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## YOUNG MONTANA SCIENTISTS ENTER 150 EXHIBITS AT UM SCIENCE FAIR

Top junior scientists from all sections of the Treasure State have submitted a total of 150 exhibits for judging in the Montana Science Fair, scheduled for Friday and Saturday (March 31, April 1) at the University of Montana.

Dr. Reuben A. Diettert, fair director and UM professor of botany, said most entrants are in school grades seven, eight and nine. Those young scientists, comprising the fair's Division II, entered 63 exhibits in the biological sciences and 52 in the physical sciences.

Students in grades 10, 11 and 12, comprising Division I, have entered 35 exhibits in science categories ranging from astronomy to zoology.

All exhibits have been ranked superior in district and local science fairs.

Fair registration will be from 8 a.m. to noon Friday in the Men's Gym on the Missoula campus. The exhibits will be judged that afternoon by scientists from the UM faculty, the U.S. Forest Service and the Rocky Mountain Laboratory at Hamilton. Fair participants will attend a program in the University Theater and tour the campus during the judging.

The public may view the exhibits from 6 p.m. to midnight Friday and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Awards will be presented during a noon luncheon in the University Lodge Saturday. Two grand prizes will be awarded to entrants in Division I. The boy and girl judged to have the best exhibits will be sent on an all-expense trip to San Francisco for the National Science Fair in May. Other Division I awards include cash prizes, scholarships and a seven-day science cruise with the Navy.

Prizes in Division II include a 20-volume World Book Encyclopedia plus ribbon awards and certificates. Exhibitors in Division II are not eligible for national competition.