

VOTE EARLY CREATIVE EVENT IDEAS

Visibility tactics:

- Banners / signs on **bridges** with "Vote this Week!" messaging
- '**Honk and wave**' events to distribute the dates and hours of Early Voting in your county
- **Sidewalk 'info protest'** where participants walk up and down a busy main street holding signs that say things like 'Vote Early', 'Vote in Person', 'Check your registration at Vote411.org', etc
- **Democracy Pop-Ups** in high-traffic locations to share voting info and have activities designed to make civic participation fun and social
- '**Pick a corner**' to have two people at each of several high traffic identified sites with signs encouraging early voting and where to vote
- '**Signs of democracy**'
- Chalk **paint on vehicles** with vehicle owner permission
- **Dressing as ballot boxes and pencils** and sharing info on how to help observe elections
- Decorating **pumpkins or scarecrows** with pro-voting messages
- Display giant **street puppets**
- **Flash dance mobs** with a drop box prop
- County-wide **sidewalk chalk art** with "Vote Early" messaging and directions to rally points
- Taking the "Vote Early" message to the water in kayaks via **kayactivism**
- Dress in super hero **costumes** and have "voting is your super power" signs
- **Paint rocks** with early voting messages and leaving them around the community to literally "rock the vote"
- Create t-shirts or large signs with **QR codes** that link directly to voter registration pages or action documents

Party to the polls / dropboxes:

- "**Paws to the Polls**" group dog walk to drop boxes or polling sites
- March to drop boxes for **celebratory early ballot dropoff**
- Carry big bridge brigade letters spelling out VOTE EARLY IN PERSON
- Have a student **marching band** or **mariachi band** lead you to the polls
- **Wheelchairs** from senior housing to the polls
- Dress in **superhero costumes** to lead marches to ballot drop boxes / the polls to "save democracy"
- **Car/truck roll-throughs** featuring giant ballot box props on roofs
- **Decorate golf carts** to shuttle people to drop boxes
- **Bike rides** for democracy
- Play goofy **instruments** like kazoos and plastic horns to make a spectacle on your way to the polls

Activities for stationary events:

- **Information tables** with accessible nonpartisan voting information (e.g. what's on your ballot, check your registration, early voting locations, etc)
- Partner with local pet adoption agencies for a "**Dogs for Democracy**" or "**Meow is the Time to Vote**" event
- Bring in **food trucks**
- **Volunteer stations** where people can sign up to be poll workers and to drive people to the polls
- "Rock the Vote" style **concerts**
- Put on voting-related **skits, street theater**, or other **storytelling** activities
- Community fair with **games** and activity stations like **bingo, treasure hunts**, and **food drives**
- **All-day parties** near polling sites giving out free coffee and donuts in the morning and pizza for lunch or dinner (food/giveaways must be distributed to everyone, not conditioned on pledging to vote or having voted)
- **Screen a football game** at your event if your local team is playing that day
- **Family friendly activities** like **rock or pumpkin painting, kids voting booth, making vote bracelets, bubbles, or face painting**
- **Photo booth** with 'Vote Early!' printed on the bottom of the photo strips and have participants text the photos to their friends to remind them to vote early
- Have volunteers **circulate your event with clipboards** to help people check their registration and make voting plans
- Pass out a '**Democracy Passport**' with activities like registering to vote, learning what's on your ballot, making a voting plan, talking with a neighbor about what matters to them, bringing a friend into democracy, and voting
- Bring in **dance troupes, jugglers, or mimes** to entertain crowds

Go where the people are/offer things they'd be drawn to anyway

- Build on **preexisting events** taking place in your community, like **outdoor concerts, farmers markets, fall or Halloween festivals**, and whatever else is going on already where you are
- Partner with supportive local businesses that are already busy on weekends, like **breweries or grocery stores**
- Tag on resources to make your event a **community services fair** that draws folks for other reasons too – such as by partnering with businesses or local 501c3 organizations to include **vaccine clinics, back-to-school supply drives/giveaways, food drives/giveaways, SNAP or other government benefit application support**, and similar resources
- Hold micro-events at spaces where people in your community already gather or will be showing up for activities they do on weekends - like with or at **faith spaces, kids or adults sports games, run clubs, dance studios, community centers, volunteer cleanups/events**, and so forth
- Set up an event **near where people are running weekend errands**

Community education & outreach

- **Canvassing** your neighborhood with informational handouts or door hangers about voting early, buttons or stickers, or "voting is your super power" flyers
- Setting up **tables around your town** to get the word out about voting