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Arrangements set for Yellow Bay open house Sunday

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MISSOULA--

Students and faculty at the University of Montana Biological Station at Yellow Bay on Flathead Lake will guide visitors through the station Sunday (July 26) during open house.

The Biological Station is on the east shore of Flathead Lake, at the base of the northern end of the Mission Mountains. The land area of the biological station encompasses 67 acres. The University also owns two small bird islands and 40 acres on Poison Bay.

Sunday's open house is open to the public without charge from 1-5 p.m.

Sixty-eight of the 80 persons living at the Station this summer are taking several of 19 courses offered in botany and zoology. Courses are geared especially for high school biology teachers, many of whom are working on graduate degrees with National Science Foundation grants.

The more formal part of course work is given in well-equipped laboratories. A grant of $115,000 from the NSF was given to the University in 1965 for building a modern research laboratory which was dedicated in 1967. The laboratory consists of a library, office, limnology lab, pollution research studies lab, algae and aquatic plant lab and a pollution research project. The new lab is one of the few all-weather structures at the Station, which includes 60 smaller buildings.

The Yellow Bay Station was founded in 1899, five years after the first inland biological station was established at Put-in-Bay, Lake Erie, Ohio.

Dr. John Tibbs, an assistant professor of zoology at UM and acting director of the Station, said the Station's inhabitants have been preparing for Visitors Day for
several weeks. Many of the plants bordering the paths around the station will be labeled and professors will be on hand to explain their research projects.

Dr. Tibbs reminded prospective visitors that the fire danger at the Station is a constant worry.

The Yellow Bay State Park is situated to the east on adjacent land also owned by the University under an 1899 Federal land grant for biological research.

Entrance to the Station is on route 35, 50 feet north of the Yellow Bay State Park entrance, 18 miles northeast of Poisson.

Staff members at Yellow Bay include Dr. Arden R. Gaufin, assistant director of the station and professor of zoology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City; Dr. Gerald W. Prescott, UM professor of botany; Dr. Robert S. Irving, assistant professor of botany at UM; Dr. Andrew L. Sheldon, assistant professor of zoology, UM; Dr. Richard J. Vogl, visiting associate professor of botany from California State College, Los Angeles; Dr. William J. Graham, visiting assistant professor of zoology, City College, New York City; Dr. Benjamin A. Foote, visiting research associate in entomology, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio and Dr. Orson K. Miller, visiting research associate in mycology, USDA, Laurel, Md.

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