

# **SPS zone meeting zone 14, Colorado and Wyoming**

**April 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 in Laramie, Wyoming**

## **General information**

The spring 2011 meeting of zone 14 is hosted by the Department of Physics & Astronomy at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming.

The event has been sponsored by the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, Oliver Walter, by the Department of Physics & Astronomy, by SPS national, and by Graduate Admissions.

The program includes four research talks, a presentation of the UW graduate program with lab tours, an undergraduate research poster session, an undergraduate demo competition, a tour to the WIRO observatory, and a teaching chat (see program).

There is no admission fee for students or faculty.

The event is taking place at the main campus of the University of Wyoming (see travel and town maps). A guide to free parking at the university is included in the maps.

## **Location**

Please consult the attached maps to find the classroom building 'CR' and go to the upper level to find the conference rooms CR314 and CR 310. Restrooms are located in the lower level.

Go to the Physical Science building ('PS') to find the Department of Physics & Astronomy, the lecture room PS234 referred to in the program, the department office (Kim, Lynn, and Nicole) in PS 204, the student lounge in PS 201, and Rudi's office in PS 215.

## **Undergraduate research poster session**

Each undergraduate student may bring as many of his or her own research posters as desired. Only one poster of their choice will be allowed to enter the prize competition.

Accompanying graduate students are invited to bring their posters too, but are not eligible for the prize competition.

## **Undergraduate demo competition**

Each chapter is allowed to bring more than one demonstration. However, the presentation of the demo and the explanation of the physics of the demo have to be done by different undergraduate students for each demo.

## **Teaching chat**

Please bring information that you want to share. In particular, we plan to compare syllabi on expectations for the major.

## **Observatory tour**

Our observatory is on the very top of Mount Jelrn, some 25 miles SW of Laramie. It is at an elevation of 10,000 feet. At this time of year, it is winter in the mountains. We will have to travel via Snocat to the top. If you want to participate in the tour, please bring winter clothing (warm jackets, full shoes, etc.).

### **Parking**

During the weekend and after 5pm on Friday, parking is free of fee in the university 'A zone' parking. Other restrictions, like handicapped parking, will still be enforced in those zones.