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**Amazing Butterflies MAZE Exhibit opens  
Saturday, October 7, 2017 at Museum of Discovery and Science**

**Fort Lauderdale, Florida – June 23, 2017** – The Museum of Discovery and Science invites visitors to embark on an exciting journey, transforming from caterpillars into butterflies, through one of our planet’s most remarkable lifecycles in Amazing Butterflies MAZE Exhibit open October 7, 2017 through January 7, 2018. Produced by Minotaur Mazes of Seattle, this immersive experience is based on an exhibition created for the Natural History Museum in London, featuring their scientific input and interpretation.

In Amazing Butterflies MAZE Exhibit visitors will experience the challenges of being a caterpillar as it morphs into a beautiful butterfly through an interactive hands-on human maze of larger-than-life leaves, grass and trees. During their journey, they discover the ways caterpillars move, what they eat and how other creatures help them achieve their remarkable transformation.

The adventure begins as visitors look through eggs to see caterpillar friends climbing on leaves and beginning to feed. Families will learn to crawl like a caterpillar by slipping into a set of caterpillar legs and using teamwork and locomotion to sprint for the finish line. Visitors will discover why carpenter ants in Panama defend metalmark caterpillars from parasitic wasps and other predators, and feed a caterpillar its lunch through various team games and contests.

Once the transformation from pupa to butterfly is complete, kids can practice flapping giant butterfly wings while avoiding spider webs that lurk around every turn. The “Nectar Food Path Puzzle” and “Squeeze and Sniff” stations explain how butterflies find food by sight and smell. Children and adults will find a butterfly mate by creating a wacky dance and then learn how butterflies select a specific plant on which to lay their eggs.

Visitors will mark their progress as a butterfly by stamping a souvenir garden card at eight stations before zooming out of the maze and emerging as a magnificent butterfly on “The Monarch Monorail!”

**ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE**

The mission of the Museum of Discovery and Science is to provide experiential pathways to lifelong learning in science for children and adults through exhibits, programs and films. Founded in 1976 as The Discovery Center, the nonprofit facility serves approximately 400,000 visitors annually. Major operational support for the Museum is provided through generous support by Leadership Guild members including: JM Family Enterprises, Inc., Jet Blue and Wells Fargo.

The Museum is open seven days a week, 365 days a year; Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Exhibit Admission is \$16 for adults; \$15 for seniors 65+; \$13 for active/retired military personnel; \$13 for children 2 to 12. Children under 2 are free. The Museum of Discovery and Science is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, visitors should call 954.467.MODS (6637) or visit our web site at [www.mods.org](http://www.mods.org)

### **ABOUT MINOTAUR MAZES**

Minotaur Mazes is a Seattle-based, worldwide traveling exhibitions company specializing in complete, interactive exhibition experiences within a maze setting. Mazes are engaging both mentally and physically, and a tactile experience helps visitors young and old retain ideas long after they have left the exhibit. Minotaur is committed to crafting quality, creative exhibitions that introduce ideas of sustainability and personal responsibility for the world and its people.

### **Amazing Butterflies MAZE Exhibit Photos:**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xwvudko10xop8eq/AAAXtABWn1WcUcvtPtl-m0uGa?dl=0>

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