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UM HOSTS GRIZ WELCOME-HOME CEREMONY FOR FANS SATURDAY

MISSOULA -

The public is invited to celebrate the Montana Grizzlies' return to Missoula Saturday afternoon, regardless of the outcome of Friday's NCAA Division I-AA national championship game.

The University of Montana will host a celebration for Grizzly football fans beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Adams Center. Hundreds of Grizzly logo items and prizes and gift certificates donated by local businesses will be given away during the event.

A brief program will include remarks by Montana Gov. Judy Martz, football head coach Joe Glenn and the stars of Friday's championship battle against the Furman Paladins. An autograph session with the Montana Grizzlies players and coaches and UM's Grizzly mascot, Monte, will follow the program.

"This celebration is not only to recognize the Grizzlies for a winning season, but also to thank our fans whose enthusiasm helps the team win games week after week," said Rita Munzenrider, interim director of University Relations, which is coordinating the event. "Team members and coaches credit their fans for much of the Grizzlies' success. Hopefully, we'll have more success to celebrate."

Patrol cars from the Missoula Police Department and UM's Office of Public Safety and a Missoula Fire Department engine will escort the team immediately to campus when their plane lands Saturday afternoon.

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