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Experience the Buzz of Insect Night at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department invites the community to discover the fascinating world of insects during Insect Night from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain Road.

Held at the base of the Franklin Mountains, Insect Night celebrates the vibrant natural ecosystem surrounding the museum while kicking off National Moth Week, an international event dedicated to exploring and documenting moths and other nocturnal insects.

The free, family-friendly event features a variety of activities for visitors of all ages, including:

- Guided night hikes, where hikers can get to know the many insects that populate the trails around the museum
- Interactive, hands-on activities for children and adults
- Live insect observation and “nothing” demonstrations, along with educational specimen displays
- Delicious edible insects for sale at the Museum Store
- Information and activity booths, including from sister Museums & Cultural Affairs Department sites and community partners

The evening begins with a special presentation at 6 p.m. by anthropology scholar Sammi Burke, titled *Insects and the Mimbres: Bugs, Culture and Traditions*, exploring the cultural significance of insects in Mimbres history and traditions.

The El Paso Museum of Archaeology is always free to visit and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.EPMArch.org.

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