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CELEBRATE POLLINATORS AT POLLINATOR PALOOZA

COLUMBUS, OH — On Saturday, June 24, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens will bring the public together with local groups for a free festival celebrating all things pollinators. Happening 11am-3pm in the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Community Garden Campus, Pollinator Palooza, made possible by major sponsor Giant Eagle, features educational activities, demonstrations, live music, food trucks and over thirty local organizations.

The festival-style event will be fun for all ages, but it underscores an important topic, protecting pollinators and their habitats.

The event schedule includes:

Organization Fair & Activities | 11am–3pm

Stop by pollinator-centric booths from the Conservatory and participating organizations for activities, crafts, games and more! The full list of participating organizations is below.

Exploring Pollinators in the Garden | 11am & 1:30pm

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

Food Demonstration | 11am-3pm

Taste delicious foods made with ingredients that are only possible thanks to pollinators. Led by the Conservatory's Culinary & Sustainability Educator, Heather Bell.

Plant Sales | 11am–3pm

Natives in Harmony will have a variety of native plants for sale

Live Critters | 11am-3pm

Get an up-close look at local wildlife with The Bugman and For All Species

Live music from Greg Greyson | 11am–3pm

Greg Greyson plays a unique blend of soft rock with jazz overtones

Food Trucks | 11am-3pm

Machi Hibachi | Taquitos Food Truck | Turtle Island | Rime Time Pops

Pollinator Palooza will occur a short distance southeast of the Conservatory's main entrance. Admission fees and reservations are not required.

Pollinator Palooza is the Conservatory's signature event during National Pollinator Week (June 19-25, 2023). Anyone interested in engaging with pollinators at the Conservatory can also visit the free Pollinator Garden, located in the Community Garden Campus, year-round. Classes centered on pollinators are also available:

For more information, please visit fpconservatory.org/pollinator-palooza, and follow the Conservatory on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#).

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Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens offers world-class horticulture, art and nature-based exhibitions, and educational programs for all ages. Situated on 40 acres on the eastern side of Franklin Park, the Conservatory features the historic 1895 John F. Wolfe Palm House; 83,000 square feet of glasshouses; botanical gardens including the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden; and meeting and event spaces. The Conservatory owns the largest collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly in a botanical garden and is home to internationally recognized light artist James Turrell's Light Raiment II, which illuminates the John F. Wolfe Palm House every evening from dusk until dawn.