

High school voter education completed for spring

Thank you to all the high school voter education presenters this spring semester. We presented for six of our Shawnee County high schools educating just about 300 new voters. The partnerships we have with our high schools expanded to Heritage Christian School this semester.

Field trip to Shawnee County Election Office

Our team toured behind the scenes at the Shawnee County Election Office this month. We had a great time learning about all the work that goes into what amounts to a huge accounting process with lots of checks and balances. Main takeaways: Your vote is counted and your vote is secure.

We also learned that all the ballots from those voting at home are opened and counted as they are received. The totals from these and the in-person advance votes are not revealed until the polls are closed on election day. However, they are included in the first reported election night results.

Volunteer training available

As we begin to interact with voters this year, please join us. Voter Services has training for first time volunteers and experienced volunteers alike. This year's training will cover all the basics of nonpartisanship, how to help someone fill out their voter registration, voter identification requirements in Kansas, and the races on our ballots this coming fall.

Volunteer events return on **POINT**

POINT is our volunteer coordination app. It is available from your desktop on the internet at <https://pointapp.org/>. You can download a POINT app from [Google Play Store](#) or [App Store](#).

On April 1, we have an opportunity to engage voters at [Youth Leadership Summit](#) at Shawnee Heights High School from 9 am to 4 pm. This event is being led by our very own LWVTSC member Arianna Womack. She is a student at Shawnee Heights High School who is eager to help her fellow classmates to gain leadership skills and practice their passion for helping others realize their potential. Arianna graciously asked our League to share with these young leaders about how they can get involved with civic engagement in Shawnee County. Please check your calendars and sign up on [POINT](#).

Also new for us this year is [Roll & Read](#) on April 15. Do you love young readers and their families? Check your calendars and come out to connect with young future voters and their families over our love of books during Roll & Read from 10 am to 1 pm in both Everyg Plaza and NOTO's Redbud Park. We are expecting 400 people to come to this event. We have purchased a limited supply of preschool age voting books to encourage families to talk with their little ones about making choices and using their voices. We will also offer Kansas themed coloring pages. Finally, we can also offer ways to engage your preschooler in everyday choice making that encourages independence and confidence in making informed choices.

Shawnee County Extension Office presentation

Join us for the April 18 voter services team meeting with guest speaker from Shawnee County Extension Office from 6 to 7:30 pm in the Perkins Room at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library. We will learn more about the services the extension office provides our community.