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16TH ANNUAL KYI-YO BASKETBALL CLASSIC COMES TO UM

MISSOULA -

The Kyi-Yo Native American Student Association at The University of Montana will host their 16th annual Kyi-Yo Basketball Classic Feb. 13-15 in the Adams Center.

Kyi-Yo is still accepting rosters for men's and women's teams interested in competing. The registration fee for a team is \$400, and the registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 6. Teams registering after that date will be charged a late fee.

This year's basketball classic will host teams from around Montana and from as far away as Arizona. Top teams will receive prizes, and MVPs and All Stars will be chosen. The first-place team will receive embroidered wool jackets. Second place will win Nike jackets, and the third-place team will get hooded sweatshirts.

The Kyi-Yo Basketball Classic is a drug- and alcohol-free event. For a full set of competition rules and more information, visit <u>http://www.umt.edu/kyiyo/basket.htm</u>.

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