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**\*\*Media Advisory\*\***

## MINNESOTA ZOO TO OPEN MAJOR INSECT EXHIBIT WITH BUTTERFLY GARDEN

**Who:** Members of the media

**What:** Insect exhibit and walk-through butterfly garden to open on May 1, 2016

**When:** Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 9 a.m.

**Where:** The Minnesota Zoo Insect Wing, 13000 Zoo Boulevard, Apple Valley, MN 55124

**Additional information:** The exhibit will feature a variety of “bugs” from around the world with interactive elements for visitors. The major attraction is a walk-through butterfly garden where a thousand butterflies will be feeding, resting and emerging from cocoons.

Interviews will be available with zoo staff members, exhibit caretakers and several zoo management directors from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Photo and video opportunities will be allowed in all areas of the exhibit unless otherwise mentioned due to insect habitat requirements.

**Organization information:** The Minnesota Zoo is a year-round destination located in Apple Valley, just minutes south of Mall of America. Its mission is to connect people, animals and the natural world to save wildlife. For more information, call 952.431.9500 or visit [mnzoo.org](http://mnzoo.org). The Minnesota Zoo is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and an institutional member of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA).

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