39 families enrolled in camping workshop sponsored by university

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Thirty-nine families from 15 states have enrolled in the University of Montana's Family Camping and Outdoor Recreation Workshop, scheduled for July 26-31.

Dr. Walter C. Schwank, UM Summer Session director and chairman of the UM department of health, physical education and recreation, said the workshop is the only one of its kind in the nation.

"Basic purpose of the camp is to train family camp leaders to organize, develop and publicize similar camping programs," said Dr. Schwank.

The workshop, which is co-sponsored this year by the UM Summer Session Recreation Program and the U.S. Forest Service, will include training in fishing, hiking, survival, handicrafts, (including Indian handicrafts) plant identification, horseback riding and camping techniques.

The workshop, which was forced to turn away more than 30 families this year because of the huge demand for the program, is offered for three academic credits. At least one member of each participating family must enroll in the class for credit.

The workshop will be held at the Clearwater Crossing of Fish Creek in the Lolo National Forest, about 40 miles west of Missoula.

An Indian family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Vanderburg, Arlee, will teach Indian handicrafts, including leather and beadwork, during the first three days of the camp.

An Indian dance team will perform north of the Harry Adams Field House at noon Sunday, (July 26) before the workshop begins.