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Family Friendly Activities Educate and Connect Kids with Nature's Pollinators

Phipps offers activities to educate about essential pollinators during National Pollinator Week

Pittsburgh, Pa. — <u>Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens</u> is excited to celebrate National Pollinator Week from Mon., June 19 – Sun., June 25. Families can participate in a variety of interactive and educational activities to learn more about the insects and animals that keep our natural resources and ecosystems healthy.

From daily exhibits like the Butterfly Forest and Certified Pollinator-Friendly Gardens to planned activities, adults and children will learn why pollinators are so essential to our ecosystems and how to play a part in keeping them healthy. During additional activities, guests can also:

- Get nose-to-antenna with the bees and watch the pollinators at work in the observational beehive located in the SEED Classroom
- See stunning artworks by local middle school students in Beneficial Bugs: A Youth Art Exhibition
- Create a pollinator-themed craft project
- Plant a pollinator-friendly nectar plant to take home
- Learn all about urban beekeeping in a presentation from Burgh Bees

National Pollinator Week was created by the <u>Pollinator Partnership</u> and U.S. Senate in the 2000s to celebrate pollinators and spread awareness about pollinator protection. Since its inaugural celebration, National Pollinator Week has grown into an international affair with organizations all over the world hosting a variety of local educational activities and events for their communities.

For more information and for a full list of activities, please visit **phipps.conservatory.org**.

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About Phipps: Founded in 1893, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pa. is a green leader among public gardens with a mission to inspire and educate all with the beauty and importance of plants; to advance sustainability and promote human and environmental well-being through action and research; and to celebrate its historic glasshouse. Learn more: <u>phipps.conservatory.org</u>.

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