



Mountain Party News

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Candidates Needed No experience Necessary

**The Mountain Party is looking for
a few good Candidates**

Are your public officials upholding your values in carrying out their duties? Or are they selling out to the highest bidder? Are you mad enough to do something about it? If you've ever wanted to run for public office but were perhaps intimidated by primary election filings, costly primary campaigns, then a full general election campaign, do we have a deal for you!

You now can become a candidate of the Mountain Party for any open public office this year- and without the hassle of a primary election campaign. That's because we pick our fall candidates at our state Nominating Convention in May.

Almost all public offices are up for election this year. **It is not too late to get your name on the ballot. Not yet! But time is running short.**

To run on the Mountain Party ticket you must be a Mountain Party member and then be nominated at the party's Nominating Convention on May 1st. But before the convention there are important deadlines required by state law. Potential Mountain Party candidates cannot be registered as a member of any other political party after March 11th. That means that **to be considered as a possible candidate, one's voter registration must be either as Mountain**

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Party Convention May 1st

Delegates from across the state will gather at Jackson's Mill Conference Center on the 1st of May to convene the Mountain Party's second State Nominating Convention. Located just outside of Weston in Lewis Co., Jackson's Mill is a historic (and central) location for this historic event. At the Convention we will have a chance to work with Mountaineers from all regions to refine our platform and choose our slate of candidates for public offices at the local, county and state levels - including our pick for the governor's race.

To maintain our slot on the fall ballot during the next four years, state law requires us to run a candidate for governor this fall and collect at least one percent of the vote for our candidate. However, its the local races such as county commissioner, county clerk, sheriff, and regional ones like House of Delegates and State Senators that will really build our party from the ground up. The Nominations Committee is still searching for potential candidates who would like to run for public office in the fall elections. Anyone interested in finding out more about running for office as a Mountain Party candidate should contact Frank Young, Nominations Chair ASAP at 304-372-1455 or info@mtparty.org .

Registration

Registration is now open for the Convention and everyone who wants to help make our party a success

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Have a House Party for Your Mountain Party

The Mountain Party is continually in need of operating funds. We are not the kind of organization that big corporations are going to give lavish contributions! So we need folks all around the state to use their imagination and organize some local House Party Fund-raisers!

This can be done on any scale - big or small, food and music or just coffee. Set a date soon and call your friends for a Bring-a-Dish dinner and to talk about the issues. This is a great way to introduce your friends to the Party with a party!

Another successful idea is to contact your local bar or eatery and ask them about doing an After Work Party. Most club owners would be glad to work with you if they realize they'll have extra folks in their establishments during a usually slow middle of the week night..

For students, on campus possibilities abound because there are rooms set aside for just this kind of gathering . Contact the college Student Union for information. Many local musicians would be glad to help and should be contacted immediately to get on their calendar . Artists are another constituency that may want to help set up auctions or give art for fund-raising.

A small entry fee should be charged and then during the event a fund-raising appeal could be planned (like passing the hat) to allow folks to contribute a little extra if they wish. Don't forget to get folks names and addresses so we can send them the next newsletter and keep them up to date.

Every dollar counts for this coming election. The Convention is just the beginning. There will be on-going costs for advertising, bumper stickers and signs and much more. Only through your local fund-raising efforts are we going to be able to show the people of West Virginia that there is an alternative to politics as usual.

Let us know if you want to plan a fund-raiser and we'll be glad to help with the planning and with additional tips to help make it successful.

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Party or Independent (no party affiliation) by March 11th.

The Mountain Party can run candidates for County Sheriff, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Magistrate, County Commission, House of Delegates and State Senate, for Congress, for Governor, Commissioner of Agriculture, Auditor, State Supreme Court, State Treasurer, Secretary of State and any other local or state offices. Take your pick, the field is wide open. **The incumbent politician will run unopposed in many races - don't give them a free ride - sign up and run against them!**

To inquire about becoming a candidate of the Mountain Party, contact us by e-mail at info@mtparty.org , or by telephone at 304-372-1455.

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is invited. The convention is open to both registered Mountain Party voters (who can be credentialed as voting delegates) and visitors (those registered with other parties or as independents) who may observe our process. The cost is \$25 per person which includes beverages and lunch. Student, Senior & low income registration is \$15. Children are free but will need to purchase a lunch ticket in order to dine in the Cafeteria with the group. Register now using the enclosed form so we can plan a successful Convention! Deadline for registrations is April 30th.

Accommodations

Both Motel and "Guest" style rooms are available on-site at the lodge on a first come basis. Make your reservation now by calling their toll-free line at 800-287-8200. For more info on the facility log on to their web page at: www.wvu.edu and type in Jackson's Mill in the search box. Local accommodations are also available in Weston at several bed & breakfasts. See www.bbonline.com/wv/weston.html for details.

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Mountain Party Convention Registration

May 1, 2004 10 AM to 5 PM

Jackson's Mill Conference Center

160 Jackson Mill Road Weston, WV 26452-8011
(304) 269-5100 or 1-800-287-8206



Send Registrations to:
WV Mountain Party
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Yes, Count me in for the Party Convention:

NAME(s) _____

ADDRESS _____ COUNTY _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Number of people Attending _____ Registration Cost: \$25 per person (includes lunch)
Student, Senior, Low Income \$15/person
Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Children free but lunch ticket not included

I plan to register as a Mountain Party Voter and participate as Credentialed Delegate at the convention
Names of potential Delegates _____

I can't attend the Convention but

I want to contribute to the success of the Mountain Party by:

Check all that apply...

- A Membership Contribution of \$ _____ Enclosed.
- I am interested in hosting a House Party or other Fund-raiser for the Mountain Party.
- I will register my friends and others to vote, send _____ copies of the Voter Registration Form.
- I am interested in learning more about becoming a Mountain Party Candidate for public office.
- I would like to help organize a local Mountain Party Committee in my area.

Please put me on your mailing list: NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
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PHONE _____ COUNTY _____

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The Mountain Party Needs You!

This election cycle is an important chance to do something out of the ordinary-Vote for people you might really like to see as leaders instead of choosing the “lessor of two evils.” West Virginia’s MOUNTAIN PARTY can give you that option.

The building of a new political party is a slow and difficult process. However, future rewards will be very significant - the new America we would all like to live in emerging from the current nightmare of greed and special interests. This requires steady and continuous progress and the Mountain Party needs some of your time, and effort to make a go of it. See inside for details.

This year we’ll be reaching out to disaffected voters from all classes and of all philosophies. New ideas are what we need. New political alliances are what will make us grow. Tell your friends that their is another way to go about expressing themselves politically and show them how to contact us. We need to hear from potential candidates who are interested in running at all levels of government.

We are in this for the long haul and hope that our appeal will attract those that are ready for a change - A real change! Please join us.