285 participating in Youth Summer Sports Program

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A summer program at the University of Montana enabling youngsters to become more involved in recreational and sports activities "is going great" for the 285 boys and girls between the ages of 10-18 participating, according to Bill Betcher, assistant UM football coach and curriculum director for the summer program.

A total of 42 UM staff members, including adults, are instructing the youngsters. Three UM football players, three basketball players and a distance runner on the UM track team are among the staff members participating in the instructional activities.

The program, which is entitled "National Summer Youth Sports Program," is under the supervision of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the UM Athletic Department.

Jack Elway, head assistant football coach at UM, is chief administrator for the local summer program.

Sports taught in the summer program include swimming, soccer, football, basketball, track, volleyball, modern dance and gymnastics.

The program continues through Aug. 5.