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## **27TH KYI-YO POW WOW TO BE HELD AT UM APRIL 28-29**

### **MISSOULA--**

The 27th Annual Kyi-Yo Pow Wow will be held at The University of Montana-Missoula Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29 in and near the Harry Adams Field House.

Terri Long Fox, president of UM's Kyi-Yo Indian Club, said that this year the powwow will have a balance of social events and contests. In past years, she said, the emphasis has been on the contests.

Past years have brought 6,000 to 7,000 people to Missoula for the event, Long Fox said. She expects similar attendance figures this year, and hopes that more UM students and non-American Indians will attend this year.

"We want to change people's perspective" of the powwow, Long Fox said. "It's not just for Indians."

Traditional highlights of the Kyi-Yo Pow Wow include the Hoop Dancers and the crowning of Miss Kyi-Yo and Little Miss Kyi-Yo. There will also be an honor dance Friday evening for Native American Studies faculty and staff and people from the University who have been supportive of the NAS program, Long Fox said. NAS Adviser/Counselor Woody Kipp will be the master of ceremonies for the powwow.

Other scheduled events include a Fun Run and a tepee race at 4 p.m. Saturday. The tepee race, which will be outside the Field House near Jacob's Island, is in honor of Native American

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Studies Director Bonnie Craig.

The powwow will consist of three sessions: Friday night from 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday afternoon from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturday night from 6 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$2 per session; a pass for all three sessions can be purchased for \$5. Purchasers of event passes also will be entered in a drawing for door prizes, Long Fox said. Admission is free for dancers, drummers, elders over age 60 and children under age 6.

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