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MISSOULA--

A total of 263 students from grades 7 through 12 will enter exhibits in the 17th annual Montana Science Fair this weekend (April 7-8) at the University of Montana.

More than 70 grade and high schools from throughout the state will be represented at the fair, which begins officially with registration and installation of exhibits from 8 a.m.-noon Friday in the Men's Gymnasium on the Missoula campus.

Dr. Reuben A. Diettert, a UM botany professor and fair director, said the entries will be in two groups--Division I for grades 9 through 12 and Division II for grades 7 and 8. Students winning the top two awards in Missoula will be permitted to enter their exhibits in / ^{the} International Science and Engineering Fair in New Orleans, La., April 30-May 5.

Exhibits will represent behavioral, social, biological and physical sciences. Also included are earth and space sciences and mathematics and computer classifications.

The awards luncheon is set for 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the University Center Ballroom.

The Exchange Club of Missoula has funded the State Science Fair since 1960. A \$500 scholarship from the Exchange Club also will be presented Saturday.

The fair will be open to the public from 6 p.m.-midnight Friday and from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday in the Men's Gym.

Students competing must be with their exhibits from 4-5 p.m. Friday.

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