

MONTANA LEGISLATURE
2013 Legislative Session Planning
CAUCUSES, ORIENTATION, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION
Potential DATES

Proposed to the Montana Legislative Council
 March 2012

Activity/Event	Proposed Dates (based on 2011)
General election	Tuesday, November 6, 2012
<i>Senate caucuses</i>	<i>Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 10 a.m.</i>
<i>House caucuses</i>	<i>Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 10 a.m.</i>
<i>Leadership Orientation (2 parts: President/Speaker/Majority and Minority leaders; and Whips/Caucus leaders)</i>	<i>Wednesday, November 14, 2012, after caucus; or Monday, December 3, 2012, after Rules and Chairman Training; or January 2-4, 2013</i>
<i>Legislator Orientation</i>	<i>Wednesday, November 14, 2012, through Friday, November 16, 2012</i>
<i>Legislative Dinner</i>	<i>Wednesday, November 14, 2012 (evening)</i>
Bobcat-Griz Game	Saturday, November 17, 2012
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 22, 2012
<i>Rules Committee, Hearing on Rules and Training</i>	<i>Monday, December 3, 2012 (morning)</i>
<i>Committee chair training</i>	<i>Monday, December 3, 2012 (afternoon)</i>
<i>Additional Training?</i>	<i>January 2-4, 2013</i>
Start of session	Monday, January 7, 2013 (noon)
<i>Law School for Legislators</i>	<i>Tuesday, January 8, 2013 (morning)</i>
<i>Legislative Rules Training</i>	<i>Wednesday, January 9, 2013 (afternoon)</i>

Options to consider:

- Hold **Basic Training** with Caucuses (payroll and benefits, computer services, facilities, basics on bills and budgets, meet with mentor teams, introduction of committees, etc.)
- Hold remainder of Training (bill process, advanced budget, fiscal notes, rules, mock committee and floor training, etc.), *either*:
 - with Rules and Committee chair training in December; *or*
 - use January 2, 3, or 4, 2013, for remainder and additional training (fiscal notes, HB 2, staff contact teams (by subject area) for each committee, more leadership training)