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SCIENCE MUSEUM WILL BE *BUGGIN' OUT* AFTER *FIRST OBSERVERS* CLOSES MAY 3RD

Reduced admission rates offered during exhibit transitions

BUFFALO, NY (April 27, 2009) -- The Buffalo Museum of Science members and guests have just one week left to experience its current themed experience, *FIRST OBSERVERS*, and traveling exhibit *ALIEN EARTHS*, which celebrate *International Year of Astronomy 2009*. Both exhibits will **end their run on Sunday, May 3rd**. The museum's next themed experience, *BUGGIN' OUT*, will open May 13 and run through June 14.

REDUCED ADMISSION RATES: May 4 - May 12 & June 15 – July 8

The museum will offer general admission at a \$2 discount during its transition from *FIRST OBSERVERS* to *BUGGIN' OUT*, and while it prepares for its blockbuster summer exhibit to open on July 9 (exhibit to be announced soon). The discounted admission rates are: \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 children over 3 and students with proper ID, and FREE to museum members and children under 3. These admission prices will be **effective May 4 through May 12, and June 15 through July 8**. Certain areas of the museum may be unavailable during these times.

HOURS OF OPERATION & CLOSINGS

The museum's current hours of operation will continue through July 8:

- **Monday & Tuesday:** closed
- **Wednesday – Saturday:** 10am – 5pm
- **Sunday:** 12pm – 5pm

The museum will be closed on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4.

ABOUT *BUGGIN' OUT*: May 13 – June 14, 2009

They're creepy, they're crawly, kids love them and adults are fascinated by them... what are they? BUGS! The museum's spring themed experience, *BUGGIN' OUT*, allows visitors to 'insectigate' the world of bugs: where they live, what they eat, how they move, and more! Museum guests can enjoy indoor and outdoor explorations and observe these creatures in their natural habitats.



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BUGGIN' OUT Activities

- **Flea Circus**
Walk like an insect, roll in some “dung”, or try your skill at being a Lawn Leaper! Visit the museum’s “Flea Circus”, where being a flea is no small feat!
- **Bug Eyes**
Ever wonder if we see the world the same as insects do? See for yourself using bug eye glasses.
- **Invent an Insect**
You won’t get “Cooties”, but you’ll create some new insects to take home.
- **Termite Trouble**
Have termites troubled you in the past? Learn more about how these creatures operate and watch how they live!
- **Colorful Creatures**
How do creatures prevent themselves from becoming a delicious lunch or dinner? Investigate the art of camouflage and biomimicry.
- **Bait and Tackle Shop**
Interested in learning how to be a fly fisher? Want to know how worms eat, live, and poop dirt? There’s more to a worm than just being the bait. Take away ideas on how to compost as well.
- **Busy Bee**
Are you as busy as a bee? Collect pollen, perform a bee dance, and see if you have what it takes to become the next queen!

For more information on these and other activities, programs or events taking place at the museum, call 716.896.5200 x312 or visit www.sciencebuff.org.

ABOUT FIRST OBSERVERS: On view through May 3, 2009

The *International Year of Astronomy* ignites a celebration of the human spirit’s sense of wonder. It is this sense of wonder that has been a driving force behind great explorations of our land, seas and heavens. In *First Observers*, the Buffalo Museum of Science pays tribute to those whose curious pursuits have laid the path for better understanding our planet, our solar system, our universe and ultimately ourselves. It is from these findings that we will formulate the questions that will determine tomorrow’s explorations. Where will your questions take you?

ABOUT ALIEN EARTHS: On view through May 3, 2009

Address some of humankind’s most ancient concerns: Where did we come from? Are we alone? Through hands-on components and multi-media presentations, the nationally-traveling *Alien Earths* invites visitors to join the search for distant, habitable worlds. Learn about the formation of stars and planets, the search for planets beyond our solar system, and search for life beyond Earth. Visitors to the exhibition will be able to compare the life cycle of our Sun to other stars; set planets in motion around a star and watch what happens; experiment with an infrared camera and ordinary objects; explore the methods used to search for extrasolar planets; listen to sounds from space and find out what signals from intelligent beings might sound like; and have other experiences of the search for alien earths.

The Buffalo Museum of Science is the non-profit educational institution dedicated to the study and interpretation of the natural and physical sciences. Its extensive collections of over 600,000 specimens and artifacts represent all facets of the natural world with an emphasis on Western New York as well as man-made objects spanning the globe. Based at 1020 Humboldt Parkway and anchoring Buffalo’s East Side in Olmsted-designed Martin Luther King, Jr. Park since 1929, the Museum presents a wide variety of programs and services for children, teachers, families, adults, and community organizations throughout each year. The Museum also operates Tiff Nature Preserve in South Buffalo, a 264-acre urban wetland preserve on reclaimed former industrial land and seasonally sponsors archaeological exploration at the Hiscock Site in nearby Genesee County, NY, one of North America’s richest Ice Age sites.

For further information on the Museum and its upcoming activities, call 716-896-5200 or visit www.buffalomuseumofscience.org.