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## **Dear Prospective Postdocs,**

On behalf of the Los Alamos Postdoctoral Association (LAPA), we would like to welcome you to Los Alamos National Laboratory. The LAPA organization would like to make your experience as a postdoc at LANL an exciting and productive one. The objective of this web page is to provide information about activities one can participate inside as well as outside the laboratory. Geographically, Los Alamos is located approximately 35 miles (56 km) to the northwest of Santa Fe at an Elevation of 7320 feet. From the centuries old Pueblo ruins of Bandelier National Monument to the world-renowned scientific community that shaped the course of history, Los Alamos continues to excel in innovative technology for the 21st Century. The town is known for its abundance of outdoor activities and beautiful scenery. On a sunny day, one can enjoy the breathtaking mountain scenery, fascinating museums, wildlife, and many activities such as hiking, backpacking, road and mountain biking, rock climbing, fishing, birding, camping, swimming, golfing and hunting. During the winter months, Los Alamos offers cross country skiing, downhill skiing, skating and much more. Please check http://www.visit.losalamos.com/ for more information.

Currently LANL has over 400 postdocs. As a postdoc at LANL, you automatically become a general member of the LAPA, whose mission is to foster a sense of community among the postdoctoral researchers; act as a liaison with upper management to voice postdoctoral concerns; and to provide career development information to the members. The LAPA organization conducts monthly leadership meetings, socials and technical seminars to which all the postdocs are invited and encouraged to attend. Also, annually we organize the Los Alamos Postdoc Research Day and the LAPA Career Fair. Reference to these two events can be found under Career on the LAPA web site.

We look forward to seeing you in Los Alamos!

Sincerely,

The Los Alamos Postdoctoral Association