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Some 300 winners in district science fairs throughout the state will bring an impressive array of projects to the Montana Science Fair at Montana State University Friday and Saturday, according to Dr. R. A. Diettert, chairman of the MSU Botany Department and director of the fair.

The talented teenagers will compete in the Montana fair for grand prizes entitling a boy and a girl to expense-paid trips to the National Science Fair in Kansas City, Mo., May 10-13, and for numerous other awards.

The exhibits, which will be on public view in the MSU Field House Friday and Saturday, are entered in two main divisions, the senior, for 10th, 11th and 12th graders, and the junior, for 7th, 8th and 9th graders. Junior exhibits are divided into biological science and physical science categories while senior exhibits will be shown in 10 categories, ranging from astronomy to zoology.

Judges will rate the exhibits on creative ability, scientific thought, thoroughness and other qualities, Dr. Diettert said. Winning exhibits will be marked as soon as judging is completed, and formal presentation of awards will be made at a luncheon at the Lodge Saturday.