2,000 expected for Walk for Mankind this Saturday

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An estimated 2,000 persons are expected to participate in Project Concern's Walk for Mankind in Missoula Saturday (April 22), John Raymond of Butte, publicity chairman for the project, said.

The walk, which is sponsored by the Circle K Club, Spurs, Bearpaws and Alpha Phi Omega, service organization at the University of Montana, and the Kiwanis and Key Clubs, will cover a 22-mile route starting and ending at the Missoula County Fairgrounds.

"The money raised will be used for Project Concern's medical programs in Appalachia, New Mexico, Texas, Mexico, Hong Kong, Vietnam, and for various local organizations," Raymond said.

In 1970-71, communities throughout the nation and abroad staged more than 200 walks and raised more than $1.5 million for Project Concern, Raymond said.

Explaining the way it works, Raymond said, "Walkers of all ages register with their local Walk Committee and sign-up as many sponsors as they can who agree to pay Project Concern a certain amount for every mile they walk."

Walkers follow a carefully planned and well marked route and have cards marked at given intervals to prove they reached each of the checkpoints, Raymond said.

Anyone interested in participating in the walk may phone 728-2537 between 1-5 p.m. Raymond, who is a University student, can be reached at 243-4805.