

**STILLWATER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
2006/2007 COMMITTEE MEMBER SIGN UP SHEET**

Committee Name: Running & Winning Workshop

Number Needed For Committee: 5

Committee Target Ending Date: April, 2007

Committee Objectives:

- **Determine the feasibility of creating a Running & Winning Workshop for Stillwater High School (i.e. cost, doability, buy in from H.S.; etc)**
- **If feasible, create a plan for the first workshop to include:**
 - **Workshop budget and age, number of attendees**
 - **Name of recommended high school teacher who will support effort**
 - **Approval of SPS Curriculum Director and H.S. Principal**
 - **Other allied organizations to work with us with contacts already established**
 - **If and how funds will be raised for workshop**
 - **Names and buy-in of elected female officials who will participate in the workshop**
- **Orchestrate the first H.S. Girl Workshop in April, 2007**

COMMITTEE MEMBER SIGN UP:

Name	Telephone Number	E-Mail

**See Attached Sheet for Workshop
Objectives!**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The *Running and Winning Workshop* brings together senior level female students for an active political experience. Working in small groups with other students, the attendees interview local and state female elected officials as well as learn about the officials' experiences in seeking and holding public office. Each small group then plans a campaign, analyzes the issue, designs publicity, and writes and delivers a campaign speech.

OBJECTIVES

- Encourage young women to consider politics as a possible arena for their talents and to see themselves as leaders.
- Introduce the concept of networking and provide the opportunity to network with women officeholders and with girls from other backgrounds.
- Use interactive role-playing and team learning to reinforce abilities and self-worth.

OUTCOME

- Young women have enhanced self-esteem and more confidence in their leadership skills. This workshop builds on the good communication and mediation skills girls usually have.
- Participants gain an understanding and appreciation of public service. They see politics as a possible career, whether as an elected official or as part of a campaign.
- Students learn the value of networking and initiate contacts with peers and adults
- At the conclusion of the workshop, participants are awarded a certificate of recognition, a valuable credential for college and employment applications.

METHODOLOGY

- The workshop is based on *Running and Winning: Getting Started*, developed by the League of Women Voters Education Fund, expanding the role of the facilitators and adding relevant historical information about women in politics to the participant's manual.
- Trained facilitators guide small groups in interviewing the politicians. They also involve the girls in role-playing and cooperative learning to plan and conduct a mock campaign.
- The officials relate their personal experiences in seeking and holding public office.
- The girls explore a variety of ways they might contribute to the political system. In the campaign exercise, they select an issue and a position on it, devise a slogan and make a poster, and finally, write and deliver a campaign speech.