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Academy's First Green Gala Fund-raiser features Pa. Governor Rendell

WHAT: In the spirit of the times, The Academy of Natural Sciences' annual fund-raiser has a "green" theme this year for the first time. There will be an organic dinner with locally grown foods, a silent auction of unique "green" products and experiences with Academy scientists (for items: <http://www.ansp.org/greengala/auction.php>) and behind-the-scenes tours of research areas. The entire evening will serve to showcase the Academy's commitment to promoting a greener Philadelphia and planet.

WHO: Governor Edward G. Rendell, an outspoken proponent of the environment, will deliver short remarks to the invited guests.

WHEN: Saturday, May 2
Cocktails: 6 p.m.
Governor Rendell expected to arrive: 8:15 p.m.
Dinner and dancing: 8 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Academy of Natural Sciences, 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia

BACKGROUND: Founded in 1812, The Academy of Natural Sciences is the oldest natural history museum in the Americas and a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. The mission of the Academy is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences. Funds raised will benefit the Academy.

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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 with I.D. and military personnel, and free for children under 3. There is an additional \$2 fee for "Butterflies!"