



## Planning Your Debate Viewing Party

**Thank you for agreeing to host a debate watching event on April 26, 2007. As a host, you have taken an important step towards helping elect Barack Obama to the White House.**

### Step 1: Register Your Event

- To register your event, please visit [www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com) and click on “Debate Watching Party” or you can call (312) 819-2008. Please provide your full name, mailing address, address of your event, email address, and phone number.
- Download the host information packet when you register online or request that a packet be mailed to you when registering by telephone.

### Step 2: Invite Your Family, Friends, Neighbors & Colleagues

- Gather the names of anyone you know who is interested in supporting Barack Obama’s presidential campaign and let them know about your event.
- Encourage those you invite to bring a guest who wants to learn more about the campaign and Barack Obama’s positions on important issues facing our nation.

### Step 3: Establish a Fundraising Goal

- For these debate watching parties, we are asking hosts to set a fundraising goal of \$250. While you are not obligated to fundraise at your event, we ask that you encourage your guests to make a contribution. No matter the amount, every contribution benefits the campaign.

### Step 4: April 26, 2007 – Watch the Debate

- Ask your guests to complete the sign-in sheet.
- Tune in to MSNBC to watch Barack Obama debate other presidential candidates at 7:00 p.m. ET.
- Encourage your guests to talk about the issues most important to them and their reasons for supporting Barack Obama.
- If your guests haven’t already done so, advise them to visit [www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com) for more information about the campaign, additional ways to support Barack Obama, and upcoming events in your area.
- Ask each of your guests to complete a comment form. We want to hear from everyone.

- Distribute contribution forms to any of your guests that would like to make a campaign donation.
- Please send us pictures and success stories that we can post on the campaign's website.

### **Step 5: After Your Party**

- Complete the host feedback form.
- Mail all sign-in sheets, feedback forms, donations and completed contribution forms to:

**Obama for America  
Attn: Grassroots Finance  
233 North Michigan Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60601**

- All checks must be made payable to **Obama for America**.



## TAKE ACTION FOR BARACK OBAMA

**Below is a list of suggestions on what you and your friends can do to show your support for Barack Obama and encourage others to learn more about him.**

- Make sure that you and your family/friends are registered to vote.
- Contact your family/friends in states with early primaries (Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Carolina) and encourage them to support Barack Obama. Stay in touch with them until the January 2008 elections.
- Register at [www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com) to support Barack Obama's campaign. Recruit 5 people to join our campaign to change Washington, D.C.
- Encourage students can sign up to support Barack Obama at [www.studentsforbarackobama.com](http://www.studentsforbarackobama.com).
- Create a <http://my.barackobama.com> profile where you can fundraise online for Barack Obama, organize other supporters in your area, blog, etc.
- Plan a local organizational meeting to help Barack Obama in your area. Be sure to register your group at <http://my.barackobama.com> so others in your area can join.
- Place a Barack Obama sign in your window.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper sharing why you think Barack Obama should be President.
- Look for opportunities to speak out for Barack Obama in your community. Use your voice at Democratic meetings, progressive organizations, and always ask people to visit [www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com) to learn more.
- Demonstrate your support by getting your Barack Obama t-shirt, bumper sticker, and/or button at <http://store.barackobama.com/>.
- Organize a group for a local community service project and ask everyone to wear their campaign t-shirts and buttons.
- Record your own personal video telling others why you are supporting Barack Obama and upload it onto [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).
- Share Barack Obama's important speeches with others. Almost 60 of his speeches can be read and shared at [www.barackobama.com/speeches](http://www.barackobama.com/speeches).
- Be sure to review Barack Obama's speech in October 2002 against going to war in Iraq - [http://www.barackobama.com/2002/10/02/remarks\\_of\\_illinois\\_state\\_sen.php](http://www.barackobama.com/2002/10/02/remarks_of_illinois_state_sen.php).
- Make an online contribution at <http://donate.barackobama.com>.





**OBAMA DEBATE WATCHING EVENT  
GUEST COMMENT FORM**

**HOST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GUEST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why are you supporting Barack Obama for President?**

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**What issues facing our country are most important to you?**

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**What action steps will you take to increase support for Barack Obama in your community?**

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**OBAMA DEBATE WATCHING EVENT  
HOST FEEDBACK FORM**

**HOST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENT DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF GUESTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you feel your party was a success? Please share any special highlights and pictures from your event.**

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**Was the campaign helpful to you in planning your event? Were your questions answered completely and in a timely manner? Did you receive requested materials in a timely manner?**

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**Would you consider hosting another event for the campaign? If no, why?**

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

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**OBAMA DEBATE WATCHING EVENT  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

**Q. I have agreed to host a debate watching event on April 26, 2007. What's my next step?**

A. Register your event by visiting [www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com) and click on "Debate Watching Party" or call (312) 819-2008. Be sure to provide your full name, mailing address, telephone number, email address, and the time of your event. You can download a host information packet or request that a packet be mailed to you if registering over the telephone.

**Q. Why is it important to register my event?**

A. Registering your event allows us to provide hosts with important information helpful to their event.

**Q. What television station(s) will air the presidential debate on April 26, 2007? What time does the debate begin?**

A. MSNBC will air this debate. Coverage begins at 7:00 p.m. ET and will last for 90 minutes.

**Q. Should I set a fundraising goal?**

A. Yes. For these debate watching parties, we are asking hosts to set a fundraising goal of \$250. While you are not obligated to fundraise at your event, we ask that you encourage your guests to make a contribution. No matter the amount, every contribution benefits the campaign.

**Q. Why do individuals have to complete a contribution form for donations under \$200?**

A. According to the Federal Election Commission (FEC), a signed contribution form containing specific information about the donor is needed when he/she gives more than \$200. However, as many individuals are giving multiple small contributions, their completed contribution forms will help the campaign determine if/when their combined donations total more than \$200.

**Q. What do I do with the completed forms and contributions collected at my event?**

A. Sign-in sheets, feedback forms, and contributions must be mailed to:

**Obama for America  
Attn: Grassroots Finance  
233 N. Michigan Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60601**

**Q. How should contribution checks be made payable?**

A. Checks should be made payable to **Obama for America**.

## GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

We ask that you closely review the following fundraising guidelines that incorporate guidance from the Federal Election Commission (FEC) regarding volunteer fundraising activity. Additional information can be found at [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov).

### VOLUNTEER HOSTS AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- I understand that I am volunteering my time to host an event but am not otherwise affiliated with the campaign and will not represent myself as such.
- By hosting a community gathering, I will adhere to all the legal fundraising requirements including contribution limits and prohibitions.
- I understand that I must follow all legal reporting requirements if I spend money to hold my event.
- If an individual hosts a campaign event in their home, the host may spend up to \$1,000 (\$2,000 per couple) for the event (food, beverages, invitations) without that amount counting towards their contribution amount. If the host's expenses exceed \$1,000 on the event, any amount over that limit will count towards the individual contribution limit and have to be treated as an in-kind contribution.

### COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Please ask all contributors to provide their name, address, occupation and employer.
- All checks and contribution forms must be sent directly to the campaign:

**Obama for America**  
**Attn: Grassroots Finance**  
**233 North Michigan Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> floor**  
**Chicago, IL 60601**

### CONTRIBUTION LIMITS:

- **Individuals:** Each individual may contribute a maximum of \$2,300 per election (the primary and general are separate elections). No individual may contribute more than \$100 in cash. In-kind contributions are not yet accepted for the general election.
- **Married Couples:** Each spouse may contribute up to \$2,300 per election. For checks written from joint accounts, the contribution will be attributed to the person that signs the check. If signed by both spouses, the contribution will be attributed to both equally.
- **Partnerships:** Allowed to contribute up to \$2,300 per election regardless of the number of partners contributing. Any contribution from a partnership counts both against the partnership's \$2,300 limit and also against the limits of the individual partners. However, individual partners may write personal checks for amounts up to their individual contribution limits. Example: if a partnership check is written for \$2,300 and equally attributed to two partners for \$1,150 each, then either may make an additional individual contribution by writing a personal check up to \$1,150. No portion of a contribution made by a partnership can come from profits of a professional corporation.
- If Obama for America accepts public funding for the general election, any contributions raised for the general election will be refunded.

### PROHIBITED CONTRIBUTIONS:

- **Foreign Nationals:** Only U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents ("green card" holders) can make contributions.
- **Corporations:** Contributions from corporate accounts are prohibited. No check should be accepted if it contains the words: "Inc.," "Corp.," "Ltd.," or any similar language that suggests a corporation. A corporate credit card cannot be used to make a contribution.
- **Political Action Committees (PACs):** Obama for America does not accept contributions from PACs.
- **Registered Federal Lobbyists:** Obama for America does not accept contributions from currently registered federal lobbyists.
- **Anonymous Donors**



**\*\*\*Please include this page with your contribution\*\*\***

Please make checks payable to:  
**Obama for America**  
Attn: Grassroots Finance  
233 N. Michigan Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60601

-or-

Fax your credit card information to (312) 819-2088

Please bill my personal credit card:  Visa  MasterCard  AMEX  Discover

Contribution Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maximum contribution is **\$4600 per person**)

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing above, you authorize us to charge your card in the amount indicated. You also affirm that your contribution is made from personal funds and not from funds otherwise prohibited by law.

Obama for America does not accept contributions from registered federal lobbyists, registered foreign agents, political action committees, or minors under the age of 16.

Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in an election cycle.

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your contribution is not tax-deductible for federal income tax purposes.

\*An individual may contribute a maximum of \$2,300 per election (the primary and general are separate elections). By submitting your contribution, you agree that the first \$2,300 is designating for the primary, and any additional amount up to \$2,300 is designated for the general election.

Federal law prohibits the acceptance of corporate checks.

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