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Ripon's Little White Schoolhouse Replica will make its way to Milwaukee for the Republican National Convention

RIPON, WISCONSIN — July 2, 2024 — As Milwaukee, Wisconsin prepares to welcome guests attending the Republican National Convention (RNC), the historic Little White Schoolhouse stands ready to offer a glimpse into a pivotal moment in American political history. Located just 1.5 hours from Milwaukee, the Schoolhouse is a testament to Ripon's role as the birthplace of the Republican Party, founded here 170 years ago.

From Memorial Day through Labor Day, the Little White Schoolhouse opens its doors daily from 10am to 4pm, with extended hours until 5pm from July 12th to July 21st. Visitors can explore this iconic building and immerse themselves in the story of how concerned citizens gathered here in 1854 to form a new political movement that would shape the course of American history.

For those unable to visit Ripon, the excitement continues with a special addition to the Convention Fest area: a meticulously crafted replica of the Little White Schoolhouse. Constructed by Ripon High School students at 1/3 scale, this replica serves as a centerpiece in parades and city events. It's an opportunity for convention attendees and visitors alike to learn about Ripon's pivotal role in American politics, conveniently located right at the heart of the convention activities.

Mandy Kimes, Executive Director of the Ripon Chamber of Commerce, expressed enthusiasm about showcasing Ripon's unique history: "We are so excited to have a way to showcase the incredible history that took place here in Ripon 170 years ago. This is Ripon's unique history and contribution to the development of our nation."

Private tours of the Little White Schoolhouse can be arranged by calling 920-658-5974 or emailing [birthplace@ripon-wi.com](mailto:birthplace@ripon-wi.com), offering a personalized experience for those eager to delve deeper into this historical museum.

For more information about the Little White Schoolhouse visit [www.lwsh.org](http://www.lwsh.org)

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