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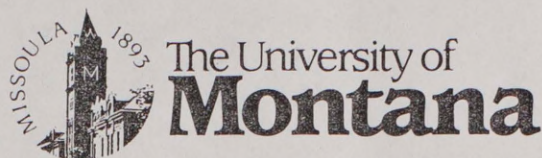
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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **EARTH DAY EVENT OFFERS FOUR PROJECTS FOR VOLUNTEERS APRIL 23**

#### **MISSOULA –**

Clean Start, an Earth Day service event, will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 23, at many Missoula locations. Organized by The University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement, the project offers volunteers the opportunity to participate in up to four different areas.

First, from 9 a.m. to noon, a river clean-up will take place along the Clark Fork River on the Kim Williams Trail. Participants can meet at the Van Buren Footbridge or Kiwanis Park to receive collection bags.

Then from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., volunteers will meet at the base of Mount Sentinel to pull weeds and plant seeds on the hillside.

From 1:30 to 3 p.m., volunteers will jump into garbage cans in a Dumpster Dive at the UM Recycle Shed located behind Facilities Services. Participants will search for recyclable items. Finally, from noon to 4 p.m. at Bonner Park, participants can attend a seminar on building a bike. Volunteers also have the opportunity to participate in the Ecopentathlon, an event where bikes are ridden to each of the four volunteer areas in one-hour sprints. Participants must bring their own bikes, helmets and water bottles to join the Ecopentathlon. All Clean Start volunteers are eligible to win a Missoula Urban Demonstration membership.

For more information, call the Office for Civic Engagement at 243-5531.

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