

The 2009 Young Democrats of America Convention will be held August 5th-9th in Chicago, Illinois. This event offers unique training opportunities for Young Democrats to develop skills as organizers, communicators, fundraisers and issue advocates.

Former Vermont Governor and DNC Chairman Howard Dean will keynote the 2009 Convention. During his tenure as chairman (2005-2009) Democrats reclaimed a majority of statehouses, the US House, the US Senate, and the White House.

KANSAS DELEGATION

26 delegates are needed to cast the 80 votes awarded to Kansas. In order to guarantee a broad cross-section of Young Democrats represent Kansas at the 2009 Convention the following diversity goals have been established: 50% female, 10% LGBT, 5% Hispanic and 5% African American.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Kansas Delegation please notify Tyler Longpine (tlongpine@gmail.com), Kansas Young Democrats President, of your interest before Monday July 27th, 2009.

Requirements

The primary duty of delegates is to elect an Executive Committee of the Young Democrats of America. This important election will determine the course of our organization throughout the next two years.

Delegates are responsible for making travel and lodging arrangements. See “Lodging” below for more information. Delegates are encouraged to work out cost-sharing agreements with other delegates traveling to the Convention.

Expectations

Delegates are the face of the Kansas Young Democrats representing our state to the other 49 states and the Young Democrats of America. As such, **the actions of delegates should be guided by a sense of service to the people of Kansas and the Democratic Party. Delegates will be expected to maintain a professional decorum, exercise sound judgment, and conduct themselves responsibly and respectfully.**

Delegates are expected participate in the myriad training opportunities available in Chicago and to return to Kansas with the skill and will to elect Democrats in Kansas.



REGISTRATION

Registration is \$100 per participant. To ensure the broadest participation in the trainings available at the Convention **the Kansas Young Democrats will be paying the registration fee for all delegates who participate in the training opportunities.**

CONVENTION SITE

Located in the South Loop the [Hyatt Regency McCormick Place](#), is a 32-story hotel with 800 newly renovated, state-of-the-art guest rooms, and 39,000 square feet of meeting space. The hotel offers 24-hour recreational facilities including an indoor, heated pool, outdoor sundeck, and full-service health club.



LODGING

Please note, it is **not** necessary to lodge at the Convention site. Convention Hotel information and rates are below.

Hyatt Regency McCormick Place

2233 S. Martin Luther King Drive

Chicago, IL 60616

(312)567-1234

Room Rates:

Single/Double/Triple/Quad occupancy: \$149.00 (does not include state and local taxes).

Don't forget to mention that you are reserving rooms within the Young Democrats of America room block.

Alternative lodging resources:

hichicago.org

hostels.com/us.il.ch.html

EXPENSES

Depending on travel, lodging and other incidentals an individual's expenses for a four day stay in Chicago could range from \$150 to \$700. Recognizing that not all young people have disposable income it is encouraged that they seek sponsorship in the form of donations from their personal network of local Democratic benefactors, friends, and family. A sample budget for a full, four day, on-site convention experience is provided below:

Rental Car	\$55 (x4 days)	\$250 (after taxes)
Fuel	\$2.55	\$110
Lodging	\$150 (x4 days)	\$650 (after taxes)
TOTAL	\$208	\$1,010
/ 4	\$51.89	\$252.50

Additional savings can be generated by driving one's own car, finding alternative lodging, and/or committing to an abbreviated Convention schedule.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Additional events are added regularly. Check www.ydachicago2009.com for schedule updates.

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

12:00pm - 8:00pm	REGISTRATION OPEN	Ballroom Foyer, 2nd floor
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Board of Director's Lunch	Boardroom 1
4:00pm - 5:30pm	Trainings & Workshops A	Conference Center, 2nd floor
5:30pm - 7:00pm	Trainings & Workshops B	Conference Center, 2nd floor
8:30pm - 10:30pm	Welcome Reception	Regency Ballroom

Thursday, August 6, 2009

8:00am - 6:30pm	REGISTRATION OPEN	Ballroom Foyer, 2nd floor
9:00am - 10:30am	Plenary Session	Regency Ballroom
12:00pm - 1:30pm	State Presidents Lunch	Off-Site
5:00pm - 8:30pm	General Session	McCormick Center South Ballroom
8:30pm - 10:00pm	Executive Committee Dinner	Off-Site

Trainings & Workshops

10:30am - 12:00pm	Trainings & Workshops C	Conference Center, 2nd floor
2:00pm - 3:30pm	Trainings & Workshops D	Conference Center, 2nd floor
3:30pm - 5:00pm	Trainings & Workshops E	Conference Center, 2nd floor

Convention Committee Meetings

9:00am - 12:00pm	Awards Committee	Boardroom 2
9:00am - 10:30pm	Credentials Committee	Conference Center, 1st floor 10AB
9:00am - 10:30am	Resolutions Committee	Conference Center, 1st floor 10CD
9:00am - 12:00pm	Platform Committee	Conference Center, 1st floor 11AB
2:00pm - 5:00pm	Platform Committee	Conference Center, 1st floor 11AB
2:00pm - 3:30pm	Rules & Charter Committee	Conference Center, 1st floor 12AB

Caucuses Meetings

9:00am - 10:00am	Jewish Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12C
10:00am - 11:00am	Women's Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12C
11:00am - 12:00pm	Minority Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12C
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Labor Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12C
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Rural Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12C
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Disability Issues Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12C
3:00pm - 4:00pm	GLBT Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12C
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Veterans & Military Affairs	Conference Center, 1st floor 12D
4:00pm - 5:00pm	High School Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12C
4:00pm - 5:00pm	College Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12D

Friday, August 7, 2009

8:00am - 6:30pm	REGISTRATION OPEN	Ballroom Foyer, 2nd floor
9:00am - 10:30am	Plenary Session	Regency Ballroom
6:00pm - 9:30pm	General Session	McCormick Center South Ballroom

Trainings & Workshops

10:30am - 12:00pm	Trainings & Workshops F	Conference Center, 2nd floor
2:00pm - 3:30pm	Trainings & Workshops G	Conference Center, 2nd floor
3:30pm - 5:00pm	Trainings & Workshops H	Conference Center, 2nd floor

Convention Committee Meetings

9:00am - 12:00pm	Awards Committee	Boardroom 2
9:00am - 10:30pm	Credentials Committee	Conference Center, 1st floor 10AB
9:00am - 10:30am	Resolutions Committee	Conference Center, 1st floor 10CD
9:00am - 12:00pm	Platform Committee	Conference Center, 1st floor 11AB
2:00pm - 5:00pm	Platform Committee	Conference Center, 1st floor 11AB
2:00pm - 3:30pm	Rules & Charter Committee	Conference Center, 1st floor 12AB

Caucuses & Regional Meetings

9:00am - 10:00am	Disability Issues Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12C
10:00am - 11:00am	High School Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12C
10:00am - 11:00am	College Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12D
11:00am - 12:00pm	GLBT Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12C
11:00am - 12:00pm	Veterans & Military Affairs	Conference Center, 1st floor 12D
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Pacific Region	Conference Center, 2nd floor 20ABC
	Mid-Atlantic Region	Conference Center, 2nd floor 21AB
	Southwest Region	Conference Center, 2nd floor 21C
	Northeast Region	Conference Center, 2nd floor 22AB
	Southeast Region	Conference Center, 2nd floor 22C
	Great Lakes Region	Conference Center, 2nd floor 23ABC
	Mid-West	Conference Center, 2nd floor 24AB
	Southcentral	Conference Center, 2nd floor 24C
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Rural Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12C
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Labor Issues Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12C
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Minority Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12C
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Women's Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12C
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Jewish Caucus	Conference Center, 1st floor 12C

Saturday, August 8, 2009

8:00am - 1:30pm	REGISTRATION OPEN	Ballroom Foyer, 2nd floor
9:30am - 12:00pm	General Session	McCormick Center South Ballroom
1:30pm - 5:30pm	General Session	McCormick Center South Ballroom
6:30pm - 7:30pm	Tomorrow Club Reception	
7:30pm - 10:30pm	Awards Gala	Regency Ballroom