235 student exhibits to be featured at Montana Science Fair April 9-10

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Exhibits from 235 Montana grade school and high school students will be on display Friday and Saturday, April 9-10, during the 21st Annual Montana Science Fair at the University of Montana in Missoula.

The public may visit the exhibits without charge from 6 p.m.-midnight on Friday, April 9, and from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 10, in the Harry Adams Field House at UM.

A total of 21 students from Butte Senior High School and Butte West Junior High School will participate in the State Science Fair. North Toole County High School, Sunburst, and Geyser High School will be represented at the fair with 13 and nine entrants, respectively.

In addition to the student exhibits, several science departments at UM will furnish exhibits for the fair.

Members of the chemistry department, Dr. Richard J. Field, assistant professor, and Edward J. Keller, lecturer, have arranged a chemistry display. Dr. John M. Crowley, professor of geography, will exhibit a map display entitled "Missoula Valley Ecosystems."

Dr. Royal B. Brunson, professor of zoology, will show an exhibit on snakes and lizards from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday and from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday in room 205 of the UM Health Science Building.

The Department of Computer Science at UM will conduct tours of the computer science laboratory, located in the basement of Main Hall, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday for science fair participants and visitors.

A number of science films have also been scheduled during the fair. The films will be shown in the Field House according to a posted schedule. Dr. David M. Fountain, assistant professor of geology at the University, is in charge of the film festival.
Dr. Leonard E. Porter, director of the 1976 Montana Science Fair, said the participants, their parents and science teachers will be welcomed to the University at 3 p.m. Friday in the UM Music Recital Hall. Porter and Dr. James L. Talbot, acting academic vice president at UM, will speak at the opening reception.

State Science Fair exhibits are in two groups--Division I for high school students and Division II for students in grades 7 and 8. The boy and girl who are Grand Award winners in Division I competition in the Montana Science Fair will be eligible for an expense-paid trip to compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair May 9-15 in Denver, Colo.