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## Butterfly Pavilion at SB Museum of Natural History Welcomes Spectacular Tropical Species

- *Butterflies Alive!* summer exhibit open May 28–Sept 5, 2022
- Museum open Wed–Mon (closed Tues), 10:00 AM–5:00 PM  
Last entry into pavilion at 4:00 PM.
- Reservations recommended at [sbnature.org/tickets](https://sbnature.org/tickets)

**SANTA BARBARA, CA**—The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History opens its popular summer exhibit *Butterflies Alive!* on Saturday, May 28. For the first time, the exhibit will feature more than a dozen colorful tropical species from Costa Rica in addition to favorites like the Malachite, Julia Longwing, Gulf Fritillary, Common Buckeye, and Eastern Giant Swallowtail. New species include the spectacular Blue Morpho, Giant Owl, Tiger Longwing, and Blue-frosted Banner, among others.

Guests are invited to walk through a serene garden while nearly 1,000 live butterflies flutter freely around them. Various butterfly species cycle through the Sprague Butterfly Pavilion during the summer, so no two visits are the same.

Director of Guest Experience Kim Zsembik shares, “We are excited to welcome these species from Costa Rica for the first time to *Butterflies Alive!* We know guests will be awed when witnessing the Blue Morpho take flight. It’s a must-see!”

The exhibit is included in admission and open Wednesday to Monday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Last entry into the pavilion is at 4:00 PM. Reservations are recommended at [sbnature.org/tickets](https://sbnature.org/tickets).

The Museum is also offering volunteer opportunities to guide guests through the unique experience. Adults who are able to commit to one 2.5-hour shift per week are encouraged to apply at [sbnature.org/volunteer](https://sbnature.org/volunteer). Bilingual English/Spanish speakers and those available to volunteer on weekends are especially helpful in sharing this community favorite with the public.

To plan your *Butterflies Alive!* experience, visit [sbnature.org](https://sbnature.org).

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### About the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

*Powered by Science. Inspired by Nature.* Founded in 1916, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History is a private, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission to inspire a thirst for discovery and a passion for the natural world. The Museum seeks to connect people to nature for the betterment of both, and prides itself on being *naturally different*. For more information, visit [sbnature.org](https://sbnature.org).

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The Blue Morpho (*Morpho peleides*) butterfly,  
in the Museum's Butterfly Pavilion for the first time ever!



Director of Guest Experience Kim Zsembik and Butterfly Coordinator Jimmy Friery  
(with a giant tropical butterfly in the *Caligo* genus on his shoulder)

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Director of Guest Experience Kim Zsembik admires a Blue Morpho (*Morpho peleides*) concealing its bright blue upperside.