

## Suggested Script for GOTV Team Presentations

Good (afternoon) (evening). My name is \_\_\_\_\_ (and address if requested). I am a member of the **Camden County Get Out The Vote Team**. If you are unfamiliar with our group, I'd offer a brief profile. We are a group of citizens frustrated by the low voter turnout in most elections. Rather than just complain about it, we decided to try and do something positive to stimulate, encourage and promote the importance of more people voting in every election.

We are not an organization or a committee or affiliated with any formal organization. We are non partisan and do not promote individuals or issues. Our volunteer members include Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. It includes those whose personal philosophy may be far left, far right or moderate. It doesn't matter because our objective is simply to get more people to become informed about candidates and issues and actually vote.

You may have seen our Team at some of the area festivals where we have sponsored a booth providing information about the ease of obtaining absentee ballots, helping individuals register to vote on line or check their voting status or precinct location. We often have a demonstration voting machine so those who have never used the machine can learn or practice voting.

We have been at the St. Marys July 4 celebration, the Kingsland Catfish Festival, the Rock Shrimp Festival, and will be at the Crawfish Festival in Woodbine in April. Several city council members have joined us in the booth and we welcome more. To increase awareness of our efforts, we organized a walking team for the Mardis Gras parade that included young, old and those in between...all interested in spreading our message to get out the vote.

We collaborated with the Tribune Georgian and the College of Coastal Georgia to conduct a candidate forum for last fall's St. Marys City Council election and anticipate doing the same for the Kingsland election this fall.

We provide non partisan research on ballot measures like the Redevelopment Powers Act. We assisted in providing the pros and cons of various methods of electing city officials for recent hearings on district versus at large elections. We offer our services to any local government wanting to better inform voters about ballot issues.

I am here today to make sure you are aware of our group because right now we are the only body of people in Camden County actually focusing on a subject we all complain about: low voter turnout. If you would like to join our effort, we welcome you. We would also appreciate it if you could identify citizens in your community who might be interested in working with us, either as a team member or as a volunteer at one of our events. For more information, please check our website **Camden Votes** at <http://camdenvotes.weebly.com/>  
Thank you for your attention.