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Play in the Mud in Butte Aug. 23 to Raise Scholarship Dollars

Get ready to get mucky to raise scholarship dollars for Montana students at Student Assistance Foundation's Running Amuck for Scholarship Bucks in Butte on Saturday, Aug. 23 at Montana Tech.

Dollars raised through this 5K mud run/obstacle course help fund SAF's Circle of Succe\$\$ scholarships. The \$1,000 scholarships are provided to Montana students in their second, third and fourth year of college to help cover costs related to their education. To date, SAF has delivered \$542,000 through this program.

"This is SAF's second year coordinating Running Amuck," said Carolynn Bright, race co-chair. "Last year, we had 300 runners. In 2014, we would like to at least double that so we can provide even more scholarships for Montana students."

Race organizers have been working closely with a volunteer course design committee in Butte to ensure the race course is extra mucky, and the obstacles are both challenging and fun.

"We are so excited about this year's course," said Schylar Canfield-Baber, race co-chair. "Dan O'Keefe from O'Keefe Drilling in Butte, and our other course committee members, have really let their imaginations run wild. Racers are in for a great time."

In addition, Running Amuck will feature a vendor area so runners can purchase food and other items following their race heat. New this year is an activity area for the children that will include messy science experiments, balloon animals, games, and more.

Racers can get registered at <http://smartaboutcollege.org/race> for heats that will begin every 30 minutes between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 for students and \$45 for non-students. Race day registration is \$50. Team discounts are available.

Also, be sure to "like" Running Amuck for Scholarship Bucks on Facebook to keep up with the latest race news.

Sponsors include Montana Tech, O'Keefe Drilling, Ingraham Environmental, Butte Broadcasting, and the Montana Office of Tourism.

For more information about the race, contact Schylar at (406) 496-4890 or Carolynn at (406) 495-7506.

Student Assistance Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Montana corporation that provides students with knowledge and tools to pursue and fund their postsecondary education. Funds generated by SAF are returned to Montanans in the form of education grants and public benefit programs - to date more than \$28 million. For more information, visit www.safmt.org or www.SmartAboutCollege.org.