



# 9th District Convention and Gala Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. What is the 9th District Republican Gala?

The 9th District Gala is an annual gala that is hosted the evening prior to the 9th District Convention. Funds raised through this event enable the 9th District to fund election activities that help elect Republicans throughout the 9th District. In 2025, the 9th District Republican Party funded a total \$52,000 to help elect Republicans throughout the 9th district via direct candidate support, ballot chasing, and online targeted marketing campaigns. We also gave \$2,000 for Hurricane relief as well.

## 2. When is the 9th District Republican Gala?

The 9th District Republican Gala will be held on Friday, April 25th, 2025. Doors will open at 5:30 PM for registration and 6:00 PM for the cocktails. Dinner will start at 6:30 PM.

## 3. Where is the 9th District Republican Gala being held?

The 9th District Republican Gala is being hosted at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge, 1788 GA-356, Helen, GA 30545

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

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

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

This year's Special Guest Speaker for our Gala is **Republican National Committee Chairman, Michael Whatley**. The speaker typically speaks for 30 – 40 minutes and begins between 6:45 PM and 7:00 PM. We will present 10 awards immediately after the speaker concludes. The gala will conclude at approximately at 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 Garden Salad with Assorted Condiments & Dressings, Southern Style Cole Slaw, Mommas Fried Chicken, Beef Flank Steak, Cider Brined Pork Loin with Apple Chutney, Roasted Maple Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Mashed potatoes & Gravy, Yeast Rolls & Biscuits, Butter & Preserves, Pecan Pie & Warm Peach Cobbler. A cash bar with beer and wine will be available.

## 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 [Pre-Registration Information](#). The cost to attend the gala is \$100 a piece. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration for Gala ends Friday, April 18, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

**No tickets will be sold after April 18th. No Exceptions**



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8. Can you reserve a table for the 9th District Republican Gala?

There is a limited number of tables available for purchase. Table reservations for 10-top table is \$1,250 and 8-top table is \$1,000 and a 6-top for \$750. Tables are not reserved until paid for and a list of names for the reserved table submitted to the 9th District Chair. **Reservations for tables end on April 18, 2025, at 5:00 PM NO EXCEPTIONS.** Table Sponsors and their table guests are invited for a special reception with the Gala's Special Guest Speaker. For information on how to purchase a table, please contact [chairman@ga9.gop](mailto:chairman@ga9.gop).

9. Can you become a Sponsor for the 9th District Republican Gala/Convention?

Sponsorship levels are available for the Gala/Convention. Sponsorship Levels are Platinum \$2,500, which includes a 8-top table, Gold \$1,750 which includes a 6 -top Table, Silver \$1,200 which includes 2 Gala Tickets, Bronze \$600 and includes 1 Gala ticket. Additional sponsorship options are helping to sponsor the Swag Bags for \$250, and the Lanyards for \$400. Sponsors will be recognized during the Gala/Convention and are invited to a special reception with our Gala's Special Guest Speaker at 6:00 PM. **Sponsorships for the Gala/Convention ends on April 18, 2025, at 5:00 PM.** For information on how to become a sponsor, please contact either Dwayne Turner [3rdVice-Chairman@ga9.gop](mailto:3rdVice-Chairman@ga9.gop) or Betsy Young [2ndVice-Chairman@ga9.gop](mailto:2ndVice-Chairman@ga9.gop).

10. Can Vendors reserve a table the day of Convention for use?

A limited number of Vendor tables are available for \$150 each. As an example, Republican politicians running for office, Conservative political groups highlighting their services, etc., can reserve a table for their use until **April 18th at 5:00 PM.** All vendor table registrations are subject to the approve of the District Chair. For information on how to reserve a Vendor table, please contact [chairman@ga9.gop](mailto:chairman@ga9.gop).

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

The GA 9th District Republican Party has a courtesy block with Unicoi State Park and Lodge and that code will be made available to Delegate and Alternates. A list of surrounding hotels is available on our website that are conveniently located less than 5 miles from the lodge. Information can be found on our website at [GA 9th District Convention Information](#)

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### CONVENTION

1. When is the 9th District Convention?

The 9th District Convention will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025. The convention will begin promptly at 10:00 AM. Registration that morning will begin at 8:00 AM. Early registration for the District Convention will also be offered on Friday, April 23, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.



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

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

4. 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 [GA9.GOP](http://GA9.GOP). Upon arrival at the convention, you will need to present ID present and a completed Delegate/Alternate/Guest Form to complete the registration process. Online pre-registration for the Convention will end **April 23, 2025, at 5:00 PM.**

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

The 2025 9th District Republican Party Convention will be when Republicans gather from across the 12 counties that comprise our district to conduct the business of the party. At the convention, we will hear from speakers, have a few presentations made, elect District Officers and State Committee Members, adopt Rules of the District, adopt Resolutions, and perform any additional business necessary for the 9th District.

6. How Do I apply to be an Officer or serve on the State Committee?

Individuals interested in being an Officer or State Committee Member are required to submit an application, a political resume and a personal statement of why they want to serve by **March 28, 2025, at 5:00 PM** for consideration by the District Nominating Committee. The application is located on the District Website ([ga9.gop](http://ga9.gop)) under the Nominating Committee Tab. Your personal statement and political resume should be submitted separately to **[nominations@ga9.gop](mailto:nominations@ga9.gop)**. The Nominating Committee will be meeting for interviews with candidates prior to the Convention. Those who failed to meet these requirements shall not be considered by the Nominating Committee or at the District Convention. For questions regarding the nominations process, please email **[nominations@ga9.gop](mailto:nominations@ga9.gop)**.



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7. 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 has to be submitted in editable electronic format (Word, etc.) on or before **April 4, 2025, at 5:00 PM** on the district website, and emailed to [resolutions@ga9.gop](mailto:resolutions@ga9.gop). Resolutions will not be accepted after this time.

Resolutions, other than the annual memorial resolution, were to be no more than 250 words in length. Any resolution which contains any assertion of fact must have been 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. Questions regarding resolutions can be sent to [resolutions@ga9.gop](mailto:resolutions@ga9.gop).

8. 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 had to have been submitted in editable electronic format (Word, etc.) on or before **April 4, 2025, at 5:00 PM** the submission form can be found on the District Website. No other rules shall be considered by the District Convention. Questions regarding proposed rules changes can be sent to [rules@ga9.gop](mailto:rules@ga9.gop).

9. 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 [Convention Committees](#).

10. Will I know what resolutions and rules changes will be presented before the Convention on Saturday, April 26, 2025?

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 [GA9.GOP](http://GA9.GOP).

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

Delegates, alternates, and guests will have the opportunity at pre-registration to purchase a box lunch for the cost of \$20. Meals will be catered by Unicoi State Park and Lodge. **Purchase of a box lunch is via pre-registration only and will end on April 18, 2025, at 5:00 PM. No lunches will be sold the day of the convention.**

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

Unfortunately, we cannot give you an exact time that we will conclude the business of the convention. Typically, our conventions are completed no later than 2 PM.