

**Minnesota Precinct Caucus
Tuesday, February 2, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

Tonight, Minnesota's political parties are holding precinct caucuses to begin the process of selecting candidates and choose the issues they will support in the 2010 elections.

What happens at a precinct caucuses?

Discuss public policy issues and pass resolutions. Caucuses provide a forum for citizens to discuss a wide range of public-policy and political issues with their neighbors. Attendees may also offer and vote on resolutions to shape their party's platform.

Vote in a straw poll. Political parties may conduct a straw poll to gauge caucus attendees/candidate preferences for State and Federal elected offices.

Elect precinct officers. Officers are responsible for organizing political activities within the precinct.

Elect delegates. Delegates influence which candidates and policy positions their party endorses. Caucus attendees elect delegates and alternates to represent their precinct at the political party's county or district convention. District convention delegates in turn, elect delegates to the political party's congressional and state conventions.

Be an election judge! If you are interested in being an election judge, request to be placed on a list of volunteers to be an election judge. Serving as an election judge provides an opportunity to learn more about the election process and is a great service to our community.

The following is a list of the political parties holding Caucuses for Cottage Grove residents:

Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party
Park High School
8040 80th Street South
Cottage Grove, MN 55016

Independence Party
Hastings High School
200 General Sieben Drive
Hastings, MN 55033

Republican Party
Cottage Grove Junior High
9775 Indian Blvd South
Cottage Grove, MN 55016

The Constitution, Green and Libertarian Parties are not holding caucuses in Cottage Grove. For additional information, go to the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office at www.sos.state.mn.us.