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Montana Special Olympics

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MISSOULA, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
TO HOST MONTANA STATE SPECIAL
OLYMPICS FOR SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR

MISSOULA--

Missoula and the University of Montana will be the site of the 1980 Montana State Special Olympics May 14-16. This is the second straight year the "garden city" and UM have hosted the event.

The event is sponsored by the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, Montana Jaycees, UM and several individual organizations.

The event for "special" Montana people is only 11 years old. The first Special Olympics attracted 1,000 participants, and has now grown to more than one million. Included in that group are 23 countries and almost a quarter of a million volunteers.

More than 1,000 developmentally disabled people are expected to compete in this year's state games.

Activities include gymnastics, swimming, bowling, volleyball, frisbee and track events.

Several celebrities, including former Montana and Montana State football standouts will attend the festivities. Their names will be released at a later date.

UM Athletic Director Harley Lewis is the director of the games. Pat Dodson of the YMCA and Carol Braach, associate athletic director at UM, are the co-directors.

All interested people are encouraged to contact the University at 243-5331 if they wish to contribute their time to the Special Olympics.

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