


"Making Science Fun"

December 2012



To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the 20th annual Operation Minerva Organizing Committee. We are seeking a donation from your company in order to defray the costs of the Minerva Conference.

Concerned educators who saw the need to introduce young, female students to the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (the STEM subjects) created Operation Minerva. In Alberta, there is a large under-representation of females in these traditionally male fields. We seek to alter this situation. Once a year, the Operation Minerva Conference is held in Medicine Hat. Grade nine girls from South East Alberta participate in hands-on workshops, job shadowing and various other activities designed to arouse their curiosity and interest in the Sciences and Math. We hope, that by doing so, girls will continue to take STEM courses throughout their high school years.

We would like to provide snacks, luncheon, a gift bag and/or door prizes for this event, as we like to give the girls something fun as well as educational to help them remember their experiences at the conference. In the past, we have greatly appreciated all donations. The generosity of the business community has enabled us to keep costs down, allowing more girls to participate and this year we hope to double our numbers. If you are able provide a donation, please contact me by phone at 403- 526-4556 or by email at linda.cooper@medicine-hat-ab.ca. There is more information about Operation Minerva on the Praxis web site www.praxismh.ca. This year's Conference will be held on Monday, January 30th 2012 and we will have approximately 60 participants. As in the past, we will be acknowledging the names of those who helped make Operation Minerva a success. We hope to be able to add your name to the list. Thank you for your time and anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

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