



2020 Democratic National Convention FAQ

July 13-16, 2020, Milwaukee, WI

For more in-depth information please refer to our 2020 Delegate Selection Plan:

<https://idahodems.org/2020delegate>

Where is the convention?

The 2020 Democratic National Convention will be held in Milwaukee, WI. The Idaho delegation's hotel will be in Zion, IL. Zion is a great town located halfway between Milwaukee and Chicago.

When is the convention?

The convention will be held Monday-Thursday, July 13-16, 2020.

We recommend flying in on July 12th and flying out on July 17th so you can attend the welcome reception and enjoy the festivities that follow the nominee accepting the nomination on Thursday.

What happens at the Democratic National Convention?

There are a lot of events and happenings at the DNC and it is an opportunity of a lifetime that folks never forget. The most obvious happening is the nomination of our Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominee. Beyond the convention itself, which will take place every night at the Fiserv Forum, there are convenings of the DNC Caucuses and Councils, the drafting and passage of our party's platform, and in the evenings there are numerous concerts, parties, social events and opportunities to meet and mingle with Democrats from around the country.

How do I run for National Delegate?

If you would like to run for a national delegate please fill out the following form before June 5th at 8pm MT to qualify: bit.ly/IdahoDelegate2020

We suggest all candidates treat running to be a national delegate like a political campaign and in so doing, campaign before and during the state convention.

Do I have to be a delegate to the state convention to run for national delegate?

Yes.

Can I bring a spouse, partner, or friend with me?

Yes, but guests are not guaranteed a pass into the convention or within the security fence known as the convention perimeter at any time during the week. We will do our best to get passes for guests.

What is Idaho's delegation size?

District level delegates: 13

Automatic Delegates: 5

PLEO: 3

At-large Delegates: 4

Total: 25

How many alternates will there be?

Idaho is allocated 2 At-large Alternates who are permitted to come but will not be guaranteed passes to sit with the delegation when we are at the arena.

Will I need to pay for myself?

Yes, all delegates will need to pay for their own travel, accommodations, and meals.

How much will it cost to get to the convention?

Hotel: \$299/night (5 nights, can be split by up to four delegates per room)

Airfare:

Boise/Spokane - Chicago O'Hare (ORD): Approximately \$450

Lewiston/Pullman - ORD: Approximately \$500

Pocatello/Idaho Falls - ORD: Approximately \$475

Food & Incidentals: \$400+

Delegation Logistics: \$200

Total Estimated Costs: \$1,323-\$2,595

Where are we staying?

The hotel we were assigned by the DNC is in Zion, Illinois. It is one-hour north of Chicago and one hour south of Milwaukee. *This is nonnegotiable, and we cannot change our hotel now, next week, or while we're at the convention.*

Will transportation be provided once in Zion/Milwaukee?

Transportation to and from the arena, convention center in Milwaukee and our hotel in Zion will be provided by the DNCC. Transportation will also be provided to all events that are organized by IDP and that are offered to the entire delegation— other events that are not organized by IDP will require you to find your own transportation. Transportation from Chicago O'Hare will be provided by the DNCC but will not be provided from any other airport, should you choose to fly into another airport, you will have to pay for your own transportation.

If a Delegate misses a bus to the convention center you will have to find your own transportation, Uber/Lyft is about \$50-60 between Milwaukee and Zion, without surging prices.

Will meals be provided?

Breakfast will be provided each morning at the hotel for a cost, we will try and keep these costs minimal. Each delegate is on their own for meals during the day. The convention arena will have concession stands open and there are restaurants in the area.

What are standing committees?

There are three national standing committees: Rules, Platform, and Credentials. Idaho has been allocated three standing committee members, 1 member for each committee.

Do I need to be a delegate to run for standing committee member?

No. Standing committee members do not need to be delegates.

Who qualifies for a Party Leader Elected Official (PLEO) Delegate?

Individuals shall be eligible for PLEO positions according to the following priority:

1. Big city mayor & statewide elected officials (equal consideration)
2. State legislators, other state, county, and local elected officials and party leaders (county party chairs, district chairs, precinct captains, etc.)