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OPENING WEEKEND FOR *BIZARRE BEASTS PAST AND PRESENT* EXHIBIT FEATURES FUN ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Saturday and Sunday, January 29 and 30

WHAT: Museum visitors get their first look at the Academy of Natural Sciences' new exhibit, *Bizarre Beasts Past and Present*. Special activities include craft-making, games, face painting, live animal shows, and rarely seen specimens from the Academy's world-renowned collection.

Bizarre Beasts Past and Present features lifelike models of prehistoric animals that evolved strange-looking features in order to adapt to their environments. Freaky fish, bizarre birds and radical reptiles prove that fact can be stranger than fiction. The exhibit will be on display through April 24.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, January 29 and 30

WHERE: The Academy of Natural Sciences, 1900 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy

MORE INFORMATION:

Click here for a full press release on the exhibit:

[http://www.ansp.org/press/2011/Bizarre Beasts Past and Present 1-11.pdf](http://www.ansp.org/press/2011/Bizarre%20Beasts%20Past%20and%20Present%201-11.pdf)

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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!"

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