



Freedom

**KIDZ Manual
2026**

**Mission statement:**

PoliticsInAction is a weeklong government simulation camp for teens aged 8-18. The purpose of this camp is to expand students' political awareness, spark civic involvement, learn about the ins and outs of America's political landscape and most importantly strengthen relationships with Jesus Christ through fellowship, praise and prayer.

Overview:

Your camper is no longer a student. They are now a member of the United States House of Representatives, arguably one of the most powerful legislatures in the world. They hold the power to write and pass major legislation that could change the landscape of our country. Campers will also be able to manage political parties, debate legislation, run for President of the United States, raise money at a formal fundraising event, take political classes, and hear from professionals in the field.

Location:

Immanuel Bible Church
1244 W Farms Road
Howell Township, NJ 07731

Dates and times:

July 6th – July 11th

Cost: \$180

Meals:

Campers are recommended to bring a lunch as meals will not be provided.

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PoliticsInAction Code of Conduct

Students who attend this camp are committed to adhere to the following rules:

1. Jesus, Others, Yourself (JOY). I will act in a way that glorifies Jesus Christ, treat others with kindness and respect, and put others before myself.
2. I will respect and obey all counselors, staff, and volunteers.
3. I will not use foul language, bullying behavior, or display a negative or hateful attitude.
4. I will report any real-life misconduct or safety concerns to a counselor or staff member.
5. I will keep simulation disagreements and political conflicts inside the simulation and not allow them to affect real-life relationships.
6. I will not take simulation decisions, debates, or outcomes personally.
7. I will treat members of the opposite sex with purity, dignity, and respect in both words and actions.
8. I will not lie, cheat, or steal.
9. I will not participate in gambling or betting activities.
10. I will respect all property, facilities, and personal space. I will keep my hands to myself and remember that we are meeting in God's House.
11. I will remain in my assigned area or room during scheduled times unless I have permission from a staff member to leave.
12. I understand, respect, and will adhere to PoliticsInAction's Statement of Faith.
13. I understand, respect, and will adhere to PoliticsInAction's Statement of Politics.
14. I will follow the established dress code at all times.

Girls: Camp t-shirts are the standard dress code. For the gala, ensure that shirts/tops are modest. Not tight, low-cut, strapless, halter top, or see-through.

Shirt straps must be at least three fingers wide. Skirts/shorts must not show undergarments and must reach at least an inch past fingertip length. No face paint or frightening/excessive makeup.

Boys: Camp t-shirts are the standard dress code. For the gala, No muscle shirts/sleeveless T's- this includes jerseys without a shirt underneath. No baggie/overly large shorts. No face paint or makeup.

Both: Clothes must not include any inappropriate language or imagery.

All female students are required to send a photo of their dress to Anna Evans at anna.politicsinaction@gmail.com

All male students are required to send a photo of their tuxedo or suit to Daniel Ceballos at daniel.politicsinaction@gmail.com

If rules continue to be knowingly broken by a student, the following action will be taken:

- **1st offense-** Student will be spoken to privately by a leader.
- **2nd offense-** Student's parent or guardian will be contacted and asked to address the issue.
- **3rd offense-** Student will be suspended/expelled from PoliticsInAction.

We understand that we are all sinners, and all come short of the Glory of God, however, the rules listed above are none negotiable and the failure to adhere to these rules may lead to the expulsion of a camper without refund. The decision of such decision will be left up to head counselors and deacons of Immanuel Bible Church.

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”
-Proverbs 14:34 (ESV)

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House of Representatives Positions

Speaker of the House: Ella Karatka (Freedom-MI-6)

The Speaker of the House is the presiding officer and highest-ranking official in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Speaker is elected by the members of the House and is responsible for overseeing House proceedings and maintaining order and decorum in the chamber.

The specific duties and responsibilities of the Speaker of the House include:

- **Presiding over House sessions:** The Speaker presides over all sessions of the House, enforcing the rules and ensuring that members conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly manner.
- **Setting the legislative agenda:** The Speaker has significant influence over the legislative agenda of the House, deciding which bills will be brought to the floor for debate and vote.
- **Managing floor debates:** The Speaker recognizes members who wish to speak and maintains order during debates.
- **Representing the House:** The Speaker is one of the highest-ranking officials in the U.S. government and represents the House in interactions with the Senate, the President, and foreign leaders.
- **Party leadership:** The Speaker is often a member of the majority party and plays a crucial role in coordinating and directing party strategy and messaging in the House.

The Speaker of the House is one of the most powerful positions in the U.S. government and plays a key role in shaping legislative policy and maintaining the integrity of the House as an institution.

Majority Leader: Student from the Freedom Party

This official is the second-highest-ranking member in the House and serves as the chief strategist and spokesperson for the majority party. The Majority Leader helps plan the legislative agenda and works with party members to advance their legislative goals.

Minority Leader: Student from the Liberty Party

This official is the leader of the minority party in the House. They are responsible for developing and promoting the minority party's policies and strategy and serve as the chief spokesperson for their party in the House.

Majority Whip: Student from the Freedom Party

This elected official is the Majority Leader's right hand, responsible for confirming how members will vote on upcoming legislation and persuading members to vote along party lines if necessary. They are elected by a popular vote of their fellow party representatives during the party caucus.

Minority Whip: Student from the Liberty Party

This elected official is the Minority Leader's right hand, responsible for confirming how members will vote on upcoming legislation and persuading members to vote along party lines if necessary. They are elected by a popular vote of their fellow party representatives during the party caucus.

This year, the KIDZ group will be holding a **Speaker of the House election!** It will be just like our presidential election, but for Speaker of the House.

Here is how it works:

- **Who can run?** Anyone who is **8 to 11 years old**.
- **How do you run?** You must pay a **\$25,000 campaign fee** to enter the race.
- **What happens first?** On **Wednesday**, each party will hold a **primary election** to choose their nominee.
- **What happens next?** On **Friday**, during the **presidential debate**, the two party nominees will each give a **two-minute speech** to all the visitors.
- After the speeches, everyone will **vote in the general election**.
- The candidate who gets the **most votes (popular vote)** will become **Speaker of the House for next year**.

Other important notes:

- You **cannot run as an independent candidate**.
- If a **third party is formed**, they may hold their own primary and add their candidate to the general election ballot, but it costs an extra **\$100,000 fee**.

Party information:

PoliticsInAction has two established parties: Liberty Party and Freedom Party.

Majority Party

President: The Freedom Party
Senate: The Liberty Party
House of
Representatives: The Freedom Party

Taxes

All members of congress, the president's administration and the President himself must pay taxes by Wednesday, July 8th at 1 pm.

-Failure to file taxes, errors in information provided on the form, or excess/insufficient funds will result in a fine of \$5,000 per \$1,000 of error.

-Tax funds and the completed form must be put in an envelope (provided in this manual) with your name written on the front and delivered to the Secretary of the Treasury.

-The amount you must pay is outlined in the brackets below-

Tax rate:

If you make...		Then you pay...
\$0-100,000	=	10% of annual salary
\$100,001-180,000	=	15% of annual salary

Other taxes:

Stock Taxes = 20% on all stock sales. You must submit an FEC PFD form to report this profit.

Resale/Sales Tax= 25% on all *income* made from reselling snacks or other goods as well as any other income made from selling other goods or services.

W-2 FORM

Please complete this form in step order

1a) Last name	1b) First name
2) Today's Date	3) Occupation
4) State (In simulation)	5) Date of Birth
6) Annual Salary	7) Tax rate %
8) X	
Salary (6)	Multiplied Tax Rate Converted to Decimal (7)
9) \$ Total tax (Product of step 8) ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST THOUSAND	

I, _____, do in good faith, certify that all the information provided above is correct. I also understand that any error, intentional or accidental will result in a penalty of \$5,000 for each individual error. I approve the IRS to deduct the full tax amount listed in Box 9 from my bank account.

X _____

Signature

Date signed: _____

A COPY OF THIS FORM IS AVAILABLE AT THE BANK

Bill Template

HR. 4

A Bill for

The United States Senate

Name of the bill-The Taco Tuesday Bill

Introduced by Jimmy Smith

What is the purpose of the bill? The purpose of this bill is recognize every third Tuesday as “Taco Tuesday,” which will provide free tacos for all Americans.

How much money is needed to enforce the bill?

\$8,000,000

What government department will enforce the bill (State, Interior, Justice, Treasury, etc.)? The Department of the Interior

What is the penalty if someone breaks this potential law?

If a state or individual does not give out their free tacos, they will face a \$500 fine.

DO NOT FILL OUT BELOW THIS LINE

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Floor Process

Step 1-

(In floor session) The Majority leader says, “*Mister/Madam President, I move S_____ be read in its entirety.*”

Clerk reads the bill in its entirety.

Step 2-

(In floor session) The Majority leader says, “*Mister/Madam President, I move S_____ be read a second time.*”

Clerk reads the bill a second time.

Step 3-

The *President* opens the floor for debate by saying:

“*The floor is now open for debate on S. _____*”

Step 4-

All members discuss/debate the bill.

On the floor, each member has an unlimited amount of uninterrupted debate (unless 2/3rds of all voting members vote to invoke cloture). Once done, the debating member says:

“*Mister/Madam President, I yield my time.*”

After they have yielded their time for debate, they may not debate again.

If any member does not like the bill for whatever reason, they may move to stop the debate by saying:

“*Mister /Madam President, I move to table the bill indefinitely.*”

If any member likes a bill but does not think it is ready to be voted on the floor, they can say:

“*Mister /Madam President, I move the bill be returned to committee.*”

If any member wishes to change a bill (amend), they stand up and say:

“*Mister /Madam President, I move the bill be amended to...*”

At least one member must agree. They show their agreement by standing up and saying:
"I second!"

A simple majority is needed to amend a bill. (Follow normal voting protocol)

Step 5-

Once the debate is done or has died down, any member stands up and asks to end the debate and take a vote by saying:
"Mister/Madam President, I move the previous question."

Step 6-

The committee now must move on to a vote to vote. The chair says:

"All those in favor of moving the previous question, say 'aye.' (wait to hear response). All those opposed, say 'nay.' (wait to hear response).

At this point, the chair determines what he/she heard more of and says:

"In the eyes of the chair, the _____'s have it."

If the ayes have it, proceed to step 7. If the nays have it, revert back to step 3.

Step 7-

The House will now vote on the actual bill.

The President says:

"All those in favor of S. _____, say 'aye.' (wait to hear response). All those opposed, say 'nay.' (wait to hear response).

At this point, the chair determines what he/she heard more of and says:

"In the eyes of the chair, the _____'s have it."

If the ayes have it, the bill advances. If the nays have it, the bill is killed.

If there is a tie, the Vice President should be called in to break the tie.

Members Robert's rules:

Thought	Action	Phrase
I do not like this bill	Stand up and say "Mister/Madam Speaker/Chair..."	I move this bill be tabled indefinitely.*
I do not like a part of this bill.	Stand up and say "Mister/Madam Speaker/Chair..."	I move this bill be amended to include X or remove X.*
I do not agree with how the Speaker/Chair determined vote.	Stand up and say "Mister/Madam Speaker/Chair..."	I request the ayes/nays be recorded.*
I have no idea what this bill is about, or some part of it is unclear.	Stand up and say "Mister/Madam Speaker/Chair..."	I rise for a question of privilege.
I have no idea what this person is debating about.	Stand up and say "Mister/Madam Speaker/Chair..."	Will the Representative/Senator yield to a question?
*-Phrases with an asterisk must be agreed with by at least one other member.	The concurring member stands up and says:	"I second!"

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