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### **Media Advisory**

#### **The Nashville Zoo to Open a New Bug Exhibit**

Nashville, TN—The Nashville Zoo is opening a major bug exhibit March 6, 2009. The new exhibit includes colorful North American butterflies and moths, a working colony of leaf-cutter ants, giant millipedes, centipedes, land crabs, and arachnids such as the world's largest spider, tarantulas, scorpions, and zebra cockroaches. Country singer and major zoo supporter Garth Brooks will be releasing the first butterfly into the butterfly garden. Zoo guests will be able to walk through a butterfly garden where up to 600 free-flying butterflies and moths will be feeding, resting and emerging as adult butterflies. Spider trainer Alfonso Hernandez will be providing spider demonstrations throughout the day. Elementary school science teachers and their students from the Nashville area are invited to attend as well.

**WHO:** The Nashville Zoo

**WHAT:** Opening of the Nashville Zoo bug exhibit

**WHERE:** 3777 Nolensville Road Nashville, TN.

**WHEN:** Friday, March 6, 2009

\* 10 a.m. Garth Brooks releases the first butterfly into the butterfly garden

\* 10:30 a.m. Interviews with Zoo Director Sandy Craig and Special Exhibit Director Jonathan Newsome.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Spider Trainer Alfonso Hernandez will be available for photos, videos and interviews throughout the day. Garth Brooks will be available for photos and videos during his release of the first butterfly, but not for interviews.