

MONTANA LEGISLATURE

2011 Legislative Session Planning

CAUCUSES, ORIENTATION, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION DATES

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Activity/Event	Proposed Dates
General election	Tuesday, November 2, 2010
Senate caucuses	Wednesday, November 10 or 17, 2010 (noon)
House caucuses	Wednesday, November 10 or 17, 2010 (noon)
Leadership Orientation (new)	Wednesday, November 10 or 17, 2010 (afternoon)
Legislator Orientation	Wednesday November 10, through Friday, November 12 or Wed. November 17 through Fri, Nov. 19, 2010
Bobcat-Griz Game Thanksgiving	Saturday, November 20, 2010 Thursday, November 25, 2010
Rules Committee	Monday, December 6 or 13, 2010 (morning)
Committee chair training	Monday, December 6 or 13, 2010 (afternoon)*
Start of session	Monday, January 3, 2011 (noon)
Legislative Rules Training	Monday, January 3, 2011 (afternoon)
Law School for Legislators	Tuesday, January 4, 2011 (morning)

(2009 Orientation was held November 12-14, 2008)

* In the past, the Legislative Council recommended that the Joint, Senate, and House Rules Committees meet in conjunction with the committee chair training.

Budget information:

- House and Senate budgets for caucus/ start-up (includes mileage, lodging, per diem for 150 legislators; Rules Meetings, Leadership trips, staff costs from caucus to session, and pre-session operating costs):

House	\$140,086
Senate	123,280
- House and Senate budgets for orientation and training (includes salary and per diem for all legislators plus chairman training - 2 days each).

House	\$49,390
Senate	38,729
- Legislative Council has indicated preference for the Banquet/Social Event on the night of caucuses instead of waiting for the second night.