



Day in the Life of a Delegate



Before the Convention

- Questions? Reach out to Chandler (Chandler.denhart@wisdems.org) or Wyatt (wyatt.elliott@wisdems.org)
- Next training: past DNC delegates share tips & tricks
 - Thurs, August 8th from 6:00-7:00 PM
- **Office Hours:**
 - Thurs Aug 8th: 5:00-6:00PM



General Information

- **Convention runs Monday Aug 19th - Thurs Aug 22nd**
 - Plan on Sunday, Aug 18th arrival; Fri, Aug 23rd departure (typical travel plan for delegates, plan travel times accordingly)
 - Traditionally a welcome party is hosted for delegations Sunday evening
- **Delegation Hotel:** Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk (301 E North Water St)
 - Hotel check-in: 4PM; Check out: 12PM; Parking \$68/night
 - Delegation Breakfast: Sheraton IV Ballroom (Mon-Thurs, 8-10AM)
 - **You must pick up YOUR OWN credential DAILY**
- **Caucus/Committee meeting place:** McCormick Place (2301 S Martin Luther King Dr)
- **Evening Program:** United Center (1901 W Madison St)
- There will be free shuttles running between the hotel, McCormick Pl, and United Center.
 - *Only credentialed individuals will be able to use the shuttles*



General Information

- Texting line: you will be automatically subscribed, don't unsubscribe!
 - 2-way communication
 - Delegation communication only
- Dress Code: Comfortable business casual
 - Frequent movement
 - Comfy shoes
 - Decorate yourself!
 - Have a plan to keep your phone charged
- Press everywhere, be smart!
 - Will include press training highlights in follow up



What a Day Looks Like

- 8:00AM-10:00AM: breakfast
 - **MUST PICK UP CREDENTIAL**
- ~11:00AM-3:00PM: Caucus and committee trainings at McCormick Place
 - Open to public; food available on-site
- ~3:00PM-6:00PM: Pre-programming at United Center
 - Ideal arrival time
 - Food available onsite
- ~6:00PM-10:00PM: Main evening program
 - We ask all delegates are in the arena by 6PM!

Sunday 8/18	Monday 8/19	Tuesday 8/20	Wednesday 8/21	Thursday 8/22	Friday 8/23
	8:00-10:00 AM Delegate Breakfast, Credentials Issued	8:00-10:00 AM Delegate Breakfast, Credentials Issued	8:00-10:00 AM Delegate Breakfast, Credentials Issued	8:00-10:00 AM Delegate Breakfast, Credentials Issued	Delegates Travel Home
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	11:00 PM-12:00 AM MWxSW Concert at House of Blues				



Breakfast

- Each day will begin with a breakfast hosted by WisDems, running from 8:00AM-10:00AM CST
 - Sheraton IV Ballroom
- Important information and updates from Chair Wikler for the day
- Guest speakers, raffles, mingling!
- Raffle for daily guest passes
- Breakfast will be where delegates pick up their credentials each morning. **You must be at breakfast by 9:55AM to pick up your credentials for the day.** If you do not pick up your credentials, they will be forfeited for *that day*.
- Opportunity for Q&A w/staff before, during, after



Daily Caucuses & Training Sessions

- Caucuses will meet twice during the week (Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday)
 - WisDems will highlight schedule of trainings for that day at breakfast
- Guests are allowed to attend the caucuses & training sessions
- The caucus space will have places to purchase lunch, as well as a number of other vendors
- Shuttles run from the McCormick Center directly to the United Center
 - *Only credentialed individuals will be permitted on shuttles*



Other Daily Activities

- Partner groups will host a variety of meetings, events, and socials
 - WisDems will share any events we receive ahead of time
 - DemsList Event Calendar (must create account)
 - <https://www.demlist.com/dem-convention-calendar-2024/>
- Generally open to the public, but may be limited to credentialed individuals
- Lunch is on your own
- Explore the city!
 - Make any reservations NOW



Convention Programming

- The United Center will open each day at 3:00PM
 - Preprogramming: ~3:00PM-6:00PM
 - Main programming ~6:00PM-10:00PM
- Convention hall fills quickly as we approach the primetime program. *We advise early arrival to ensure you make it into the building!*
 - Finding transportation can also be difficult as we get close the main program; only shuttles allowed in perimeter
- Concessions available for purchase
- Our delegation will have an assigned area in the convention hall
 - Alternates, committee members, and guests will sit in a separate section
- Expect programming until 10:00PM each evening



Convention Security

- Expect airport-level security through Secret Service
- List of prohibited items will be shared with you in follow up email, highlights include:
 - No pets besides service animals
 - No bags larger than 18x13x7 (standard backpack)
 - Balloons, signs, noisemakers, or generally loose flying objects
 - No umbrellas with metal tips
 - No unapproved motorized mobility devices
 - No weapons, including swiss army knives or pocket knives
 - No glass, thermal, or metal containers
 - No selfie sticks



After the Program

- Each night after the convention program ends there will be optional events hosted by state parties and groups
 - WisDems will share info as we receive it, but you may also hear directly from groups/states
 - Follow or contact your favorite groups to hear about them (Planned Parenthood, labor, etc)
- WisDems will be hosting a concert with the Arizona Democratic Party on Monday, Aug 19th, following gavel-out of convention
 - House of Blues Chicago (329 N Dearborn St, Chicago)
 - Jimmy Eat World
 - Free to delegates + 1 guest
 - Note: you will need to find transportation directly from United Center OR take shuttle back to hotel (15 min walk from hotel)
- We encourage you to enjoy yourself, but remember that you must be at breakfast each morning to pick up your credentials for the day!



Highlights

- Plan on walking/standing a lot, comfy shoes!
- *Must get credential each morning between 8-10AM at Sheraton IV*
- Daytime activities open to guests, shuttles only for credentialed individuals
 - Evening program for credentialed individuals only
- Communication via text line with DPW Staff; reach out with questions or problems any time
- Monday Aug 19th, House of Blues Concert for WI delegation
- Make a plan for your days, including travel time between venues and activities!



Questions?

Best points of contact:

- Chandler (Political Director): 262-203-2709, chandler.denhart@wisdems.org
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