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The Montana Academy of Sciences will organize a Junior Academy section when it meets at Montana State University, Missoula, during the Montana Science Fair, April 11 and 12, according to Dr. R. A. Diettert, MSU botany professor and director of the fair.

The Junior Academy will be open to students in junior and senior high schools, Dr. Diettert said. A principal purpose of the new section will be to encourage students with scientific ability to choose a career in science, he added.

The senior section will work closely with the students and conduct joint meetings with them. Junior members will have their scientific papers, experiments, and projects critically analyzed by their fellow academy members.

A science newsletter containing articles by academy members, notices of meetings, and information about science will be sent to junior members, Dr. Diettert said. The senior section will help the junior affiliate form school science clubs and will furnish speakers to talk to the clubs about scientific developments, career opportunities, training needed for careers in science, and other topics.