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## **CREEPY CRAWLERS WILL BE FEATURED AT MINNESOTA ZOO**

A collection of creatures showcased for all ages

APPLE VALLEY, Minn. – Gather your family and friends for the grand opening bug exhibit at the Minnesota Zoo on May 1. Featured in the exhibit are the world's largest spider, zebra cockroaches, and a walk through butterfly garden.

This exhibit will provide an educational environment for visitors and guests. Zoo goers will be able to watch up to 600 free-flying butterflies and moths feeding, resting, and emerging as adult butterflies by walking through the butterfly garden.

"This new exhibit is a great opportunity for the community," said chairman William R. Busch. "It will give schools the chance to educate their students by providing field trips to the zoo and for families of all ages to have fun."

A variety of different insects are showcased including colorful North America butterflies and moths, land crabs, a working colony of leafcutter ants, giant millipedes, scorpions, and tarantulas.

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The Minnesota Zoo is located in Apply Valley, just minutes south of Mall of America. The Minnesota Zoo is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and an institutional member of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA). For more information, call (952) 431-9500 or visit www.mnzoo.org.

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