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Illinois State Museum Presents Bugs! Virtual Super Saturday

The Museum brings its free popular Super Saturday program to a virtual space.

SPRINGFIELD, III. – The Illinois State Museum (ISM) announces "Bugs! Virtual Super Saturday" – the first virtual event in its popular Super Saturday series – will take place online from Saturday, May 2 to Tuesday, May 5.

Families with elementary age children can join ISM over the weekend to explore the remarkable world of insects, bugs, and arachnids. "Bugs! Virtual Super Saturday" will include engaging art and science activities that families from across Illinois and beyond can do while at home.

"We hope this program will offer an opportunity for families to learn, play, and explore the natural world around them together," said ISM Interim Director of Education Elizabeth Bazan.

Everyone who completes a bug activity and shares a photo with the ISM has an opportunity to enter a drawing for a prize from Lincoln's Little Toy Shop in Springfield. Families can choose one of the recommended activities posted during the event or come up with their own. The ISM will accept entries through Tuesday, May 5, and announce winners after the event.

"Bugs! Virtual Super Saturday" is sponsored by Bank of Springfield, and is a free event open to the public. To participate, families can respond "going" to the <u>event</u> on the ISM <u>Facebook</u> page or by visiting the Museum's website at <u>bit.ly/BugsSuperSaturdayEvent</u>. ISM staff will update the website and Facebook event page with bug activities and facts on Saturday and Sunday.

About the Illinois State Museum

Established in 1877, the Illinois State Museum is a dynamic institution that promotes discovery, lifelong learning, and stewardship of the natural and cultural heritage of Illinois. Headquartered in Springfield, the Museum also has branch facilities in Lewistown and Lockport. To learn more, visit <u>www.illinoisstatemuseum.org</u> and follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

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