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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **49TH ANNUAL MONTANA SCIENCE FAIR COMES TO UM**

#### **MISSOULA-**

Montana middle and high school students will compete for prizes at the 49th annual Montana Science Fair April 5-6 at The University of Montana Adams Center. The public is invited to attend and admission is free.

The fair is scheduled from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, April 5, and from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 6.

Students in grades nine through 12 (Division I) will compete in 14 categories: behavioral and social sciences, biochemistry, botany, chemistry, computer science, earth and space sciences, engineering, environmental science, gerontology, mathematics, medicine and health, microbiology, physics and zoology. Students in sixth, seventh and eighth grade will compete in physical and biological sciences within their grade levels.

Judging will take place from 1 to 4:30 p.m. April 5, and an awards ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. April 6 in the Adams Center's West Auxiliary Gym.

The top four Grand Award winners in Division I will win expense-paid trips to the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair May 9-15 in Portland, Ore. The trips are sponsored by the National Science Foundation Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research program, the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, and Missoula Exchange

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Club fund-raising efforts.

The Montana Science Fair is sponsored by the UM Foundation Excellence Fund; UM offices of the President, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Research and Development; NSF EPSCoR and the Missoula Exchange Club.

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