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### BUG FEST INFESTS PHILADELPHIA WITH A BEEHIVE OF ACTIVITY

*Saturday and Sunday, August 14 and 15*

PHILADELPHIA—As far as 200th birthdays go, Lorenzo Langstroth doesn't usually spring to mind like, say, Charles Darwin does. But come August 14 and 15, the Philadelphia native's name will be rolling off the tongues of 10-year-olds as easily as *T. rex* because Langstroth's beloved bees will be the center of attention at the Academy of Natural Sciences' third annual Bug Fest.

"Bees" is the theme of this year's popular festival, which also celebrates insects of all kinds—yes, even roaches. Langstroth (1810-1895), a clergyman and teacher dubbed the father of American beekeeping, revolutionized the beekeeping industry by determining the amount of space a bee needs to survive and then inventing the movable frame beehive. The [Philadelphia Beekeepers Guild](#) is raising funds to place a historical marker at his birthplace at 106 South Front St.

With colony collapse disorder and new uses of bees as [biodetectives](#) regularly in the news, the Academy will be buzzing with experts and activities during Bug Fest weekend. The festival is free with museum admission. Visitors can:

- Watch Steve "The Beeman" grow a beard of bees and describe how bees are important pollinators.
- Discover more than 50 species of live insects and their relatives, including stick insects, tarantulas and vinegaroons. Touch them if you dare!
- Cheer on a favorite roach in the Roach Race 500.
- Talk with Academy scientists and members of the American Entomological Society, whose headquarters is the Academy.
- See rarely seen displays of the Academy's world-renowned entomology specimen collection.
- Sample exotic foods made with insects and prepared by Cajun chef Zack Lemann.
- Learn how to properly collect and pin insects.

For more information, log on to [www.ansp.org/bugfest](http://www.ansp.org/bugfest).

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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; from May 28–Sept. 6 military and up to 5 family members are free; free for members and children under 3. \$2 fee for "Butterflies!"*

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