



**Delaware Museum
of Natural History**

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Delaware Museum of Natural History Kicks Off Summer Season with “Family Fun Day”

Wilmington, DE – The Delaware Museum of Natural History is kicking off the summer season with the 2nd annual “**Family Fun Day**” on **Saturday, June 13, from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.**

The Museum welcomed over 300 visitors last year for the mostly outdoor event, which is highlighted this year by partner organizations, outdoor activities, and the newest special exhibit, *Dr. Entomo’s Palace of Exotic Wonders*. This new exhibit resembles an old-fashioned circus sideshow, and explores the truth, myths, and mysteries surrounding some of nature’s most curious creatures – many of them alive and on view.

This year will also feature guests that are as fascinating as they are spine-tingling, including Little Herds, an Austin, TX-based nonprofit dedicated to educating the public about the environmental and nutritional benefits of entomophagy, or eating insects. Visitors will have the opportunity to try (if they dare) several types of edible insects.

Highlights:

- **ACTIVITIES**
 - Fossil Dig - On our nature trail
 - Puppet Shows – In our outdoor classroom
 - Face painting – In our backyard
- **LIVE ANIMALS**
 - Brandywine Zoo – Featuring biofacts and animal friends
 - Faithful Friends – Adoptable dogs and coloring books
- **FOOD TRUCKS**
 - KOI on the Go – Tastiest Thai food truck around
 - Woodside Farm Creamery – Delicious, locally-made ice cream
- **FUN WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS & SPECIAL GUESTS**
 - Autism Delaware – Interactive nature craft
 - Celebrate Delaware Bay – Building a shorebird habitat
 - Delaware Mineralogical Society – It’s all about the rocks!
 - Hagley Museum and Library
 - Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library
 - Little Herds – Entomophagy (edible bugs) education
 - Longwood Gardens – Herbarium specimen mounting (pressed flowers)

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- New Castle County Department of Community Services – Make and take a summer camp-themed craft
 - Science Explorers – Hands-on science experiment: Making “glurch!”
 - The ThunderMinds FLL Team –LEGO robots created by young engineers
- **MEMBERS’ VIP TENT**
 - Delicious treats and giveaways, exclusively for members!
This event is free with admission and free for members. Members can enjoy a special sneak peek at *Dr. Entomo’s Palace of Exotic Wonders* beginning at 9 a.m., with doors opening to the general public at 9:30 a.m. This event is rain or shine. More info may be found at delmnh.org or by calling 302-658-9111. “Family Fun Day” is sponsored by Capital One with additional support from Artisans’ Bank and Corporation Service Company.

WHAT: *Family Fun Day*

WHERE: Delaware Museum of Natural History, 4840 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807

DATES: June 13, 2015

HOURS: 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

ADMISSION: \$9 for adults; \$8 for seniors; \$7 for children. FREE for members. FREE for children under 2. *NOTE: Doors open early at 9:00 a.m. for members only. All visitors are welcome from 9:30 a.m.-2p.m.*

MORE INFO: Visit www.delmnh.org or call (302) 658-9111

About the Delaware Museum of Natural History

As the state’s only natural history museum, the Delaware Museum of Natural History opened in 1972 to excite and inform people about the natural world through exploration and discovery. The Museum houses Delaware’s only-permanent dinosaur display, surrounded by exhibits of mammals, shells, and other specimens from around the world. The Museum manages world-renowned scientific collections of mollusks and birds, including one of the top 15 mollusk collections in the United States.

IMAGES AVAILABLE:



Image Caption: The Delaware Museum of Natural History hosts the 2nd annual “**Family Fun Day**” on **Saturday, June 13, from 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.** This kickoff-to-summer event will feature an array of partner organizations, outdoor activities (such as facepainting), plus the Museum’s newest special exhibit, *Dr. Entomo’s Palace of Exotic Wonders*.



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