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**GET THE BUZZ ON ALL THINGS POLLINATORS AT FRANKLIN PARK  
CONSERVATORY AND BOTANICAL GARDENS**

Columbus, Ohio—This Saturday, June 22 from 11am–3pm, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens hosts the annual Pollinator Palooza on the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Community Garden Campus. This free event offers programming and entertainment for all ages in order to raise awareness for the declining pollinator population.

Hands-on activities and educational presentations show visitors how they can support the pollinator population. The day will include up-close demonstrations with insects, garden tours, live music, educational food presentations and samples, and access to food trucks. Activities will be held rain or shine at the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Community Garden Campus.

New this year, join the BioBlitz hosted by Columbus Recreation and Parks, The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Ortho and Scotts Miracle-Gro. The BioBlitz is a collaborative race against the clock to discover as many species as possible within a set location over a defined time period. Using a smartphone app—iNaturalist—participants will actively document the biodiversity, focusing on pollinators, of Franklin Park Conservatory!

This year's Pollinator Palooza sponsor is Ortho, with additional support from the Pollinator Stewardship Council.

**Event Schedule**

**Exploring Pollinators in the Garden | 11:30am, 1pm and 2pm**

Take a walk in the garden and observe bees in action. Led by Denise Ellsworth, Program Director, Honey Bee and Native Pollinator Education, OSU Extension.

**The Bugman | 11am–3pm**

The Bugman, Mark Berman, shares his knowledge and excitement about bugs.

**Music from The Goldsberrys | 11:30am–12:30pm and 1:30–2:30pm**

The Goldsberrys serve up original folk-grass jam. Originally formed as a husband and wife duo, the now four-piece band includes banjo, guitar, fiddle and bass performers.

**Food Demonstration | 11am–3pm**

Taste yummy foods featuring ingredients that are made possible by pollinators.

**Food Trucks | 11am–2pm**

Blu Olive, Ajumama, Chicken Hatch and Too Good Eats



For more information, visit the [Pollinator Palooza Facebook event page](#), the Conservatory's [event page](#), and by following #PollinatorPalooza on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). For more information about the BioBlitz, visit the [Gro More Good Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz Facebook event page](#).

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*Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens offers botanical collections, art and nature-based exhibitions, plant shows, and educational programs for all ages. Situated in an 88-acre urban park, the Conservatory features the historic 1895 John F. Wolfe Palm House and 83,000 square feet of glasshouses, classrooms, and meeting and event spaces. The Conservatory owns a signature collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly. Light Raiment II, a permanent installation by internationally recognized light artist James Turrell, illuminates the John F. Wolfe Palm House every evening from dusk until dawn.*