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UPCOMING EXHIBITS SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2010 and 2011 THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES

PHILADELPHIA—The Academy of Natural Sciences, the oldest natural history museum in the Americas, presents several major temporary exhibits each year. Here is the schedule of upcoming exhibits for fall 2010 and 2011:

Cruisin' the Fossil Freeway with Artist Ray Troll and Paleontologist Kirk Johnson October 23, 2010–January 2, 2011

Ancient killer pigs, saber-toothed cats and giant ammonites are once more given life through the whimsical artwork of Alaska artist Ray Troll. Explore questions of evolution, extinction and early life through Troll's imagined scenes from prehistoric times. Large-scale, action-packed paintings, banners and murals bursting with color recount Troll's 5,000-mile road trip with Denver paleontologist Kirk Johnson to hunt for fossils in the American West. See rarely seen fossils from the Academy's world-renowned paleontology collection. Free with museum admission.

Bizarre Beasts Past and Present January 29–April 24, 2011

Travel back in time and explore some of nature's more bizarre creatures, including strange sharks, amazing amphibians and marvelous mammals. Explore how evolution has changed animals over millions of years and the adaptations that they have gained and lost. Play the Natural Selection Game; re-create your own bizarre fossils at the Rubbing Station; help build a dinosaur at the Bone Station, and watch a film about how scientists discovered these bizarre beasts. Free with museum admission.

Fore! The Planet

May 21–September 25, 2011

Save an endangered animal, navigate a polluted waterway, follow the path of a migrating hawk—all while having fun playing miniature golf. Created by the Academy of Natural Sciences, *Fore! The Planet* features 18 holes of indoor golf in which players test their putting skills and environmental knowledge while gaining a better understanding of the world. Each hole uses playful components to explore themes such as dinosaur extinction, bat sonar, pollution and recycling. Free with museum admission.

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Bugs: Outside the Box
October 22–January 16, 2012

Bugs: Outside the Box presents a selection of greatly enlarged insect sculptures, each showcasing the beauty within the mini-beasts of the natural world. The sculptures dramatize the elegance that can be found in the exquisite biological architecture shaped by evolutionary necessity. The scales on a butterfly's wing and the eye of a dragonfly are easily visible in these dramatic, oversize insect representations. Real insect specimens will be paired with their huge counterparts to illustrate the scale of these creatures. More than fanciful "big bug" figures, *Bugs: Outside the Box* features anatomically correct, highly detailed, hand-crafted works of art, challenging our preconceptions of the beauty and complexity of these extraordinary animals. Free with museum admission.

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The Academy of Natural Sciences, founded in 1812, is the oldest natural science research institution and 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.

HOURS: Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday–Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **ADMISSION:** \$12 adults; \$10 children 3-12, seniors, college students, military personnel; free for members and children under 3. \$2 fee for Butterflies!