

Philadelphia Welcomes Democrats



Last week, we learned about the Republican National Convention in Cleveland. From July 25 to 28, the Democratic National Convention will be held in Philadelphia. Like the Republican meeting, the convention will be a chance for delegates from each state to nominate a candidate for president. It is expected that Hillary Clinton will be the Democratic nominee.

Convention history

At the convention in Baltimore in 1832, the party first used its current name, the Democratic Party. Baltimore was the site of the first six Democratic National Conventions. This year will be only the third time the convention has been held in Philadelphia. At the 1908 convention, women tried to convince the Democratic Party to support women’s right to vote. Party leaders refused. Black people tried to get the party to officially support civil rights. Party leaders said no. The Democrats did seat five women as **delegates*** or alternate delegates. This was the first time a national political convention had seated women delegates. One hundred years later, the Democratic Party nominated an African-American, Barack Obama, to be its candidate.

*** Delegates are the people voters choose, or delegate, to vote at the convention.**

Exploring Philadelphia

When our founding fathers gathered to create a new country, many of their meetings took place in Philadelphia. Revolutionaries met before, during and after the Revolutionary War at different places in Philadelphia. Later, the city was the new nation’s capital for 10 years while Washington, D.C., was being built.



Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

Photo by Capt Albert E. Theberge, NOAA Corps (ret.)

Philly today

People in Philadelphia work in technology, manufacturing, health care, tourism and financial services such as banking. Sports teams represent the city in professional football, basketball, baseball, hockey and soccer. The city is the fifth-largest in the country, with 1.6 million people. Of several colleges and universities, Temple University is the largest.

Philly firsts

Philadelphia had the first library, the first hospital, the first stock exchange and the first zoo in the United States. The city is also the birthplace of the U.S. Marine Corps, which was founded there in 1775.

Try ‘n’ Find

Words that remind us of the 2016 Democratic National Convention are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

BALTIMORE, CITY,
CONVENTION,
DELEGATE,
DEMOCRATIC, ELECTION,
FIRST, LIBRARY, PARTY,
PHILADELPHIA, PLEDGE,
REVOLUTIONARY, RIVER,
SUPER, VOTE, WAR, ZOO.

R I V E R C I T A R C O M E D
N F P L T U Y R A R B I L B Z
P H I L A D E L P H I A R A S
F W C R N O I T C E L E O L U
E A F A S D L B Y T R A P T P
G R J A Q T O O Z E T O V I E
D N D E L E G A T E C Y Z M R
E U M M Q N O I T N E V N O C
L Y R A N O I T U L O V E R Z
P Q X P U L C I T Y V O L E E



Cook’s Corner

Graham Cracker Sandwich Treat

You’ll need:

- 1 cup strawberries (or other fruit)
- 1 cup light whipped topping, thawed
- 4 graham crackers (8 squares)

What to do:

1. Cut strawberries into small pieces.
2. Stir strawberries into whipped topping.
3. Spread mixture onto 2 graham crackers.
4. Top with remaining 2 crackers.
5. Place in freezer for 2 hours until whipped topping mixture is solid. Fruit will be frozen and crunchy. Makes 2 sandwiches.



* You’ll need an adult’s help with this recipe.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

1. one way to cook eggs (9) _____
2. small stream (5) _____
3. leather seat on a horse (6) _____
4. person who grows flowers (8) _____
5. a, e, i, o or u (5) _____
6. 10-legged sea creature (5) _____
7. area behind the house (8) _____

GAR	LED	ID	YARD
SCR	AMB	DLE	DEN
ER	BRO	SQU	OK
EL	BACK	VOW	SAD

Answers: scrambled, brook, saddle, gardener, vowel, squid, backyard.



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Democratic Delegates

The Democratic Party also has **superdelegates**, or unpledged delegates. They are not chosen by whom they **pledge**, or promise, to support. They are Democratic past or current party leaders or elected officials, such as governors. They are free to support whomever they wish.

Alabama	53
Alaska	16
American Samoa.....	6
Arizona	75
Arkansas	32
California	475
Colorado.....	66
Connecticut.....	55
Delaware.....	21
District of Columbia	20
Florida	214
Georgia	102
Guam	7
Hawaii	25
Idaho	23
Illinois	156
Indiana.....	83
Iowa.....	44
Kansas	33
Kentucky	55
Louisiana	51
Maine.....	25
Maryland.....	95
Massachusetts.....	91
Michigan	130
Minnesota.....	77
Mississippi	36
Missouri.....	71
Montana.....	21
Nebraska	25
Nevada	35
New Hampshire	24
New Jersey	126
New Mexico	34
New York.....	247
North Carolina.....	107
North Dakota	18
Northern Mariana Islands.....	6
Ohio.....	143
Oklahoma.....	38
Oregon	61
Pennsylvania	189
Puerto Rico.....	60
Rhode Island	24
South Carolina.....	53
South Dakota	20
Tennessee	67
Texas	222
Utah.....	33
Vermont.....	16
Virginia	95
Virgin Islands	7
Washington	101
West Virginia	29
Wisconsin.....	86
Wyoming.....	14
Democrats Abroad.....	13

TOTAL 4,051*

* Does not include 714 superdelegates.

Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/24lbnkn
- bit.ly/1sPETTt

At the library:

- “Presidential Races: Campaigning for the White House” by Arlene Morris-Lipsman

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