**Congratulations on starting your team’s journey to Keep the 7-boundary Republic!**

Here is a quick start guide with FAQs: Building a KT7R team is something that the local teammates will likely tweak and tailor to fit their individual and community needs. Below is a simple outline of “starters” that newly rooting teams can use to begin building.

**Determine which type of training you & your community needs:**

1. Competitive Systematic Politics (3 Blocks; $50/person/class; 4 hours/Block; In-Person or Online; workbooks included). Each Block can take longer than 4 hours depending on student interaction during class.
2. Foundational Civics (1 Class; $50/person; 4 hours; In-Person or Online; workbooks included). FC can take longer than 4 hours depending on student interaction during class.
3. State Constitution Study Program (5 classes; $25/person/class; 2 hours/Class; In-Person or Online)
4. Regional Government (1 class; $25/person; 2 hours; pay-per-view)
5. City/County Government (1 class; $25/person; 2 hours; pay-per-view)
6. Systematic Political Messaging (1 class; $25/person; 4 hours; In-person or Online; Prerequisites: Block #2 class plus Training Exercise completion)

**Determine the best day of the week & time of the day for your training.**

1. Please contact The CSG Team with this information for scheduling at info@tncsg.org or 1-615-669-8274
2. For In-person Training, Teams need to provide travel costs for CSG Instructors. Travel includes airfare, rental, gas, lodging, and food. These costs are significantly reduced if food, lodging, and/or transportation are provided. The average cost of airfare is $350 roundtrip.

**Preparing for Training Day**

1. Some teams like to have some snacks, finger food and beverages.
2. A break at around the halfway mark is usually a good idea.
3. CSG is happy to teach anywhere that has a screen or a wall to project on.
4. Our instructors are equally comfortable in a private home or a public venue.

**At the end of the Training Day**

1. Plan to collect student contact information.
2. Plan an “ALL” levels meeting within 2-3 weeks of today.
	1. Have a couple calendar options set up for your team to choose from. We have found that too much time between these first few meetings tends to cause drop off.

**“ALL” Levels meeting**

1. This meeting is usually face to face and lasts 2 hours. All unfinished business is held until the next meeting. At the end of this meeting you will then set the next “ALL” levels meeting and repeat.
2. Respect each other’s time, 2 hours is plenty of time in the beginning. There might be times, later in training, when some or all choose to stay longer and bond/socialize.
3. Plan on holding each other accountable to completing the training, we have found this to be very helpful, and necessary. If you all can try and keep the same class training schedule it will be easier to motivate and help each other.
4. Plan your Block #2 or other classes approximately 2-3 months from your Block #1. There’s only 3 training exercises, which is completely doable in 4-12 weeks. \*\*\*\*In order to take Block #2, teammates must turn in their 3 training exercises. (Please lean on our team for questions, or concerns )
	1. Example team schedule:
		1. we try & schedule CSG Instructors 4 times a year)
		2. Our “All” levels meetings are once a month (2 hours)
		3. Our ‘Seal’ team (Block #3 or graduate) meet once F2F (2 hours) & another Zoom once a month (2 hours)
	2. So, for 2 - 6 hours of meeting, you can see it’s pretty dang efficient. During the Seal team meetings is where we run issues. Your “ALL” levels team will start to function as a unit, even as your first meeting begins—accomplishing the training exercises and looking at your issues with a different lens is practice to think like a systematic mechanic of the Layer Cake system.

**Recommended resources for teams:**

1. Blacks law dictionary
2. Your State Constitution
3. “Local and Regional Government Information: How to Find It, How to Use It”
4. Zoom pre downloaded on devices if you have any live-online participants(Zoom.us)

**TEAM BUILDING CONSIDERATIONS**

Secret sauce (best practices) behind successful Systematic Political teams!

1. Quality over quantity - Even small teams (3-8 people) can be successful. Seeking out selfless team members who are able to put their partisan politics aside to embrace systematic politics and work as a team.
2. Each team needs a facilitator(s).The facilitator isn’t in charge, but rather sets the tone, organizes meetings and helps others to discover and build upon their strengths.
3. A good team is always more than the sum of its parts.
4. A good facilitator exemplifies authenticity, humility, servanthood, gratitude and passion with the end goal of developing and empowering others to lead.
5. Beware of “kingdom builders” these are people who will use the work of the team for their own purposes.
6. As we all know relationships are messy, requiring patience and thoughtfulness while navigating differences of opinion. Don’t panic when the initial honeymoon comes to an end.
7. Team buy-in. With systematic politics (boundaries and controls rather than issues and candidates) in mind, team projects are decided by and agreed upon by the team as a whole.
8. Leave egos at the door
9. Build trust; keep the confidences of your team members as well as intel from elected officials. What happens in your team stays with your team
10. Have regularly scheduled meetings. Usually every week or every other week to discuss training exercises - How are they going? See if anyone has any questions, stresses, etc. Celebrate successes - for example, completion of an exercise, building a relationship previously thought unattainable, newly discovered systemic knowledge, etc.

Please feel free to contact us if you need a mentor or have questions.

Mutually Pledged,

The CSG Team