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‘Bug Fair’ Creeps Into Exposition Park Weekend Event at Natural History Museum Saturday-Sunday, May 19-20, 2007

The event that has metamorphosed into the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County’s biggest weekend attraction, the 21st annual Bug Fair, is May 19-20. Last year’s two-day event drew 11,000 entomology experts and fans.

The highlight of the Fair is the vast expo area in the Grand Foyer and first floor galleries where over 60 unique vendors display everything from rare specimens of beetles and butterflies to entomological equipment to insect tattoo designs and fine art. Private collectors show off their exotic collections, and both live insects and mounted specimens are for sale.



At interactive, educational booths, visitors can hold tarantulas and millipedes; learn how camouflaged insects such as walking sticks live (and hide) in their habitats; and talk to Museum entomologists about their favorite creatures. There will be bug wranglers holding live insect demonstrations, a bug chef who cooks edible specialties using insects as ingredients, and a kids’ band to perform for the crowds.

Also open during the Bug Fair is the outdoor Pavilion of Wings, in which Museum visitors can stroll through a beautifully landscaped, enclosed garden where over 30 butterfly species fly free — including the Giant Swallowtail, the American Painted Lady and the official state butterfly, the California Dogface.

Bug Fair Info

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is located at 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90007. Bug Fair hours are the same as Museum weekend hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.nhm.org or call (213) 763-DINO.

The expo portion of the Bug Fair is located on the first floor of the Museum. The Pavilion of Wings is located on the Museum’s South Lawn. Appearances by the visiting “bug chef” are in the Jean Delacour Auditorium.

Admission

The Bug Fair is included in the price of regular Museum admission. Adults \$9; Students, Seniors and Youths (13-17) \$6.50; Children (5-12) \$2. Museum members and children under 5 are FREE. Admission to the Pavilion of Wings is separate: Adults \$3; Students and Seniors \$2; Museum members and children under 5 are FREE.

About the Museum

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County serves more than one million families and visitors annually, and is a national leader in research, exhibitions and education. The Museum is L.A.’s second oldest cultural institution, the first to open its doors to the public in 1913, and has amassed one of the world’s most extensive and valuable collections of natural and cultural history – more than 33 million objects, some as old as 4.5 billion years.