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**POLLINATOR PALOOZA CREATES A BUZZ
AT FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY**

Columbus, Ohio—In honor of National Pollinators Week, Franklin Park Conservatory is hosting a free, family-friendly event – Pollinator Palooza – from 11am–3pm on Saturday, June 24.

Pollinator Palooza celebrates the birds, bats, bees, butterflies and other critters that facilitate a plants' life cycle. The day will include up-close demonstrations with live insects, garden tours, live music, educational food presentations and samples, and access to food trucks. Activities will be held rain or shine at the ScottsMiracle-Gro Community Garden Campus.

By combining engaging festivities with environmental education, the Conservatory hopes Pollinator Palooza inspires people to make nature-friendly choices in their day-to-day lives – some of which can start literally in one's own backyard.

This year's program is as follows:

The Bugman: *11am–3pm*

The Bugman, Mark Berman, shares his knowledge and enthusiasm about insects with live presentations.

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

Denise Ellsworth, program director at Ohio State University Extension, leads a tour through gardens to observe busy bees in action.

Music from Freedom N' Folk Revival: *11:30am–12:30pm & 1–2pm*

Food Demonstration

Visitors can taste foods made more delicious by ingredients made possible by pollinators. The American Beekeeping Federation's American Honey Queen will help with a honey-inspired treat.

Food Trucks

Mixing Bowl, Tortilla Street Food, Alice's Aebelskabels, 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](#).



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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.