the results from the 4,200 precincts in Minnesota are sent to the Minnesota Republican Party that evening. The results of the poll will be reported by the media.

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What are the Duties of Precinct Officers?

The precinct officers who are elected at precinct caucus direct the political activities of the precinct. They:

- Conduct any meetings of the precinct.
- Assist the Caucus Coordinator with finding your next caucus location.
- Recruit your caucus leadership team for your caucus in 2020.
- Support endorsed GOP candidates.
- Encourage precinct members to help the Party or candidates.
- Encourage and coordinate Precinct Delegates and Alternates to attend conventions so your precinct has a full voting strength and representation at conventions.

Precinct officers serve for two years until election at the next precinct caucuses.

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What are the Duties of Precinct Delegates and Alternates?

The elected delegates from all 23 precincts meet together for the Chisago County Republican Party conventions to represent their precincts. Alternates substitute for delegates who cannot attend a convention. Delegates and alternates are elected to serve two year terms. When meeting in the even year and odd year convention, precinct delegates:

1. **Even year:** Elect Delegates and Alternates to represent the Chisago County Republican Party at District Conventions and State Conventions.
2. **Even year:** Consider resolutions from the precinct caucuses to amend the State Republican Party's platform and Legislative Action Agenda.
3. **Even year:** Endorse a State House candidate and a State Senate candidate.
4. **Odd year:** Elect the Executive Committee of the Chisago County Republican Party.
5. **Odd year:** Amend the Chisago County Republican Party's Constitution if needed.
6. **Odd year:** Elect Delegates to represent the Chisago County Republican Party at the State Central Committee which elects the officers of the State Republican Party.

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How Do I Become a Republican Precinct Delegate?

In order to become a precinct delegate, you must meet the following requirements. You:

- Are or will be eligible to vote in the next general election,
- Reside in the precinct on the day the caucus is held,
- Agree with the Republican Party's stated principles, and
- Have not or will not participate in another political party's precinct caucus in the same year.

At caucus, you can place your name on the ballot for your precinct to elect you as a delegate to represent the precinct at the Chisago County Republican conventions.

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Do I Need to Attend Caucus to be Involved?

Attending caucus is a great way to become active in the Chisago County Republican Party.

However, you do not have to attend caucus or be elected as a delegate in order to be involved politically. Anyone can:

- volunteer to help elect Republican endorsed candidates,
- contribute to a Republican candidate,
- contribute to the Chisago County Republican Party,
- volunteer to help with Republican Party political activities,
- walk in a parade with a candidate,
- display a yard sign for a candidate,
- install yard signs for a candidate.

You can volunteer by filling out the contact form on this website and someone will contact you.

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