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Free, Family-Friendly Oxnard Insect Festival Returns on June 4

OXNARD, Calif. – The second ever Oxnard Insect Festival returns on **Saturday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** to Plaza Park (500 South C St., Oxnard).

Community members are invited to see, touch, buy and even taste a variety of creepy crawlers at this free event hosted by the City of Oxnard. All youth attendees are encouraged to pick up an Insect Festival passport upon arrival and get it stamped at each booth. The first 200 youth that visit eight booths will receive a free special insect activity kit to take home!



The family-friendly event festivities include:

- **Tasty Treats:** Ever tried edible bugs? Sample foods such as garlic fried grasshoppers and chapulines quesadilla. There will be plenty of choices for all types of tasters!
- **20 Insect-themed Vendor Booths:** Learn about monarch butterflies and other bugs, or even take some home! Vendors will be selling tarantulas, scorpions, centipedes and monarch butterfly larvae. There will also be opportunities to purchase insect-themed art; framed, pinned insects for sale; exotic plants that eat insects; and the opportunity to purchase insect exploring tools such as magnifying glasses and bug boxes.
- **Free Activities:** Stop by various insect educational booths and enter the Kids' Zone to experience bug-oriented arts and crafts. At 11 a.m., event sponsor ZooMed will host a hands-on presentation with live insects. The afternoon's events start at 12:30 p.m., where awards will be distributed for the best insect or critter costume contest for kids. There are four categories: ages 0-18 months; 18 months to 4 years; 5 to 10 years and 10 to 14 years.
- **Free Live Music:** Entertainment includes Ernando and the Nandos from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and a Beatles cover band - Beetlemania - playing from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., both on the large stage. PAL's Alias Dance Fam will perform between band performances. A Volkswagen car club will display special VW Bugs and Worms.
- **Special Panel of Tasting Edible Insects:** Watch Oxnard's Councilmembers, Fire and Police Chiefs, and other special guests experience tasting edible insects!

Thanks to the event sponsors: ZooMed, Oxnard Water Division, Terminix and Rincon-Vitova Insectaries, Inc. For more information, please visit the [Oxnard Insect Festival's Facebook page](#).

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