

White County Awarded Bid to Host 2008 District Republican Convention

At its regularly scheduled District Committee meeting on August 4, 2007, the 9th District Committee selected White County to host the 2008 GOP District Convention. The Convention is scheduled to be held on April 18 and 19, 2008.

“In my mind, White County was a natural choice to kick off the 2008 election cycle in North Georgia”, stated District GOP Chairman Kevin Harris. “During recent election cycles, White County voters have increasingly supported Republican candidates at the local, state, and national level. White County is a special place and I looking forward to working with the local party and volunteers to ensure that this will be a successful event.”

By hosting the convention, White County will become the center of attention for the Republican Party entering the 2008 election cycle. On Friday evening, the traditional banquet will serve to kick off the weekend activities. On Saturday, delegates and alternates from fifteen counties in North Georgia will officially convene the 2008 GOP District Convention. One of the primary functions of the convention will be to select the delegates and alternates to attend the National Republican Convention. In addition, the district will adopt the 2008 platform and conduct its regular business leading into the 2008 election cycle. Statewide elected officials, members of the Georgia General Assembly, and additional special guests will be part of the weekend’s activities.

White County GOP Chair Josh Turner was pleased with the District Committee’s selection process: “It’s an honor for the White County Republican Party to host the Ninth District Republican Party 2008 District Convention. A lot of work went into preparing the bid and we look forward to showcasing our southern hospitality to the delegates. We can hardly wait for April 18th, 2008.”

Prior to the selection, White County has been well represented on the District Committee. The proposal to host the 2008 Convention was presented by County GOP Chair and current District Committee member Josh Turner on behalf of the White County GOP. Former Commissioner and Party Chair Dr. Charles White currently serves on the District Committee as well as the District Chairman’s Advisory Board. Immediate past GOP Chair, Bobby Valentine, serves as the District Treasurer and Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee. White County resident Josh Kinsey was recently chosen to serve as the District Sergeant-at-Arms. District Committee member Rick Yarbrough and his wife Rebecca were also present for the official vote.

The 9th Congressional District of Georgia covers 15 counties that include all or parts of: Dade, Walker, Catoosa, Whitfield, Murray, Gordon, Fannin, Gilmer, Pickens, Union, Lumpkin, White, Dawson, Hall, and Forsyth Counties.

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