

**Wood County
Republican Party**



Central Committee Guide

Your Responsibilities as Republican Central Committee Members

As an elected member of the Wood County Republican Party, you represent fellow republicans in your precinct, and thus have responsibilities that come with the position. Being a central committee person means much more than having a title and showing up to the occasional meeting, it means that you are actively involved in promoting the party, the candidates, and the ideas.

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the population in Wood County has grown nearly 4% since 2000 and Lucas County has lost 3% of its population since 2000. Around the country we can see that people are moving from high-tax, Democrat controlled states to lower tax states. People are moving out of cities and moving further out to escape the problems of urban living. Unfortunately, even though these people want a better life, they bring their voting habits with them.

It is this reality that should alarm Republicans and bring us to take proactive action in securing that our county remains Republican and continues to reflect our conservative values. Fortunately, we already have a structure in place, it is the central committee, and it is the original community organization. But it is useless unless we use it. We cannot stand by and hope that Wood County will remain Republican.

List of responsibilities:

- Recommend polling officials for your precinct
- Promote GOP activities and candidates
- Compile a list of yard sign locations
- Participate in campaigns
- Join/start a sub committee
- Invest in the party
- Come to central committee meetings

Appointing Polling Officials In Your Precinct

One of your primary responsibilities as a member of central committee is to recommend people to work at the polling locations for elections. It is important that you find good and trustworthy people for these positions because they will be the people who will be making sure everything runs smoothly and legally at your polling location on Election Day. If you do not make recommendations, the Board of Elections will be forced to find people to fill those positions. This wastes their time when they could be preparing for the election in better ways. Besides, what could be more assuring than knowing the people running the polls and having the confidence that they will guard against mistakes and voter fraud?

A form is sent to each central committee person to fill out for their respective precincts around June of each year. You are to recommend a Presiding Judge and a Poll Judge and several alternates. Don't worry, the Board of Elections will provide a list of Republican voters in your precinct and the previous year's recommendations to help you find good people to suggest. These people will be trained by the BoE and paid a stipend for their work on Election Day.

*Helpful Hint: You can recommend anyone who is a registered Republican living in Wood County to work at any of the polls. Perhaps you have friends elsewhere in the county who would like to work?

*Also, you may even recommend yourself and a family member to work the polls. It's a great way to see and meet some of your neighbors that vote in your precinct (which you should be doing anyway).

Promoting GOP Activities and Candidates

As an elected member of the party, part of your job is to help get other Republicans elected. This does not mean you have to support every single Republican candidate, even if you do not agree with them. It does mean that you need to get involved in a campaign of a candidate that you do believe in. There are plenty of candidates and issues to support, so get involved in at least one!

Parades: Candidates need their supporters at parades to walk with them. The more supporters, the better!

Door-to-door: If a candidate is going door-to-door in your precinct, you should help him or her out! Introducing the candidate to your neighbors will build great rapport in your precinct.

Donations: In order for your county party to operate effectively, we need your financial support. Also, don't forget that campaigns need money to buy things like yard signs and literature. Printed items do not come cheap and make up a significant portion of a campaign budget. If you are able to help out a candidate through an in-kind gift or money, they will be received with great appreciation.

Voicing the Issues: If you use social networking websites such as Facebook, Twitter, or Google+, then consider posting important issues and points that can be found on the state GOP website.

Phone banks: During important election years, there will be need of volunteers to man the phones and call on behalf of candidates. This will be of vital importance in 2012 when our presidential nominee is running in the general election. It is part of your duty to participate in victory center activities, such as phone banking, but to encourage others as well.

Campaigns and issues to consider getting involved with this coming year:

- President
- State Senate
- State Representative
- Commissioners
- Clerk of Court
- Recorder
- Sheriff
- Treasurer
- Engineer
- Coroner
- Supreme Court Justice
- 6th District Court of Appeals
- Common Pleas Judge
- Probate Judge

Yard Sign Locations

Part of promoting campaigns and party activities include finding good yard sign locations in your precinct to host candidates' signs. The reason why we are asking you to do this is so that the party can build and compile a master file of yard sign locations across the county. The file would be available to our candidates to use. Additionally, you might find it extremely useful yourself if you decide to run for office or help on a state or national campaign that needs yard sign locations. 2012 is going to be a big year and we need to be prepared as much as possible to ramp up visible support. In the last four years Wood County has gone to Obama and to Strickland. We need to create a visible excitement about our candidates and help our cause.

As the 2012 election season approaches, keep yard sign locations in mind. On the next few pages are forms for you to use and duplicate for collecting sign locations. Remember that they do not necessarily need to be in neighborhoods with houses, they can also be on the lawns of businesses.

Example:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Township** _____

Phone #: _____

Size: Large sign 3x4 Regular sign

Is the owner willing to put up all Republican signs? Y N

Notes: _____

Yard Sign Locations:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Township** _____

Phone #: _____

Size: Large sign 3x4 Regular sign

Is the owner willing to put up all Republican signs? Y N

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Join a Committee

This is an exciting time to be a Republican in Wood County. We are planning on being energetic, organized, and proactive in our efforts to reach out to voters. But we cannot be innovative without your participation. We will be creating committees that will be focused on improving the party and advocating our platform.

Here are some committees that will be needing members:

- Finance/Fundraising committee
- Social Media/Networking/Website committee
- Charter Review committee
- Annual Lincoln Day Dinner Committee

*Is there a committee that you would like to see, why not ask to start one!

Eyes and Ears of the Party

While central committee people are representatives of their precincts and representatives of their party to their precincts, they also serve as the “Eyes and Ears” of the party. This means that you need to be attentive and know what is happening in your neighborhood. Is someone collecting signatures on petitions at the library? Is a democrat candidate walking around your neighborhood? Be aware and contact the party about the issue. Our candidates will need to know the maneuverings of the opposition.

This task is more than just observing political movement within your area. Community events are plentiful during the Spring, Summer, and Fall months, and it would be helpful to let the party know if there is a parade, carnival, or fair being planned in your area.