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## CELEBRATE DINOSAURS AT THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES

PHILADELPHIA—The opening Nov. 22 of “*Hadrosaurus fouldii*: The Dinosaur That Changed the World” ushers in a five-month celebration of dinosaurs and fossils. The biggest event will be Paleopalooza on Feb. 14, 15 and 16, when the museum will be filled with displays, activities, talks and presentations by scientists and other fossil experts. The following activities are free with museum admission. For continuing updates, see the Academy’s calendar at [www.ansp.org/activities/calendar](http://www.ansp.org/activities/calendar).

### New Exhibit

**“HADROSAURUS FOULKII: THE DINOSAUR THAT CHANGED THE WORLD”  
Opens Saturday, November 22, at 9 a.m. for Members, 10 a.m. for General Public**

When it was discovered in Haddonfield, N.J., in 1858, *Hadrosaurus fouldii* was the most complete dinosaur skeleton ever found. Ten years later, Philadelphia became the first city in the world to display a full dinosaur skeleton, and The Academy of Natural Sciences became the first museum in the world to do it. To mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the scientific description of *H. fouldii* by a 19<sup>th</sup>-century Academy scientist, the museum will once again display a full mounted skeleton of the famous animal that started the public’s fascination with dinosaurs. The 25-foot-long plant-eater will be the centerpiece of a new exhibit called “*Hadrosaurus fouldii*: The Dinosaur That Changed the World,” on view Nov. 22-April 19, 2009. This will be the first time the full skeleton cast will be on display in Philadelphia since the 1930s.

### DINO WEEKEND

**Friday-Sunday, November 28, 29 and 30, 11 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

What better way to celebrate dinosaurs and their closest living relative—birds—than Turkey Day? Enjoy a naturalist presentation about dinosaurs at 11 a.m. and a live bird show at 2:30 pm. Volunteers will guide visitors through our famous Dinosaur Hall. See what specimens we’ve pulled from the collection at the Science Live Station. Make a prehistoric craft to take home.

### DINOSAUR DAY

**Saturday, December 27, 11 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

Knowledgeable naturalists bring dinosaurs to life with special presentations throughout the day in Dinosaur Hall. Test your knowledge of dinosaurs at our science stations. A Live Animal Show at 11 a.m. features those famous dinosaur descendants—birds. Play “Ask the Expert!” at 2:30 p.m. Make a dinosaur craft to take home.

### PALEOPALOOZA

**Saturday-Monday, February 14, 15 and 16, All day**

The museum will be filled with fossils and related activities, crafts, guest speakers and interactive presentations for this special, three-day event. Enjoy rarely seen fossils from the Academy’s world-famous collection. Meet Academy scientists and learn what it’s like to reconstruct the past using fossils, imagination and sound science.

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*The Academy is located at 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and weekends until 5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children ages 3–12, seniors, college students and military personnel, and free for Members and children under 3. There is an additional \$2 entry fee for “Butterflies!”*

*Founded in 1812, The Academy of Natural Sciences is the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the Americas and is a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. The mission of the Academy is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.*