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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS, JULY–SEPTEMBER 2011

*Featuring summer camp and environmental miniature golf!*

PHILADELPHIA—The Academy of Natural Sciences this summer offers many ways to have fun while soaking up fascinating information about nature and the environment. For starters, try summer camp, indoor environmental miniature golf, and a unique art exhibit of scientific illustrations by an Academy scientist.

Here are the programs and exhibits coming up this summer. All are free with museum admission except where noted:

**Art of Science Gallery Exhibit**  
***A PENNSYLVANIA FISHERY: FISH PORTRAITS BY FLICK FORD***  
***Saturday, April 23–Sunday, July 31***

*A Pennsylvania Fishery* celebrates the beauty and variety of game fishes that inhabit the waters of the Keystone State. Twenty different species are portrayed in luminous watercolors by noted New York artist Flick Ford. An avid angler, Ford began painting fish portraits in 1993 as a way to make a record of his catches. Over the years, he developed a watercolor technique that captures the perfection of a fish at the moment it was pulled from the water.

**Main Changing Exhibit**  
***FORE! THE PLANET***  
**Saturday, May 21–Sunday, September 25**

Explore a tropical rainforest, 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 serious fun in which players—young and old—test their putting skills and environmental knowledge while gaining a better understanding of their environment. 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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**ACADEMY EXPLORERS CAMP**  
**July 11–August 26, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.**

Academy Explorers Camp invites children ages 5 to 12 to learn about natural science in a safe, fun and engaging way. Each week of summer camp explores an exciting new theme and features an off-site field trip. From fun fossils to our amazing earth, pick a theme that best fits your child's interest. Camp is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with optional care before and after regular camp hours for an additional fee. Details, fees and registration forms are online at [www.ansp.org/activities/summer\\_camp.php](http://www.ansp.org/activities/summer_camp.php) or call 215-299-1060.

**TINY TOTS EXPLORERS**  
**Wednesdays, July 13, 20 and 27 and August 3, 10, 17 and 24, 10–11 a.m.**

Children ages 3 and 4 years old and their favorite adults are invited to explore nature through games, crafts and songs. Sessions are held in Outside In, the museum's hands-on nature center designed specifically for young children. A snack is provided. Details, fees and registration forms are online at [www.ansp.org/activities/tiny-tot-explorers.php](http://www.ansp.org/activities/tiny-tot-explorers.php) or call 215-299-1060.

**Art of Science Gallery Exhibit**  
**DUAL NATURE: SCIENCE ILLUSTRATIONS OF DAN OTTE**  
**Saturday, August 6–Sunday, December 4**

In scientific circles, Academy of Natural Sciences Curator Dr. Daniel Otte is known as the world's leading expert on grasshoppers and crickets. Over the past 40 years, he has written more than 100 scientific publications and books, described hundreds of new species, and collected countless specimens from all over the world. He has also created thousands of remarkable drawings of animals ranging from grasshoppers to giraffes.

**BUGFEST**  
**Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14, all day**

Celebrate insects of all kinds and talk with an Academy entomologist about why bugs are so important. Examine up close live stick insects, vinegaroons, tarantulas and more creepy crawlies. Watch cooking demonstrations and taste an insect if you dare! Cheer your favorite cockroach racer on to victory in the big Roach Race 500. See an amazing variety of insect specimens from the Academy's world-renowned collection. Fun and activities for all ages!

**GRANDPARENTS DAY AT THE ACADEMY**  
**Sunday, September 11, all day**

Observing backyard birds is a great activity for everyone, especially grandparents and their grandchildren. Couple up and learn how to identify common local feeder birds, what foods they eat, and how to attract them to your back yard. Make a pair of binoculars to take home.

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***Founded in 1812**, the Academy of Natural Sciences is America's oldest natural history museum and a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. For nearly 200 years, the Academy has carried out its mission to encourage and cultivate the sciences, exploring the remarkable diversity of our natural world and sharing these discoveries with the public through innovative exhibits, publications, and educational programming.*

*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, and military personnel; free for members and children under 3. \$2 fee for Butterflies!*