Welcome to the Montana Legislature 2012 New Legislator Orientation

(All sessions are in the State Capitol)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2012 Capitol Building, Helena

Time	Event	Locations - tent.
10 a.m.	Senate and House caucuses	1st (2) and 3rd (2) floors
1 p.m.	Welcome Legislative Agencies Introduction - Directors • Welcome, who is conducting training, role of staff, what to expect: mentor teams Government 101	House chambers
1:30 p.m.	Introduction and Plenary session: • Pay and Benefits	House chambers
3:15 p.m.	Break	
3:30 p.m.	Computer IT Services Intro - Support, Security, and IT Allowance	House chambers
4:15 p.m 5:00 p.m.	Mentor Teams - Discussion on division roles - Who we are?, How can we help you?	Home Rooms - 8 on first floor, 350 and 335
5:30 p.m.	Dinner	TBD

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Time	Event	Location
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	317
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Introduction/Morning sessions (2): each session approximately 1 hour; participants attend both with presenters rotating. (Could have Intro and Intermediate groups) Questions in mentoring groups Bill Drafting (and Mechanics) (1 hour) Rules and Decorum (1 hour)	Room 317 - classroom style/ Room 303
10:30 a.m.	Break	

10:45 - 12:00 p.m.	Mentor Teams - Meet with Mentors in small groups - staff agencies and follow-up on morning sessions (LSD, bill draft requesting, mechanics, and rules, ethics, and decorum)	1st floor Home Rooms
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Rotunda
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Introduction to "Committees" - session, interim, decorum, committee video	House chamber
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Mentor Teams - describe role of committees and public participation (1,2,3, types of policies or agencies, help fill out committee preference forms)	1st floor Home Rooms
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Break	
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	General Budget Overview Staff Resources Add'I training Jan 2-4	House chambers

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2012

Time	Event	Location
7:30 - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Snack Bar
8:00 a.m.	Media, Social media, TVMT	House Chamber? or small groups?
9:00 a.m.	Senate, House Facilities and Staff (Plenary)	House Chamber
10:00 a.m.	Short break (with H/S staff and media)	House anteroom
10:30 a.m.	Meet in caucuses to discuss bill requests, leadership direction	1st (2) and 3rd (2) floors
12:00	Adjourn	
	Montana Historical Society tours of Capitol	
	LAWS demonstrations	
	Photos?	
	Library Tours?	

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