



THE PEGGY NOTEBAERT
NATURE MUSEUM

The Museum of the Chicago Academy of Sciences

FACT SHEET

- Celebrating **150 years** of science exploration and education, the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum is the teaching and learning center of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, **founded in 1857**.
- The Museum welcomed **194,000** visitors in fiscal year 2007. More than **1.5 million** visitors have walked through the doors since opening in 1999.
- The Museum trains and offers resources for more than **2,000 Chicago teachers** in over **430 schools** providing hands-on exhibits and programs to **65,000 students** annually.
- An education innovator, the museum's **Science on the Go!** program pairs with more than **150 teachers** to enhance science education in classroom and has shown a correlation between the program and **improved student test scores**.
- The Museum is a working demonstration of **green technology** with **17,000 square feet** of rooftop gardens, solar panels and an eco-friendly water distribution system.
- The Nature Museum recycles more than **37,000 pounds** of paper each year.
- In 2006, the Museum received the City of Chicago's **Green Museum Award** for Overall Achievement.
- An icon exhibit, the **Judy Istock Butterfly Haven** delights all who enter with a kaleidoscope of **1,000 butterflies** plus tropical birds, flowers, and a waterfall.
- The Museum features more than **150 species** of live animals.
- The Academy and its Museum play a lead role in the repopulation of endangered species through its **Butterfly Restoration Project**.
- The Museum is a leader in **citizen science initiatives** with scientists and volunteers monitoring, collecting and breeding, raising and studying animals to help ensure their survival.
- The Academy's collection of **250,000 specimens** includes several benchmark specimens used to identify an entire species. Many were gathered more than **100 years ago**.

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