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### **‘HANDS ON HEALTH’ EXHIBITION OPENS AT UM DISCOVERY AREA**

#### **MISSOULA –**

The public is invited to explore “Hands On Health,” a new exhibition at The University of Montana’s spectrUM Discovery Area. This interactive, family-friendly science show opens Saturday, Sept. 12, and runs through Feb. 20, 2010.

A grand-opening event will take place from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at spectrUM Discovery Area, located in Skaggs Building Room 166. Free cookies will be available for the first 50 visitors.

Among the 12 exhibits on display are a “Giant Nose” at the Public Health Station. Visitors will swab the nose to collect a sample and create a wet slide. By viewing the sample under a Wentzscope, they will determine what is causing the runny nose.

At the Health Assessment Station, visitors will check their blood pressure, pulse and blood oxygen level. Then they will get their blood pumping with Dance Dance Revolution on spectrUM’s big-screen TV and reassess their vital signs.

One of spectrUM’s most popular events, guided dissection, will be a regular activity at the Discovery Bench. SpectrUM educators will lead dissections of cow eyeballs and hearts every hour, as visitors learn about the organ’s parts and functions.



Special guest Ms. Bones, the friendly skeleton, will hand out free passes to spectrUM and other family-friendly venues.

The spectrUM Discovery Area's regular hours are 3:30 to 7 p.m. Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Admission is \$3.50 per person and free for members. Free passes for families in need are available for check-out at the Missoula Public Library. Prearranged field trips area offered throughout the week.

SpectrUM also will offer an after-school Med Club for students ages 9 to 12 this fall. Med Club offers students an array of health science activities, including performing guided dissections, working as detectives to investigate how germs spread and meeting Missoula health researchers and practitioners. The club will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays from Sept. 23 to Oct. 28.

The "Hands On Health" exhibit is designed to inspire the next generation of Montana health care providers while sharing the exciting world of health and exercise sciences. The exhibit is presented by spectrUM and the Western Montana Area Health Education Center, and is sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana.

Visit the spectrUM Discovery Area online at <http://www.umt.edu/spectrum>. For more information, contact Holly Truitt, 406-243-4828, [holly.truitt@umontana.edu](mailto:holly.truitt@umontana.edu), or Jessie Gajewski, 406-243-4323, [jessie.gajewski@mso.umt.edu](mailto:jessie.gajewski@mso.umt.edu).

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