



MEDIA ALERT

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Tour the Spider Pavilion After Dark!

Celebrate Halloween at the Natural History Museum with spooky, spidery activities and after-hours flashlight tours of the Spider Pavilion!



WHAT: In anticipation of the creepiest, crawllest holiday of the year, the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County invites you to tour the *Spider Pavilion* after dark. Join us for extended Museum hours and receive a guided flashlight tour through the Pavilion as our spider friends spin their webs. Then stick around for an array of fun, spider-themed activities! Receive a **FREE** flashlight to take home and turn your own backyard into an evening adventure. (While supplies last.)

Visitors to the Natural History Museum will have a rare opportunity to observe hundreds of spiders in their natural habitat in the *Spider Pavilion*, open September 23 through November 4, 2007. The *Spider Pavilion's* unique, fully engaging concept, in which gallery interpreters guide small groups through an enclosed greenhouse area, puts visitors up close to orb weaver spiders such as the golden silk and the banded garden. In this setting, the only public spider-viewing center of its kind in the country, spiders can be seen busily creating intricate webs, interacting with one another and their habitats, and feeding on their prey.

WHEN: Friday – Saturday, October 26 – 27, and Monday – Tuesday, October 29 – 30, 2007, from 5 pm to 8 pm

Friday, October 26 – **Date Night with a Twist**

Spend date night on a twilight tour of the *Pavilion* and remember to stay close to your sweetheart! Afterwards, enjoy a cup of hot cider and snacks provided by Gelson's.

Saturday, October 27 – **Super Spider Craft Night**

Make your very own spider puppet! Then, introduce your craft to your real spider buddies in the *Pavilion*!

Monday, October 29 – **Spider Cinema Night**

Watch a spooky movie on the big screen and then visit the spiders after dark! Film will screen on the South Lawn, outside the *Spider Pavilion*.

Tuesday, October 30 – **Trick-or-Treat in the Museum!**

Bring your kids and show up in costume to trick-or-treat throughout the Museum's Level One galleries! Then, take keepsake photos in front of the *Spider Pavilion* photo display.

WHERE: The *Spider Pavilion* is located on the Museum's South Lawn.

THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is located at 900 Exposition Blvd. The Museum is open seven days a week, 9:30 am to 5 pm on weekdays, and 10 am to 5 pm on weekends and holidays. Admission is \$9 for adults; \$6.50 for students and seniors; and \$2 for children 5-12. *Spider Pavilion* is \$3 for adults; \$2 for students and seniors; and \$1 for children 5-12. For 24-hour Museum information, please call (213) 763-DINO or visit www.nhm.org.