

February precinct caucuses start 2012 campaign

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February 7, 2012 is when thousands of Minnesotans will gather together to become actively involved with their local political unit and participate at the most grassroots level of democracy. Things start off at 7PM.

When you attend your local caucus you have to opportunity to speak with city, county, and congressional district candidates, participate in a preferential straw ballot, and compose resolutions that have the potential to be forwarded to their local unit conventions and the state convention. This is where government begins!

Who can attend a caucus? Any eligible voter who agrees with the principles of the party as stated in its constitution or who voted with the party in the last election or intends to in the next election can attend a caucus.

You cannot participate in more than one party's caucus in any one year and you cannot be an officer of a different political party. Anyone can attend a precinct caucus to observe.

To be an eligible voter, you must:

- be at least 18 years of age on Election Day
- be a U. S. citizen
- and have lived in Minnesota for at least 20 days.

Go to the Secretary of State's website (<http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>) to find your local precinct number.