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## ***The World of Giant Insects***

AUGUSTA, GA. ***The World of Giant Insects*** opens May 26 at The National Science Center's Fort Discovery, Memorial Day weekend! The exhibit will be housed in the 5,000 sq. ft. Knox Gallery and admission is FREE with paid general admission to Fort Discovery. Opening day, enjoy guided tours at 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. featuring Rudy Mancke of South Carolina ETV Nature Scene.

This unique traveling exhibit gives visitors a brand new perspective on the bug world! These enormous robotic insects are a spectacular blend of art and science. They are both breathtaking in form and movement, as well as scientifically accurate to the last detail.

A nineteen-foot praying mantis shows the threatening behavior that forces its prey to freeze in an attempt to avoid being eaten. A thirteen-foot locust spreads its mighty wings to take flight while two eleven-foot rhinoceros beetles battle each other like sumo wrestlers. A giant walking stick insect, over twenty-one feet long, displays its protective camouflage, and a fifteen-foot long swallowtail butterfly caterpillar wiggles and moves!

There is also a hands-on area featuring a rubbing station, a live "insect zoo", pinned insect collections from Clemson University, live butterflies, a live Honeybee hive and much more.

Coinciding with the exhibition will be a series of Family Saturday workshops (free with paid admission) throughout the summer featuring experts on insects of all shapes and sizes. Also, on some Wednesdays in June and July, Orkin professionals will be presenting special sessions in the Power Station.

Fort Discovery is open Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, Noon – 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$8.00/adults; \$6:00/children, seniors and active military. Family memberships are \$65 and Teacher Family memberships are \$40 which includes use of the Teacher Resource Center. For members, admission to Fort Discovery is free as well as all summer programming for ***The World of Giant Insects***.

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A schedule of summer programming follows:

**May 26, 11:30 and 2:00 pm Guided tours with Rudy Mancke:**

Host of SC ETV, Nature Scene will provide special guided tours through the exhibit and on Riverwalk.

**Jun 2nd, Jul 7th, Aug 4, 2:00 pm each day**

***What's that Buzz? Honeybee Treasures!*** Wonder about honeybees? Honeybee expert, Henry Frischknecht of Empire Tree & Turf, will open your eyes, heart and mind to the wonderful world of honeybees. His passion for these fascinating insects is contagious!

**June 16, 2:00 pm and August 18, 2:00 pm**

***In the know about Killer Bees:*** Charles Phillips, Columbia County Extension Agent. Learn about this incredible insect that is on the move in the United States.

**June 30, 2:00 pm**

***Composting for the Whole Family.*** Charles, Phillips, Columbia County Extension Agent. This hands-on, how to workshop is designed for parents with their children. Learn to layer and create a healthy garden.

**July 21, 2:00 pm**

***Insect Collecting and Attracting Insects:*** Susan Holmes, Aiken County Extension Agent with Clemson University. This parent and child workshop will explore secret fragrances that attract insects. Families will play a game to help them learn what attracts insects to the garden. Ms. Holmes will share insect collections from Clemson University and families will build a "kill jar" to take home. Bring your insect collection to share with the group!

**July 28, 2:00 pm**

***Beneficial Insects and Organic Gardening:*** Charles Phillips, Columbia County Agent. Learn about creating an inviting garden for insects to help your garden thrive.

**August 18, 2:45 pm *Where, How and Why-Lightning Bugs and Lady Bugs:*** Sid Mullis, Richmond County Agent. Learn about the beneficial role that Lady Bugs play in the garden. Also, wonder where all the Lightning Bugs have gone? Here's your chance to ask the expert!

For more information or to schedule a group contact Fort Discovery Ticketing and Scheduling offices at

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