

The Texas State Democratic Convention: A Delegate's Schedule and Responsibilities

Thursday, June 24th:

- **At 7:00pm, there is a Kickoff Reception at the Texas State Aquarium**, which is very near the Convention Center. This event is an opportunity for Delegates, Alternates, elected officials, and guests to relax, socialize and enjoy our host city before we start the business of the Convention on Friday. This event does not require your attendance but it's always fun, and this year includes a Silent Auction and a Dolphin Show. It's also a fun way to help the TDP raise the funds to put on a first rate Convention.

Friday, June 25th:

- This is the first "main" day of Convention activity.
- **The credentials booths will open at 8:00am in Exhibit Hall B.** To pick up your credential, you will need an ID such as a driver's license or any other form of ID prescribed by the secretary of state.
- **From 9:00am-5:00pm on Friday and Saturday, vendors will display their merchandise in Exhibit Hall A** (next to the credentials registration). Vendors sell a wide variety of items including jewelry, clothing, political memorabilia, while some booths are informational like those for candidates or organizations.
- **From 9:00am-3:00pm, issue caucuses and meetings will be taking place at the American Bank Center.** These caucuses are an opportunity for like-minded Delegates* to meet and discuss issues they may want to pursue.
- **From 3:00-5:00pm, the Senate District caucuses will take place at the American Bank Center, the Omni Bayfront, and the Omni Marina hotels.** These meetings are required by the Rules of the Texas Democratic Party. At this meeting, you and your fellow Delegates will nominate your representatives to the permanent committees of the Convention: Credentials, Rules, Resolutions, Nominations, and Platform, as well as choosing your SDEC members.
- **At 6:00pm, the Convention is called to order.** For the next few hours, all Delegates will participate in some of the required duties of our Party. These activities include: opening ceremonies, electing the Permanent Chair for the Convention and a few other items specified in the Rules of the TDP. We will also hear from our gubernatorial candidate, Bill White. When you go into the Arena, look for your Senate District number signs to find your seating.
- After the Convention breaks for the evening, you should make plans to head to the main Convention hotel, the Omni Bayfront, and attend some free receptions to be held by different groups and individuals.

Saturday, June 26th:

- **At 8:30am, the Lady Bird Johnson Breakfast will be held at the American Bank Center.** This event will feature Andrea White, wife of Mayor Bill White. This event is always fun and it's another way to help support the TDP as we aim to host a successful Convention.
- **At 9:30am, there will be trainings hosted by the TDP and other organizations** in an effort to help educate Delegates on a range of topics including: grassroots organizing, social media, and the VAN (Voter Action Network) to name a few.
- **At 11:00am, the Convention will be called back to order.** During this session you and your fellow Delegates will have the opportunity to hear from all of our excellent statewide candidates. Elections will also be held for TDP officers for 2010-2012. In addition there are resolutions to be read and voted on as well as Rules changes and more. We anticipate Convention will be over around 5:00pm.

Please continue to check our Convention page at www.txdemocrats.org/2010-Convention for updates. This is a great resource and can answer many of the questions you have about the Convention. We look forward to seeing you in Corpus Christi!

*Note: Alternates will assume Delegate responsibilities if they are raised to Delegate status at their Senate District Caucus.