



*Call for Papers for the  
MAS Annual Meeting  
April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2014*

Dear Colleague:

As Director of the Montana Junior Academy of Science, I am writing you to announce this year's call for papers for participation in the Annual Meeting of the Montana Academy of Science. It will be held April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2014 on the campus of Montana Tech, UM-Butte. The annual banquet and poster session will be held on Friday evening. **As the student presentations will take place on Saturday, attendance on Friday is optional.** See the attached paper for more information about the program.

Students who would like to present a poster Friday night should indicate so when registering for the meeting (see the MAS website at [www.sciencemt.org](http://www.sciencemt.org)).

Students who wish to be scheduled for a 10 minute presentation in the Junior Academy Sectional may submit an abstract to MAS by **March 1** (see Abstract submission instructions on the MAS website). In addition, the author and title of these abstracts must be emailed to me ([cchauck@mcps.k12.mt.us](mailto:cchauck@mcps.k12.mt.us)). The early registration deadline for presentation at the meeting is also **March 1**.

Students who would like to enter the paper competition should submit their papers **to me electronically no later than March 3, 2014**. The paper(s) should be of standard scientific format: Title page, abstract, acknowledgments, table of contents, introduction, methods, data/results, discussion, & references. A sample paper is available on the MAS website. All students who submit papers will be scheduled for a 10 minute talk. Students who submit the top papers will be scheduled to give longer presentations in the Senior Academy Sectional.

Please submit student paper(s) to:

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Many high school students have participated in this program since its initiation, over 20 years ago, and have found it to be an excellent experience. I know that the senior members of the Academy look forward to the student's involvement. Please consider encouraging participation by your students.

Carmen Hauck,  
Director, Montana Junior Academy of Sciences

P.S. If you know of colleagues who may have interested students, please pass this letter along or email me their contact information.

## **THE MONTANA JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE**

### **Research Paper Competition and Oral Presentation**

#### **Registration, Participation Fees, and MAS Membership**

The meeting this year will be held April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2014 at Montana Tech, UM-Butte. Registration information for the annual meeting can be found on the MAS website, [www.sciencemt.org](http://www.sciencemt.org). There is a registration fee associated with attending the meeting; the total cost is \$20 per student and \$30 per teacher. The fee includes the Friday banquet as well as Saturday breakfast and lunch. Student participation includes membership in the MAS, which can be a benefit to one's resume for college and employment purposes. Student travel awards of \$50 are available to high school students to offset expenses to attend the meeting. The application form for these awards is located on the website as well.

#### **The Program**

Participation in the Jr. Academy of Science research paper competition provides students with the opportunity to have a report of their individual work reviewed by a panel of research scientists. In addition, all students who submit papers will be scheduled to give an oral presentation of their project at the Annual Meeting of the Montana Academy of Science. The presentation of papers is scheduled for Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup>. As all students who submit papers will be scheduled for presentation, only those planning to attend the annual meeting should apply.

#### **The Selection Process**

Students are requested to submit their papers no later than Monday March 3, 2014 to the Director of the Jr. Academy. All papers will then be given to a panel of evaluators, who will evaluate the papers and recommend the top submissions to be scheduled for presentation in the Senior Sectional of MAS. Those students chosen to speak in the Senior Sectional will be notified by April 1. All other papers will be scheduled for presentation in the Junior Academy Sectional. Thus, all MJAS members will have the opportunity to present their paper in the same format and setting as do the members of the Senior Academy. The presenters of four top-ranked papers will be invited to attend next year's annual meeting of the American Jr. Academy of Science.

#### **Publication opportunity**

Those students presenting at the Annual Meeting will have their abstracts posted on the MAS website. In addition, MAS members may have abstracts or their entire paper published (for a fee) in the Intermountain Journal of Science. Copies are mailed to contributing members the following year.