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# COUNTDOWN '24

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The Republican National Committee [announced Monday](#) that it plans to host the third Republican presidential debate in Miami, Florida Nov. 8 with NBC News, following criticisms from Republicans about the first two debates co-hosted by Fox News and Fox Business.

- Former President Donald Trump, the frontrunner, has not participated in the two previous debates, and will likely not participate in the third. Trump, who is campaigning in Iowa Monday, [said on a previous visit to the first-in-the-nation state](#) that he has heard the RNC will not hold debates after Miami because he is not there.
- The RNC announced the Republican Jewish Coalition will also cohost the event, according to [the Forward](#). Republican candidates have emphasized their support for Israel and the nation's military response to Hamas attacks on the campaign trail.
- While Trump may not be on the debate stage in Florida, he is still facing legal action in the state related to allegedly keeping classified documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate. [The AP reported](#) U.S District Judge Aileen Cannon admonished federal prosecutors Thursday for "wasting the court's time" by not sharing a lawyer's conflict of interest for one of Trump's co-defendants.

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**[DeSantis in Iowa: I won't let Gaza refugees into the U.S.](#)**



(Photo by Robin Opsahl/Iowa Capital Dispatch)

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis emphasized his national security policies on the campaign trail in Iowa Saturday while ramping up investments in the first-in-the-nation caucus state, kicking off his first of six stops Saturday by telling Iowans that the U.S. should not accept Palestinian refugees fleeing from the violence.

“I don’t know what Biden’s going to do, but we cannot accept people from Gaza into this country as refugees,” DeSantis said. “I am not going to do that. If you look at how they behave, not all of them are Hamas, but they are all antisemitic. None of them believe in Israel’s right to exist. None of the Arab states are willing to take, you know, any of them. The Arab states should be taking them if you have refugees — you don’t fly people and import them into the United States of America.” | [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)

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## Idaho will have a presidential caucus in 2024 — not a primary. Here's how they differ.



(Photo by Otto Kitsinger/Idaho Capital Sun)

Instead of voting in a presidential primary election, Idaho voters will pick their political party's nominee for president in a series of presidential nominating caucuses in 2024.

That's because during the 2023 session, the Idaho Legislature seemingly unintentionally eliminated the presidential primary election. The Idaho Legislature did not reinstate the presidential primary election by the Republican Party's Oct. 1 deadline, so the state's political parties will instead hold their own presidential nominating caucuses next year. | [Idaho Capital Sun](#)



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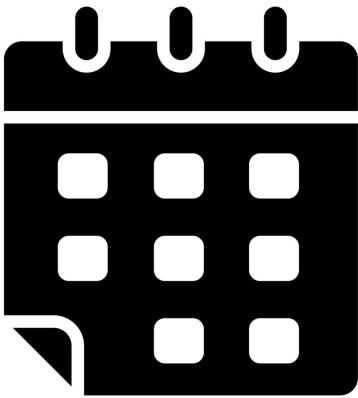
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## COMING UP *Calendar of events*



- **Oct. 20, 2023, IOWA CITY, IOWA** | Six GOP presidential candidates will speak at a [tailgate fundraiser](#) for U.S. Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, an Iowa Republican.
- **Oct. 30, 2023, COLORADO** | The trial date set for a lawsuit in which [plaintiffs are suing to block](#) Trump from the 2024 ballot in Colorado.
- **Nov. 8, 2023, MIAMI, FLORIDA** | The third Republican presidential debate.

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