

9th District Convention FAQ

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1. What is the 9th District Republican Gala?

The 9th District Gala is an annual fundraiser that is hosted the evening prior to the 9th District Convention. Funds raised through this event enable the 9th District to give back to local candidates seeking public office, who represent our conservative values. Typically, the 9th District Republican Party donates \$10,000 to \$15,000 to candidates per election cycle.

2. When is the 9th District Republican Gala?

The 9th District Republican Gala will be held on Friday, May 14th, 2021. Doors will open at 5:45 PM for the event.

3. Where is the 9th District Republican Gala?

The 9th District Republican Gala is being hosted at the Dillard House Conference Center located at 768 Franklin Street, Dillard, Georgia.

4. What is the attire for the 9th District Republican Gala?

The dress for the banquet is a cocktail dress/formal gown or pants suit for ladies. Men should wear a suit/tuxedo.

5. What should I expect at the 9th District Republican Gala?

This year's speaker will be John Fredericks of The John Fredericks Show. Our speaker typically speaks for 30 – 40 minutes and begins between 6:45 PM and 7:00 PM. We will present 9 awards immediately after the speaker concludes. The banquet will conclude no later than 9:00 PM.

6. What food will be served at the 9th District Republican Gala?

The menu for the evening's events will consist of Springer Mountain Farms Fresh Fried Chicken, Extra Poached Salmon, Meat Carving Station, Creamy Horseradish, Au Ju Served on the side with Vidalia Onion Rings, Plated Salads, an assortment of dressings on the table, Mashed Potato Bar, Asparagus Spears, Green Beans, Fried Okra, Cole Slaw, Calico Salad, Acorn Squash Souffle, Wild Rice, Vidalia Onion Relish, Homemade Yeast Rolls, Cheese Biscuits, Osage Strawberry Cobbler, Chocolate Fountain with Fruit, Shortcake, and Pretzels. Water, Coffee, Lemonade, Soft Drinks, and Tea will be provided. An assortment of wines from the 9th District of Georgia will be available at a cash bar.

7. Where can I purchase tickets for the 9th District Republican Gala? Tickets for the 9th District Republican Gala can be purchased by going to the 9th District website at www.ga9.gop/pre-registration.html or by clicking this link. The cost to attend the gala is \$45 a person or \$80 a couple. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is a limited number of tables available for purchase.

8. Are there accommodations available should I desire to stay overnight in Dillard and attend the convention the next day?

Yes, the 9th District Republican Party has a room block at the Dillard House for those individuals desiring to spend the evening and attend the convention the next day. Prices for rooms are based on 2-person per room and vary depending on the style of room reserved. Individuals who reserve rooms at the Dillard House should be aware that the room cancellation policy requires that cancellations be made 72 hours in advance of arrival. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-541-0671.

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9. When is the 9th District Convention?

The 9th District Convention will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2021. The convention will begin promptly at 10:00 AM. Registration that morning will begin at 7:30 AM. Early registration for the District Convention will also be offered on Friday, May 14, 2021, from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM.

10. Where is the 9th District Convention?

The 9th District Convention is being hosted at the Dillard House Conference Center located at 768 Franklin Street, Dillard, Georgia.

11. What is the cost of the 9th District Convention?

The cost of the 9th District Convention is \$35 for delegates, alternates, or guests.

12. Where can I pre-register for the 9th District Convention?

Delegates, Alternates, and Guests of the 9th District convention can pre-register by going to the 9th District website at <u>www.ga9.gop/pre-registration.html</u> or by clicking this <u>link</u>. Upon arrival at the convention, you will need to have your ID present to complete registration.

13. What should I expect at the 9th District Convention?

The 2021 9th District Republican Party Convention will be when Republicans gather from across the 20 counties that comprise our district to determine the future of the Party for the next two years. At this meeting, we will hear from speakers, have a few presentations made, elect officers to the 9th District, elect State Committee Members, adopt Rules of the District, adopt Resolutions, and perform any additional business necessary for the 9th District.

14. What should I do if I am interested in being a State Committee Member or Officer of the 9th District?

Individuals interested in serving as a State Committee Member or 9th District Officer for the next biennial should submit an application for candidacy by going to the <u>www.ga9.gop/officer-candidate-applications.html</u>. All applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM on April 30, 2021, for consideration. For questions regarding the nominations process, please email <u>nominations@ga9.gop</u>. **15. How can I submit a resolution for consideration at the 9th District Convention?** In order for a resolution to be considered by the Resolutions Committee and ultimately by the District Convention, it must be submitted in writing in editable electronic format on or before April 30, 2021, at 5:00 PM. Resolutions will not be accepted after this time.

Resolutions, other than the annual memorial resolution, shall be no more than 250 words in length. Any resolution which contains any assertion of fact must be accompanied by sufficient documentation to allow the Resolutions Committee to verify the accuracy of any such assertions. No other resolutions or rules shall be considered by the District Convention. Resolutions can be submitted at <u>www.ga9.gop/submit-a-resolution.html</u>. Questions regarding resolutions can be sent to <u>resolutions@ga9.gop</u>.

16. How can I submit a proposed rules change for consideration at the 9th District Convention?

In order for a rules change to be considered by the Rules Committee and ultimately by the District Convention, it must be submitted in writing in editable electronic format on or before April 30, 2021, at 5:00 PM. Proposed Rules Changes can be submitted at <u>www.ga9.gop/rule-change-submission.html</u>. Questions regarding proposed rules changes can be sent to <u>rules@ga9.gop</u>.

- **17. Where can I find out who is serving on Committees related to the Convention?** Committee assignments for the 9th District Convention can be found on our website at <u>www.ga9.gop/convention-committees.html</u>.
- 18. Will I know what resolutions and rules changes will be presented before the Convention on Saturday, May 15, 2021?

Yes, all resolutions and proposed rules changes being present at the Convention will be emailed to all delegates and alternates 5 days prior to the Convention. Likewise, we will also place the resolutions and proposed rules changes on the 9th District website at <u>www.ga9.gop</u>.

19. Will lunch be served at the 9th District Convention?

Delegates, alternates, and guests will have the opportunity at pre-registration to purchase a lunch for the cost of \$15. Meal choices that are available includes: Chicken Salad Sandwich, Fried Chicken Sandwich, Turkey Sandwich, BLT Sandwich. All meals are served with pasta salad, homemade chips with dip, brownie, and your choice of bottled water, can sodas, sweet/unsweet tea, lemonade, or coffee to drink.

20. How long will the 9th District Convention last?

Unfortunately, we can not give you an exact time that we will conclude the business of the convention. Every effort is made to be respectful of everyone's time. Typically our conventions are completed no later than 2 PM.

21. What opportunities are available for me to help at the 9th District Convention? There are still several opportunities for those who desire to serve to help with the 9th District Convention process. If you are interested in serving at the Convention, please reach out to your local County Chairman for information on how to get involved.