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Butterfly Pavilion Unveils Limited-Time “Spiders Around the World” Exhibition

September 26 – October 31, 2025

Featuring Spider Zone: No glass. No barriers. Just you - immersed in a living web of hundreds of orb-weaving spiders.

Plus: Bug-A-Boo Trick-or-Treating Returns for Halloween Fun

WESTMINSTER, COLO. (September 2, 2025) – This fall, Butterfly Pavilion invites guests to face their fears, fall in love with spiders, and celebrate Halloween in a whole new way. The limited-time exhibition Spiders Around the World runs September 26 – October 31, 2025, bringing magnificent arachnids from across the globe to take over the facility.

At the heart of the exhibition is Spider Zone, a breathtaking, walk-through enclosure where hundreds of orb-weaving spiders spin their intricate webs all around you—no glass, no barriers, just you, and them!

This year, the thrills don't stop there. Butterfly Pavilion's Bug-A-Boo Trick-or-Treating event returns as a highlight of the season, inviting families to enjoy safe, indoor Halloween fun surrounded by spiders, butterflies, and other fascinating invertebrates. Taking place during normal visiting hours on the last two weekends of October and special after-hours on Halloween evening, Bug-A-Boo is included with general admission and has become a cherished tradition for kids of all ages and their families.

“Spiders Around the World isn't just an exhibition, it's an adventure into the extraordinary,” said Sara Stevens, Director of Animal Collections, Butterfly Pavilion. “And Spider Zone is its beating heart, offering a once-in-a-lifetime chance to get face-to-face with hundreds of free-roaming spiders. Pair that with Bug-A-Boo and you have a Halloween experience unlike anything else in Colorado.”

Exhibit experiences include:

Spiders from Around the World

Throughout the transformative exhibition, which challenges myths and reveals the surprising beauty, importance, and diversity of spiders from every corner of the globe, guests will encounter species from Colorado, the Americas, Asia, Africa, Australia, and Oceania. This experience captivates visitors with the unique stories behind each spider and highlights their vital role in our ecosystems and the health of our planet. These species reveal surprising beauty, resilience, and ecological importance

Face your Fears - Spider Zone

Get close. Get very close. Filled with hundreds of free-roaming orb-weaving spiders, Spider Zone offers a one-of-a-kind experience where guests walk among these arachnids with no glass and no barriers. Get up close to them and their intricate webs in a way that challenges fears, sparks curiosity, and transforms how you see spiders.

Special Events include:

Bug-A-Boo Trick-or-Treating

Oct. 18, 19, 25, and 26 (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.); Oct. 31 (5:00 – 7:00 p.m.)

Included with general admission.

A cherished Halloween tradition, Bug-A-Boo at Butterfly Pavilion welcomes friends and families to enjoy trick-or-treating in a safe, indoor, stress-free environment in a unique setting surrounded by spiders. 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

Oct. 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26 (5:30 – 8:00 p.m.)

Members: \$5 for children, \$12 for adults; Non-members: \$9 for children, \$15 for adults

Explore Butterfly Pavilion by flashlight in this spine-tingling, after-hours adventure featuring live animals, mystery-filled rooms, and stories that blend science and fun.

Butterfly Pavilion's Tarantula Ecological Research and Conservation Efforts

Beyond the allure of the exhibition, Butterfly Pavilion has been a global leader in tarantula research and conservation since 2010. Many tarantula species face threats from habitat destruction, climate change, and exploitation for the pet trade. Butterfly Pavilion works globally to protect these remarkable animals and, closer to home, collaborates with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to study and protect tarantulas during their annual “mate-gration” in southern Colorado.

“Spider care and welfare go far beyond our exhibits,” said Rich Reading, Ph.D., Vice President of Science and Conservation at Butterfly Pavilion. “Through our breeding programs and global partnerships, we’re helping to ensure tarantula species survive for future generations while giving guests a chance to better understand, respect, and protect these incredible animals.”

By visiting *Spiders Around the World*, guests directly support these crucial conservation efforts while gaining a deeper appreciation for one of nature’s most misunderstood creatures.

To learn more or purchase tickets, visit: butterflies.org/spidersaroundtheworld/

About Butterfly Pavilion:

Butterfly Pavilion, celebrating 30 years in 2025, 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, in 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 Mexico to Tanzania and Indonesia. Learn more at www.butterflies.org.

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