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# **Bug-A-Boo Trick-or-Treating and Spider Pavilion Are Back this October** at Butterfly Pavilion

Safe, Fun and Immersive Halloween Events are a Treat for the Whole Family

**WESTMINSTER, COLO. October 7, 2021**—Butterfly Pavilion announces safe, fun and immersive Halloween experiences this October with events including Bug-A-Boo indoor Trick-or-Treating for the kids, spooky evening flashlight tours and the comeback hit, Spider Pavilion.

"Butterfly Pavilion is committed to providing Colorado residents and visitors from around the world, unique and educational event experiences throughout the year, "said Russ Pecoraro, Vice President of Marketing, Butterfly Pavilion. "And Halloween is no different. It is the perfect holiday to showcase invertebrates in an entertaining and educational way, while allowing our guests to face their fears and realize that spiders and other invertebrates aren't so scary after all."

## **Bug-A-Boo**

What better way to spend time with the little ones this Halloween season than with a fun Trick-or-Treating experience among butterflies and other tiny creatures in a safe, warm, indoor environment? Bug-A-Boo at Butterfly Pavilion has become an annual tradition, especially for families with toddlers who are seeking a new and hassle-free way to enjoy the holiday. The facility is easily walked by kids of all ages and offers parents an ideal opportunity to combine Trick-or-Treating with an educational experience.

Kids will light up when candy is safely dispensed into their pails or bags from a tube disguised as a butterfly proboscis or spider arm! The Bug-A-Boo event will also provide non-candy goodie bags so all children can join the fun!

Dates and Times: Oct. 22 & 23 and 29 & 30

Extended hours from 9:00AM – 8:00PM with last entry at 7:30 p.m.

Online reservations required.

#### **Spider Pavilion**

When have you ever been able to walk among spiders, let alone orb-weaving spiders displaying their intricate, distinctive webs? On October 15, through the end of the month, Butterfly Pavilion invites guests to engage with some new friends at the Spider Pavilion, an exotic enclosure full of orb-weaving spiders within the Wings of the Tropics exhibit.

Often found in gardens, orb weavers vary in color, but many of them have brightly colored bodies and hairy legs. They are named after the iconic spiral wheel-shaped webs, which are



extremely strong sometimes reaching 60 cm making it even easier to catch their prey. Guests are encouraged to make return trips to Spider Pavilion to discover how large these spectacular webs have grown in only a short period of time.

Dates and Times: Opens October 15 – October 31

9:00AM – 5:00PM No reservations required.

Included with general admission or Bug-A-Boo ticket.

## **Spooky Evening Flashlight Tours**

After the little ones have gone to bed, or as part of a unique Halloween date night for singles, guests can experience Butterfly Pavilion with a one-of-a-kind, after-hour, guided flashlight tour through four indoor exhibit areas featuring diverse invertebrates at every corner.

Guests will get an up-close look, even in the dark, at how these animals survive and adapt in a challenging, and sometimes spooky, world. Tour guides will ask participants to play the role of detective and help uncover mysteries surrounding invertebrates throughout this spooky, immersive and educational tour.

Dates and Times: Oct. 22 & 23 and 29 & 30

8:30PM – 9:30PM with last entry at 8:45PM

Online reservations required.

Visit <u>www.butterflies.org/events/halloween-activities-at-butterfly-pavilion/</u> to make reservations and purchase tickets.

#### **About Butterfly Pavilion**

Founded in July 1995 and accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums in 2014, Butterfly Pavilion is the first accredited, stand-alone, non-profit invertebrate zoo in the world, occupying a 30,000-square foot facility situated on an 11-acre campus provided by the City of Westminster, Colorado. Butterfly Pavilion's mission is to foster an appreciation of butterflies and other invertebrates while educating the public about the need for conservation of threatened habitats in the tropics and around the world. Learn more at <a href="https://www.butterflies.org">www.butterflies.org</a>