

## Voter Registration Points (Anthony Elmo)

- The Basics
  - Registrations have to be postmarked more than 24 days before the election.
  - This would be by July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - For the General Election – October 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Only Democrats can vote in Primaries – and if you want to change your registration you only have until May 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - If you mail your form in, mail in a copy of identification as well – if you don't, you'll have to show I.D. when you go vote.
  - Felons can vote after time has passed equivalent to their original sentence.
  - Blue or black ink.
  
- Who should you register?
  - EVERYBODY! 2008 saw record levels of voter registration because of a massive operation set up by Obama for America, the Democratic Party, progressive organizations and labor unions.
  - Prioritize – who should you register first?
    - Friends, family, coworkers, classmates, just people you know!
    - Once they're a hundred percent, whose next?
      - Neighbors
      - Young people 18-24 year olds
      - Targeted events and neighborhoods
  
- Where should you register them?
  - Target, target, target. Use the knowledge built by this organization to guide your targeting to find unregistered voters that will vote Democratic.
  - Canvassing non-registered homes in strong Democratic areas
  - Hot spots – busy shopping centers, Laundromats, busy restaurants, movie theaters, parking lots, coffee shops, outdoor markets, etc
  - Churches and synagogues
  - Special events – carnivals, state and county fairs, concerts, book signings, celebrity appearances, shows
  - Athletic events – baseball games, football games
  - Citizenship graduations
  - Social service centers, libraries, DMVs
  - High school and College campuses

- On the quad
  - OU football games
  - High school football games
- PERMISSION – you should always try to get permission to register voters inside or outside a business or an event. Sometimes though, you might have to chance it.
  
- But, how do you know they're going to vote Democrat?
  - You don't, but you can have a conversation with them while they're filling their form out and afterward.
  - "Which party should I put?" *It's not my job to tell you, but I personally support the Democratic Party because...*
  - Plus every person registered by people in this room should be kept track of by Ward or Pam. We will contact those voters again, at their doors, and urge them to vote Democrat.
  
- Recruit volunteers to help you register voters
  - Registering voters is a lot more fun in teams.
  - Use Facebook, my.barackobama.com and the OFA website, email listservs to recruit people and let them know what you are doing
  - Recruit people that you register to vote!