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TWO-FOR-ONE TUESDAYS THROUGH MARCH AT THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES

PHILADELPHIA—Beat the winter doldrums and the recession with a visit to The Academy of Natural Sciences, where admission is two for the price of one on Tuesdays throughout March.

From March 1 through 31, admission to America's oldest natural history museum will be buy one, get one free. (Offer pertains to admission of equal or lesser value.) Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, college students, children 3–12, and military personnel. Members and children under 3 are free. There is a \$2 fee for "Butterflies!" The museum is conveniently located in the Parkway Museums District of downtown Philadelphia, an easy walk from public transportation.

Enjoy a trip around the world and back in time without leaving home. Here are some things you can do at the Academy to cure cabin fever this winter:

- Warm up in "Butterflies!," a tropical garden filled with live, fluttering butterflies from around the world. Our naturalist will narrate how a butterfly emerges from a chrysalis—while you watch it happen.
- Journey back millions of years by strolling among towering skeletons in Dinosaur Hall.
- Travel to exotic locations as you take in the historic dioramas depicting wildlife from America, Africa,
 Asia and the Arctic
- Enjoy a nature video on our high-definition, big-screen auditorium projection system.
- Visit the library, where you can view treasures from rare book collections, including John James
 Aubudon's famous double elephant folio "The Birds of America," purchased by the Academy from the
 artist-naturalist himself.
- Learn how the Academy became the first museum in the world to display a dinosaur skeleton and what role New Jersey played in the exhibit "Hadrosaurus foulkii: The Dinosaur That Changed the World."
- Explore your local watershed and find out how you can be an environmental steward in the interactive computer exhibit "Living Downstream."
- Have an affordable, heart-healthy lunch (that you don't have to cook yourself!) in the Ecology Café.
- Meet our live birds, iguanas, tortoises, and cute, furry animals and learn about the shrinking habitats where they live in the wild.

The best time for adults without children to visit is in the afternoon. For more information, see www.ansp.org. Group rates available; please call our registrar at 215 299-1060.

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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 seniors, children ages 3-12, college students with I.D. and military personnel, and free for children under 3. Additional \$2 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. Our mission is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.