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ENVIRONMENTAL MINIATURE GOLF EXHIBIT FEATURES 18 HOLES OF SERIOUS FUN

Tee up for *Fore! The Planet*, May 21–September 25, 2011

PHILADELPHIA—Save an endangered animal, navigate a polluted waterway, follow the path of a migrating hawk—all while having fun playing miniature golf in the Academy of Natural Sciences' new exhibit *Fore! The Planet* opening Saturday, May 21.

Created by the Academy and based on the research of its own scientists, *Fore! The Planet* features 18 holes of indoor miniature golf in which players test their putting skills along with their environmental know-how. The exhibit is free with regular museum admission and open through Sunday, Sept. 25.

Each hole uses playful components and colorful graphics to explore dinosaur extinction, bat sonar, pollution, recycling and other themes in a way that's fun and educational for people of all ages. Nine holes explain different features about how nature works, and the other nine explore people's interactions with the environment.

"Miniature golf is such a fun and engaging activity that we hope visitors will come back several times this summer to tee up," said Academy President and CEO George Gephart. "It's literally 18 holes of serious fun!"

The Academy created *Fore! The Planet* as a traveling exhibit, and it has been shown at many museums in recent years including the Royal British Columbia Museum in Victoria, Canada, Omaha Children's Museum in Nebraska, San Diego Museum of Natural History in California, and the Pacific Science Center in Seattle, WA. For more information, log on to www.ansp.org or call 215-299-1000.

Fore! The Planet is available for evening rentals. Please call 215-299-1047 or send an e-mail to events@ansp.org.

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Founded in 1812, the Academy of Natural Sciences is America's oldest natural history museum and a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. For nearly 200 years, the Academy has carried out its mission to encourage and cultivate the sciences, exploring the remarkable diversity of our natural world and sharing these discoveries with the public through innovative exhibits, publications, and educational programming.

HOURS: Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday–Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **ADMISSION:** \$12 adults; \$10 children 3-12, seniors, students and military personnel; free for members and children under 3. \$2 fee for Butterflies! **PHONE:** 215-299-1000.