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FAMILIES WILL “BUG OUT” AT TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE’S *INSECTIVAL!*

BUFFALO, NY (June 10, 2011) -- *Insectival!* - A celebration of insects and their arthropod kin is planned for Saturday, June 25 at Tift Nature Preserve, the environmental education site of the Buffalo Museum of Science.

People of all ages can drop-in for a bug-tastic time between 10:00AM and 2:00PM for this family friendly program to learn and experience the world of insects. Activities planned include:

- Sweeping for insects on the grassy mounds across from the Visitor’s Center.
- Dipping for aquatic insects in the 75-acre cattail marsh.
- Rolling logs to learn about inhabitants of the forest floor.
- Roving entomologist, Dr. John Grehan, Director of Science for the Buffalo Museum of Science, will assist with identification of insects and arthropods.
- Eat a freeze-dried cheddar flavored mealworm!
- Learn about monarch butterflies and take the Great Monarch Migration Challenge.
- An “Insectigation” Station featuring insect specimens from the education collection of the Buffalo Museum of Science.
- Insectival! themed crafts for children including a ladybug necklace, butterfly wings that can be worn, mix and match rotating insect body parts, and a fun crawling spider.
- An insect vision station, pollination game, the Lost Ladybug Project from Cornell University, and face painting will also be featured!

It’s sure to be an insect-errific day for everyone! The fee to participate is \$5 per person and members of the Buffalo Museum of Science save 10%.

Tift Nature Preserve, a 264-acre urban wetland preserve on reclaimed former industrial land, is located at 1200 Fuhrmann Boulevard in Buffalo. For further information, please call Tift Nature Preserve at 716-825-6397 or visit the Buffalo Museum of Science website at www.sciencebuff.org.

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