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Montana's wide open spaces will be the classroom for the 1960 Rocky Mountain Seminar sponsored by Montana State University, the Montana Education Association, and the National Education Association Division of Travel Service.

Participants in the unusual program of study and travel will be based on the MSU campus but will range to the four corners of the state in their quest for knowledge about regional development, according to Dr. Harold Tascher of MSU, seminar director and coordinator.

The seminar, scheduled for June 23 through August 2, will get under way at MSU June 23 with a unit of study that will continue through June 29. The introductory unit will present the regional development problem in the Rocky Mountains, with illustrations supplied by a circle tour of Rock Creek Canyon, Skalkaho, and Bitterroot; a trip to Lower Flathead Valley; a trek over the Lewis and Clark Trail, and visits to U. S. Forest Service control projects in the area.

The second unit, June 30 through July 15, will deal with problems in the management of natural resources and will include a 17-day tour of the Flathead area, Glacier Park, Great Falls, Lewistown, Billings, Bozeman, Quake Lake, Virginia City, Butte, and Anaconda.

Students will spend the week of July 17 on the MSU campus evaluating the experiences of the 17-day tour in terms of what they learned in the first unit, Dr. Tascher said.

The fourth phase, July 25 through 30, is concerned with resource potentialities. Topics will include utilization of primitive areas and a study of the Indian way of life. This unit includes trips to the Bison Range and Helena and a three-day pack trip to the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

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The final unit, August 1 and 2, brings the students back to the campus for evaluation and completion of the project. The seminar will culminate in a "Last Roundup," featuring a dinner and special program, on August 2.

Anyone in the field of education with at least two years of work at an accredited college or university is eligible for participation in the seminar, Dr. Tascher said. The University will give eight quarter hours of credit in sociology to those who satisfactorily complete the course. Prerequisite to earning credit is 10 semester hours of credit in social science, he said. The seminar is also open to auditors, he added.

Information about the seminar can be obtained by writing to Dr. Tascher, Montana State University, Missoula. He urged early inquiry as the course must be limited and applications will be accepted in the order they are received.

Montanans on the program committee with Dr. Tascher are Wilson F. Clark, Eastern Montana College of Education, Billings; D. D. Cooper, Montana Education Association, Helena; Kenneth A. Keeney, USFS, Missoula, and Albert J. Partoll, Montana Historical Society Board, Missoula. ⁴Other members are George F. Baggley, National Park Service, Omaha, Neb.; Reed Bailey, USFS, Ogden, Utah; Adrian Fox, Soil Conservation Service, Washington, D. C.; Charles Mattison, Conservation Education Association, Silver Spring, Md.; W. R. Tascher, U. S. Extension Service, Washington, D. C.; Ernest F. Witte, Council on Social Work Education, New York, N. Y., and Paul H. Kinsel, National Education Association, Washington, D. C.

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