



# ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A MONTANA ADVENTURE

Imagine yourself hiking on the same trail that Lewis and Clark once explored, fly-fishing and white-water rafting in beautiful lakes and rivers, learning how to speak Blackfeet, digging for ancient dinosaur remains, and standing at the edge of a 6,000-year-old glacier in Glacier National Park. You have the chance to do all of this and much more with the National Geographic Kids Hands-On Explorer Challenge Expedition Team. The Hands-On Explorer Challenge is heading west in 2012 to Montana—the first ever U.S. destination.

## HOW TO ENTER

1. Write an original, personal essay in English of no more than 300 words telling us how you explore your world and what it is about exploration that inspires and excites you.
2. Take a photograph of what, where, or how you explored the subject of your essay.
3. Enter by January 7, 2012. Open to kids who will be ages 9-14 as of July 1, 2012.
4. Send your entry form, essay, and photo (as described in the Official Rules) to NG Kids Hands-On Explorer Challenge, National Geographic Kids Magazine/CDH, 1145 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.

JOIN THE ADVENTURE! GO TO [KIDS.NATIONALGEOGRAPHIC.COM/KIDS/CONTESTS/EXPLORER-TRIP-2012](http://KIDS.NATIONALGEOGRAPHIC.COM/KIDS/CONTESTS/EXPLORER-TRIP-2012) TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A SPOT ON A REAL NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS EXPEDITION TO MONTANA.

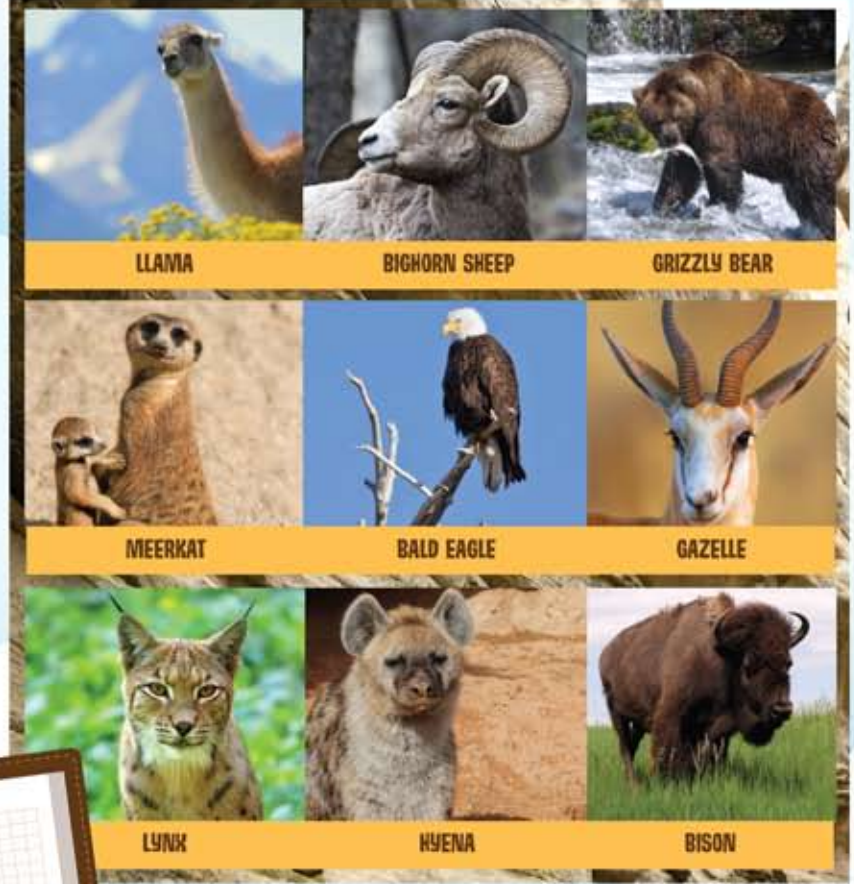
### MONTANA FACTS:

- Area: 147,042 square miles (the fourth largest state in the nation)
- POPULATION: 989,415
- CAPITAL CITY: Helena
- LARGEST CITY: Billings
- INDUSTRY: Agriculture, forest products, food processing, mining, construction, tourism
- STATE FLOWER: Bitterroot
- STATE BIRD: Western Meadowlark



## WHICH ANIMALS DON'T BELONG?

See if you can spot the four animals that you won't find living in the wild in Montana.



MEMBERS: HAYMA LLAMA; MEERKAT (GAZELLE)

## MONTANA

