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## **ACADEMY RAISES ADMISSION FEES**

PHILADELPHIA—Admission to The Academy of Natural Sciences will increase starting June 1, the museum announced today.

- Admission for an adult will change from \$10 per person to \$12.
- Admission for children ages 3 through 12, seniors ages 65 years and older, college students and military personnel will change from \$8 per person to \$10.
- Admission for children under 3 and for Academy Members remains free.
- Group rates remain unchanged.

Barbara Ceiga, Vice President for Public Operations, said the new rate structure would bring the Academy more in line with rates charged by other area museums.

The last time the Academy raised the admission was in 2005 when the adult fee was increased by \$1. The last time the rate for children increased was in 2001 when it was raised by 50 cents.

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Founded in 1812, The Academy of Natural Sciences is the oldest natural science research institution and museum In the Americas and a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. The mission of the Academy is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.

The Academy is located at 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and weekends until 5 p.m.

These fees are in effect through May 31:

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children ages 3-12, seniors, college students and military personnel, and free for children under 3. There is an additional \$2 fee for "Butterflies!"