

# May Activity Sheet

# Activity #1:

Join us in *Outside In* for **Read to a Reptile** every Tuesday in May, 2–4 p.m. What book do you think is a snake's favorite?

# Activity #2:

Our newest special exhibit, *Xtreme Bugs*, opens May 26. Brush up your bug knowledge with the activity on the back.

## Activity #3:

Visit on May 19 for **Scientist Saturday**. You'll meet Academy graduate students who study giant clams. You can see the large shells of different species and feel how heavy they are. Can you spot the giant clam below as you color the coral reef habitat?



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# **Regular Hours:**

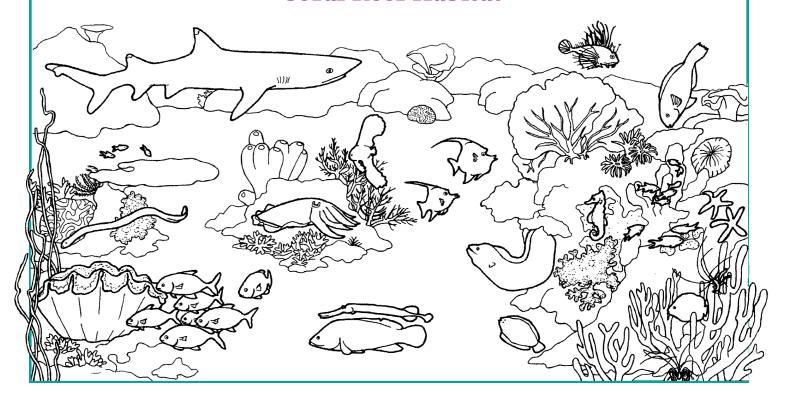
Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Weekends and Holidays, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Get your May stamp at the Visitor Services Desks.

If you have eight stamps, it's time to collect your prize in the Academy Shop!

# **Coral Reef Habitat**



# **Exhibits and Events**

## **Scientist Saturdays**

May 19 and June 16

# Xtreme Bugs Opens May 26

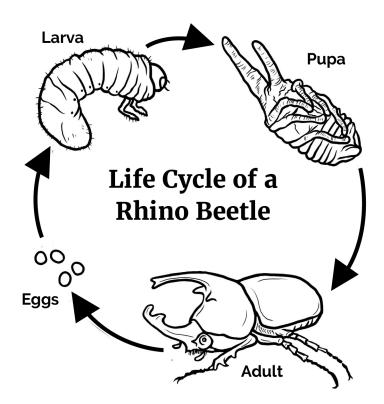
Join us for the Members' Opening June 1, 5:30–9:00 p.m. Register at ansp.org/bugs.

## **Totally Turtles Weekend**

June 9-10

# **Xtreme Bugs**

Most insects are holometabolous, which means they have four life stages. This includes the Rhino Beetle below. You can learn more about Rhino Beetles in *Outside In*.



# **Eggs:**

All insects begin their lives as eggs. The outside of the egg protects the growing insect, while the inside of the egg is filled with nutrients that are used to help the insect grow and prepare for the next stage in the life cycle. Depending on the type of insect, the egg stage can last a few days or up to a few months.

#### Larva:

Most insects are worm-like in form at the larva stage. They can move around and they eat a lot. The insect in the larva form can look much different from the adult form. A caterpillar is the larva form of a butterfly!

## Pupa:

Only holometabolous insects go through the pupal stage. Depending on the type of insect, the pupal stage may last weeks, months or even years!

#### **Adult:**

When the insect emerges from the pupa, it is an adult. It will look like its parents, and will no longer grow. The adult insect has completed its life cycle.