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DATE SET FOR 'RELAY FOR LIFE' AT UM

MISSOULA—

The American Cancer Society University of Montana Relay for Life will be held from 6 p.m. Friday, May 5, to 6 a.m. Saturday, May 6, on the UM Oval.

The theme for this year's event is "Cinco de Mayo."

The annual overnight event is a time to remember those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have survived. It also is a fun-filled fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society.

More than 200 University of Montana students are expected to participate in this year's event.

Teams are the lifeblood of any Relay for Life, said Katie Murphy, chair of the event.

Recruitment volunteers already have begun to contact campus living groups, clubs and organizations.

"If students can raise money for the American Cancer Society and raise awareness of the value of early detection and prevention while still having a fun time during the relay, it will be a win-win situation for all," Murphy said.

The goal of this year's Relay for Life is to register a minimum of 25 teams and take in at least \$25,000. All money raised will be used by the American Cancer Society to continue cancer

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research, state and national legislative advocacy, and educational and community service programs.

Corey Campbell, district quality of life relationship manager for the American Cancer Society, said one of the most touching moments of any Relay for Life is the traditional Survivors Lap, when all area cancer survivors are invited to take the track to walk the first lap of the event.

“Seeing all the students, alumni, faculty, staff and members of the community walking that opening lap will bring home the fact that cancer truly does not discriminate,” Campbell said.

For information about forming or joining a team for this year’s Relay for Life or to register for the Survivors Lap, call Murphy, (406) 370-6580, or Campbell, (406) 542-2191.

To start or join a team or to sign up as an individual participant in this year’s event, visit <http://www.acsevents.org/relay/mt/um>.

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