

VIRGINIA JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE 66th ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 - FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2007

James Madison University
Harrisonburg, Virginia

Pre-registration Packet

The University community welcomes you to the 66th annual meeting of the Virginia Junior Academy of Science (VJAS), May 23 - 25, 2007 at James Madison University. The 85th annual meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science (VAS) will be held May 24 - 26, 2007.

The 66th annual VJAS meeting features:

- Welcome by JMU President, Dr. Linwood Rose
- Technical Sessions and Award Presentations
- Presentation by **Kristen St. John, PhD**
- The George W. Jeffers Memorial Lecture by **Marion Lobstein**
- Annual Academy Picnic
- VJAS Dance

We look forward to seeing you in May. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help enrich your experience with VJAS at James Madison University. All registration information and forms may be found either on this website or on the VAS website at <http://www.VJAS.org>.

Wednesday, May 23

- VJAS registration
- Academy picnic on the Festival Lawn
- Welcome to the University
- General Session and presentation by **Kristen St. John, PhD**

Thursday, May 24

- Breakfast in Festival Cafeteria
- All day technical presentations
- Lunch in Festival Cafeteria
- Dinner in Festival Cafeteria with a Scientist

· George W. Jeffers Memorial Lecture in the Festival Grand Ballroom by **Marion Lobstein**

· Dance in the Festival

Friday, May 25

· Breakfast in Festival Cafeteria

· VJAS awards presentation in Festival Grand Ballroom

Sign-up sheets for the arranged special events will be announced at registration

Arrival and registration

Upon arrival at James Madison University, follow signs and proceed directly to the registration area, located in the Festival Conference and Student Center Foyer. Buses and school vans should pull into the loop in front of the Festival for sponsors to check-in. After registration, all buses staying on campus must park long-term in Parking Lot R3. The registration center will be open from 3 p.m. - 10 p.m.

A representative for each school should come to the registration desk without the students. The students should stay with their bus until the school representative returns with the registration packet. To register, the school representative must have copies of the following for each participant:

- 1) Participant Registration Form**
- 2) VJAS Medical Consent Form**
- 3) VJAS Media/Broadcast Release Form**

The representative from each school will be given packets containing nametags, programs, and other necessary information. Room assignments and keys will be provided at registration. Adult sponsors are responsible for immediately checking the contents of the packets. Any discrepancy or problem should be reported to the registration desk as soon as possible. The registration centers will be open during the following hours:

- 3 – 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 23 – Festival Foyer ***
- 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Thursday, May 26 – HHS Central Hall

*****Note: The Academy Picnic will be from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The General Session will begin at 8 p.m.**

On-campus housing and meals

Schools that pre-register and request on-campus housing for students and sponsors will be assigned rooms in residence halls. Schools are responsible for any damage to University property or items misplaced, such as keys and linens. All meals except the picnic will be in Festival Cafeteria.

It is strongly encouraged that school's have at least one male adult to be paired with their male students, and at least one female adult to be paired with their female students respectively. This is for room arrangement purposes, as the on-campus housing will have floors and wings arranged by gender. JMU will try to keep both groups of students from one school in the same building.

JUDGES FOR VJAS: *If you are not going to attend the VAS meeting, but would like on-campus housing, [click here for a form](#). If you would like off-campus housing [click here](#) for a list of local hotels and local restaurants.*

(In order to open these forms you will need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed. If you do not have it, [click here](#) to download the program.)

All linens will be provided (folded, beds are not pre-made), including pillows, pillowcases, sheets, blankets, towels, and a washcloth. If you are generally cold in nature, then you may want to bring an extra blanket as the rooms are air conditioned. There are TV's available in the lounge on each floor, but no VCR's are available. Snack and soda machines are located on the ground floor of the dorms, but there are no ice machines. There is a kitchen with a refrigerator in each residence hall, but everyone has access to that area. In order to keep drinks cold in your room, you may want to bring a cooler to store ice and cold snacks.

Wireless Internet is not available in the residence halls. However, access to the JMU network is available with a Guest log in and password provided by JMU at check-in. Please bring an Ethernet cord if you plan on using the JMU network, as there aren't any available. You may access the internet at computer terminals in JMadds (located in the Festival), or use the CISAT library; the buildings in which your registration will be held.

The University Recreation Center (referred to as UREC), is not available for student use. Adults may use UREC at a fee. Money may be added to conference cards through on-campus DART machines.

Parking

When parking on campus, please park in any legal lot; not in metered space, a handicapped space (unless you display both handicap tags and JMU pass), or fire lanes. Spaces should be available near the meeting site. Parking is complimentary, but please display the parking pass which you received. You may obtain another copy of the parking pass by [clicking here](#).

Buses and school vans should drop passengers off in the loop behind Potomac Hall ([Link to Map](#)). After registration, all buses staying on campus must park long-term in Lot R-3 across from the Festival.

Projection equipment

All rooms will be equipped with an overhead projector for transparencies and with a computer with LCD projector. All of the computers are equipped with easily accessible USB ports, and CD/floppy drives. *Do not bring your own computer.* It is best to bring a PowerPoint presentation on a USB flash drive (preferred), CD, or floppy disk. Each computer has PowerPoint installed as part of Office 2003. Please bring your own 35mm slide projector if one is needed. (All equipment is PC - no Macintosh equipment is available.)

Names and telephone numbers

For registration (on-campus lodging and meals) contact Bonnie Powell at (1-540 568-8043) or via email (powellbs@jmu.edu).

For Program Information and Technical Sessions contact Susan Booth at (757-874-3349) or via email (susanscience@msn.com), or the Academy's office at (804-864-1450) prior to the meeting.

Emergency contact: JMU Police at (540)-568-6913

Medical Consent Form

Parents are required to complete and sign the enclosed permission form authorizing emergency medical treatment. A medical consent form must be completed and signed by the parent or legal guardian of every student under the age of 18 who is attending the VJAS Meeting. Teachers/sponsors are to submit these forms along with the original registration forms, and also keep a copy with them at all times during the conference.

Media/Broadcast Release Form

Pictures of the VJAS meeting may be used for media purposes. Please have each student complete this release form. Teachers/sponsors are to submit these forms along with the original registration forms.

Annual Academy Picnic and Dance

On Wednesday, a picnic will be held for students and teachers on the Festival Lawn. The picnic will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. After the General Session Thursday evening, a dance is scheduled for VJAS members and students. The dance will be held in the Festival cafeteria with snacks available. Reservations for the events may be made by choosing the option on the registration form.

Special events

Special events will be arranged for Thursday. Sign-up forms will be available at the registration desk during the meeting.

School Representative Checklist

Complete the following steps:

1. Have each student fill out completely and sign:
 - Participant Registration Form. The form is used to prepare nametags, which are used as admission to all events.
 - VJAS Medical Consent Form. Parents are required to complete and sign the enclosed permission form authorizing emergency medical treatment. A medical consent form must be completed and signed by the parent or legal guardian of every student under the age of 18 who is attending the VJAS meeting. Teachers/sponsors should keep a copy with them at all times during the conference.
 - VJAS Media/Broadcast Release Form. Pictures of the VJAS meeting may be used for media purposes. Please have each student complete this release form. Teachers/sponsors should keep a copy with them at all times during the conference.
2. Use the Room Assignment Form to indicate how you want students placed in rooms.
3. Complete the Summary Form, which totals the number of students, parents/guardians, and sponsors attending.
4. Collect a VJAS Medical Consent Form and VJAS Media/Broadcast Release Form from each student to bring to registration. Send with your registration forms a copy of each of these documents for each student to JMU to be kept on file. PLEASE NOTE: One hard copy for each student must be kept by the group sponsor and a hard copy must be kept on student's person at all times of the meeting.
5. Arrange for one payment: Money order or cashier's check for the total fees for your entire group, payable to: James Madison University.
6. With one payment, mail or fax the Teacher's Summary Form, Room Assignment Form and all Participant Registration Forms to:

Events & Conferences
Attn: VJAS 2007
MSC 3501, James Madison University
Harrisonburg, VA 22807
Phone: (540) 568-8043 Fax: (540) 568-6444

Deadline

Pre-registration materials must be received no later than Saturday, April 29, 2007. A \$25 late fee will be applied and should accompany the registration materials, if the forms for a group are received after that date.