

## THE LANCASTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUS Saturday, February 9, 2008

The Nebraska Democratic Party will hold the first Nebraska Presidential Preference Caucus on **Saturday, February 9, 2008**. In Lancaster County, registration begins at **5:30 p.m.** with the caucuses to begin at **6:00 pm**. You will be allowed to participate if you are a registered Democrat or if you complete a mail-in Voter Registration Application to become a registered Democratic voter at the Caucus registration.

The caucuses will elect from delegates to the County Convention who are pledged to support the candidates who have the most supporters present at each precinct. The Presidential Candidates are: Senator Hillary Clinton; Senator Barack Obama, Congressman Dennis Kucinich and former Senator John Edwards. The state-wide results will bind Nebraska's at-large delegates at the 2008 National Convention.

The Lancaster County Precinct Caucuses will be conducted as follows:

- Participants must be a registered Democrat who resides in the Precinct. You may complete a mail in registration form to become a registered Democrat at the caucus.
- The Precinct Leader will call the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and a chair will be elected.
- The chair will then recognize the Democratic Presidential Candidates who have asked to participate and divide the room into sections for each Candidate's Supporters.
- Candidate Supporters will select a spokesman who will state the case for their candidate ( 2 minutes each). People can then switch groups before a "Viability" determination will be taken.
- A Candidate must have 15% of the participants in his group to be Viable. Candidates who are not viable on the first viability count are eliminated as "not viable." Supporters of Non-viable candidates must realign to support viable candidate or abstain.
- After a preliminary announcement of delegate allocation, there is a opportunity to again re-align among the Candidates. Anyone can switch Candidate groups at this time.
- When all the remaining Candidates are determined to be viable, the chair will allocate the Precinct's delegate positions to the viable candidates by strength of numbers present.
- If a viable candidate does not get allocated a county delegate, then that Candidate's Supporters may then join the Candidate groups which are awarded Delegates.
- Persons can campaign to be elected the County Delegates for that precinct for their candidate. Alternates may also be elected.
- The results are reported to the State Party for final tabulation of the Nebraska Presidential Preferences
- The delegates elected will attend the June 8, 2008 Lancaster County Democratic Convention to continue the delegate selection process.
- Any other political business can be raised at the Caucuses. This is your chance to advance your ideas for consideration at the county convention and beyond.
- The caucus should be completed by 7:30 p.m.

**Caucus training** is being provided at 7 pm on every Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday Night in January at the CWA Hall, 2448 N St., Lincoln. Pre-register at [www.nebcaucus.com](http://www.nebcaucus.com).

We are sponsoring this caucus entirely by free will funding. **Donations can be sent to Lancaster County Democrats, P.O. Box 83213, Lincoln, Nebraska 68501.**

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact us at [info@nebcaucus.com](mailto:info@nebcaucus.com) or call **402-476-2268**, or go to [www.nebcaucus.com](http://www.nebcaucus.com) or call **Vic Covalt**, LCDP Caucus Chair, **402-436-3030**.

**PLEASE VOTE IN THE MAY 13, 2008 PRIMARY!!**

**The Presidential Caucuses do not replace the primaries.** It is very important for you to **continue to vote in other state and local races in the primary and general elections.**