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2008 'RELAY FOR LIFE' TEAM MEETING SET

MISSOULA –

University of Montana Relay for Life organizers will hold an informational meeting for students, faculty and staff interested in forming teams at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the University Center Room 330.

The third annual American Cancer Society UM Relay for Life will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, April 25, to 6 a.m. Saturday, April 26.

Relay teams will celebrate cancer survivors and raising money for the American Cancer Society at the all-night walk-a-thon around the UM Oval with live music and other entertainment.

This year, UM Relay for Life would like to register more than 50 teams and raise more than \$50,000. Last year 41 teams composed of mostly students raised \$41,000, according to ACS Community Relationship Manager Katie Murphy. She expects more than 400 students to register for this year's relay.

“College students are much more aware of the health factors and risks facing all Americans,” Murphy said. “They know that a disease like cancer doesn't just happen to someone else; it can happen to them.”

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Last year, more than 4,900 Montanans were diagnosed with cancer. All money raised by the relay is used to fund cancer research, ACS legislative advocacy efforts and educational and community service programs.

For more information on forming a UM Relay for Life team, call Katie Ellison at (505) 330-5294 or Liz Martin at (406) 529-4635.

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