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MISSOULA---Annual visitor's day at the Montana University Biological Station on Flathead Lake will be Sunday, July 26, from 1 to 5 p.m., acting director L.H. Harvey has announced.

Featuring a record enrollment and special institutes sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission and the National Science Foundation, the MSU station on Yellow Bay is considered one of the outstanding facilities of its kind in the nation.

"An innovation this year will be exhibits of the radiation biology and ecology course, which are part of institutes supported by the Atomic Energy Commission and the National Science Foundation," Dr. Harvey commented. "Both of these institutes are part of the government's program to improve the teaching of science in high schools."

The open house will also feature exhibits from field classes in fresh water algae, aquatic flowering plants, general ecology, invertebrates, limnology, mammalogy, ornithology, radiation biology, systematic botany and summer flora.

Class work is being carried out on the Station grounds in the Flathead, Swan and Mission Valleys, the National Bison Range, Glacier National Park, and in other valleys and mountains within a 150-mile radius of the Station.

Enrollment this summer has reached a peak of 57 students and four research workers. The students are from several colleges throughout the country and include undergraduate and graduate workers.

The teaching staff consists of three Montana State University staff members and eight visiting staff members from Colorado State University, University of

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Missouri, Dawson County Junior College, University of Saskatchewan, Michigan State University, University of Arizona, Humboldt State College and the University of California. In addition, there are two assistants in the Radiation Biology course and five graduate assistants in other courses.

The Station now has 64 buildings, of which five are laboratories and 45 are student and staff cabins. The others are bath houses, a mess hall, a boat house, an animal house, an isotope bunker, shop, garage, gas house, maintenance office, Station office, and a cottage and garage for the maintenance staff.

"The staff and the student body at the Biological Station extends a very cordial invitation to everyone interested in their work to come and visit them on Visitor's Day," Dr. Harvey concluded.

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