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## Hundreds of Butterflies Flutter into Los Angeles, Beginning April 12

### The Annual *Pavilion of Wings* Re-Opens for Its Eleventh Season at the Natural History Museum

*Los Angeles*-- Like a butterfly newly emerged from its chrysalis, the *Pavilion of Wings* is about to open for a new season at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, welcoming visitors to a ninth summer of wonder, **April 12 – September 7, 2009**.

Fluttering through the beautifully landscaped Pavilion on the Museum's South Lawn will be hundreds of free-flying butterflies and moths, representing over 40 different species. Giant Swallowtails, American Painted Ladies, California Dogfaces and more will fill the air around Pavilion visitors, or alight delicately on their arms. As always, visitors will enjoy learning about the lifecycles, defense mechanisms, environments and migratory patterns of these "flying flowers."

In further celebration of butterflies and all things fluttery and multilegged, the Museum will also host the 23rd annual **Bug Fair on May 16 and 17, 2009**. The biggest bug festival in North America, the Fair will give visitors an opportunity to buy bugs and bug merchandise from more than 60 vendors, view outstanding collections, and learn more about the teeming world of arthropods and arachnids, with help from the Museum's resident "Bug Guy," entomologist Brent Karner, and other experts.

#### **NHM Pavilion of Wings Special Ticketing & Info**

*Special ticketed admission applies to the Pavilion of Wings: Adults \$3; Students and seniors \$2; Children 5-12 \$1; Museum members and children under 5 are FREE. Regular Museum admission is separate and as follows: Adults \$9; Students, seniors and Youths (13-17) \$6.50; Children (5-12) \$2. Museum members and children under 5, FREE.*

*The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is located at 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90007. The Pavilion of Wings is located on the Museum's South Lawn. Pavilion hours are the same as Museum weekend hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit [www.nhm.org](http://www.nhm.org) or call (213) 763-DINO.*



#### **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 500 million years.*