



**Crawling this October – Butterfly Pavilion’s Limited-Time “Spiders Around the World” Exhibition
October 1- 31**

***20+ stunning tarantula species, 80-foot Spider Zone of free-roaming Orb Weaving spiders,
and baby Rosies in new Itsy-Bitsy Spiderling Nursery!***

What:

Just in time for the spooky season, Butterfly Pavilion transforms the zoo into a captivating spider wonderland with the captivating limited-time exhibition, "Spiders Around the World," October 1 – 31, 2023. This year’s Halloween-inspired spider collection showcases more than 20 different tarantula species from across the globe such as the Columbian Pumpkin and Sapphire Ornamental tarantulas. Prepare to be mesmerized by these incredible eight-legged creatures as we celebrate their beauty, complexity, and importance in our ecosystem. Additional experiences include:

Itsy-Bitsy Spiderling Nursery: Visitors have the exciting opportunity to meet the offspring of Rosie! New on display, four different tarantula species’ spiderlings born in Butterfly Pavilion’s lab through a special breeding program will delight all ages. New on display in October, spiderlings from four distinct tarantula species, all born in the Butterfly Pavilion's laboratory as part of a special breeding program. This captivating exhibit is sure to enchant visitors of all ages.

Face your Fears - Spider Zone: Filled with hundreds of free-roaming orb-weaving spiders, the Zone, is eight times larger than in 2022, at 80-feet it takes over a third of the Wings of the Tropics ’s butterfly conservatory. Inhabited with weavers, including Malaysian species as big as a human hand, guests walk amongst spiders with no separation, and get up-close with them and their intricate webs.

Last two weekends of October:

Bug-A-Boo Trick-or-Treating: 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.

Spooky After-Hours Flashlight Tours: After the little ones have gone to bed, guests can experience Butterfly Pavilion with a one-of-a-kind, after-hours, guided flashlight tour through four indoor exhibit areas featuring diverse invertebrates at every corner.

Why: Beyond the allure of the exhibit, Butterfly Pavilion has been at the forefront of tarantula research and conservation efforts since 2010, working globally to protect and conserve various tarantula species. Many tarantula species face threats stemming from habitat destruction and exploitation for the pet trade. The urgency of protecting these remarkable creatures has never been greater.

Contrary to their often-misunderstood reputation, spiders play a pivotal role in maintaining ecological balance. These unsung heroes keep pests such as mosquitoes, flies, and fleas in check, safeguarding our homes, yards, and gardens. Moreover, their silk has inspired innovations ranging from bullet-proof clothing to parachutes and nets.

By supporting events like this exhibition, attendees contribute to these crucial conservation endeavors.

Dates: October 1 – October 31, 2023
Exhibition: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Special events: Various dates and times

Tickets: Exhibition included in price of general admission tickets
To learn more or purchase tickets, visit: www.Butterflies.org/SpidersAroundTheWorld



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Where: Butterfly Pavilion
6252 W. 104th Avenue
Westminster, Colorado

About Butterfly Pavilion

Butterfly Pavilion has been part of the Colorado community since 1995 and is the first Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)-accredited, stand-alone, non-profit invertebrate zoo in the world, currently occupying a 34,000-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 invertebrates by educating the public about the need to protect and care for threatened habitats globally, while conducting research for solutions in invertebrate conservation. Beyond Colorado and the United States, Butterfly Pavilion conservationists are doing important invertebrate conservation projects around the world from Mongolia and Saudi Arabia to Tanzania and Indonesia. Learn more at www.butterflies.org