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Montana State University field camp

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Training for geologists is more than book learning and rock identification. One of the requirements for a bachelor's degree in geology at Montana State University is a summer of geologic mapping and interpreting geologic history in the field.

Five MSU geology students will fulfill this requirement this summer, June 21-July 30, at the Indiana University Geologic Field Station near Cardwell, southeast of Butte. Through a cooperative arrangement the camp, conducted by Indiana, is a part of the MSU Summer Session.

Other college and university geology departments, including Notre Dame and Massachusetts Institute of Technology also send their students to Indiana's camp for field training.

About 60 students from schools throughout the country are expected to attend this year's camp. Students from MSU who will attend are: Raymond Murphy, Columbia Falls; Andrew Lattu, Millbrae, Calif.; Doris Mangum, Corvallis, Ore.; George Cole, Homewood, Ill., and Robert Baxter, Anaheim, Calif.

The six-week summer program includes measuring and describing sections, mapping of aerial photographs and topographic base maps, and interpreting geological data. A geologic report, a geologic map and a summary of the geological history of the region are prepared by each student at the camp from his study of the area.

Besides studying the area immediately surrounding the camp the students will make three field trips to the Butte, Dillon and Glacier National Park areas.

The camp is a complete field station including classrooms, laboratories and a library besides living facilities.

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It was established by Indiana University 17 years ago. The chairman of the Indiana Department of Geology, the late Dr. Charles Deiss, was instrumental in having the camp established in Montana. Dr. Deiss, who was known nationally for his geologic studies of Montana, was a member of the MSU geology staff for many years.

Montana has cooperated with Indiana in the summer field program since 1957. All MSU geology majors are sent there for their summer training. One or two MSU geology faculty members have taught at the camp each summer. The staff includes faculty members from top geology departments throughout the country, besides the Indiana staff.

Dr. Donald Hyndman, assistant professor of geology, will be teaching at the field station for the first time this summer. Previously, Robert Weidman, Dr. Robert Fields and Dr. Fred Honkala have taught there.

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