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## **“SUMMER AT THE HEARD” Opens June 5**

**Experience the Big Chill this Summer**

**New! Ice Age Mammals**

*A new indoor exhibit featuring Animatronic Ice Age Mammals*

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**Native Texas Butterfly House & New! Butterfly Garden**

### **New! Ice Age Mammals (June 5 - October 10)**

Have fun this summer as ten species of stomping, roaring, life-like robotic Ice Age mammals come alive indoors at the Heard. The group includes a hippopotamus-like Baluchitherium, a saber-toothed cat family of four and a woolly mammoth. Educational programming encourages aspiring paleontologists to learn prehistoric facts. Also enjoy the:

#### **Ice Age Mammals Grand Opening Celebration**

Enjoy a cool summer evening. See the new *Ice Age Mammals* indoor exhibit and watch the animated movie, *Ice Age*, under the stars in the outdoor amphitheater.

Sunday, June 6 (Rain Date: Friday, June 11)

7:30-10:30 PM

Tickets are only \$7/adult and \$5/ages 3-12

Museum members get a \$1 discount per ticket

Tickets will be available soon.

### **Native Texas Butterfly House & New! Butterfly Garden (June 5 - October)**

Be immersed among beautiful fluttering native Texas butterflies in the Heard butterfly house and new butterfly garden. Rest on garden benches and watch as butterflies hover among hundreds of plants that attract them for their daily diet.

**No matter what your family’s interests are, the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary has something for everyone** including our *Animals of the World* exhibit featuring non-native animals as well as our collection of native Texas reptiles and amphibians. The 40<sup>th</sup> *Earth Day Celebration* presented by the Heard, City of McKinney and Collin College and the Heard’s *Green Living Family Festival* is coming up April 23<sup>rd</sup> (featuring “One Water One People” speech by Fabien Cousteau) & 24<sup>th</sup> (Heard Green Living Family Festival). Enjoy the beauty of the native plant garden, a 289-acre wildlife sanctuary with more than seven nature trails as well as the beautiful Heard ropes course

and canoe/kayak program. Summer camp registration is also going on now. Visit [heardmuseum.org](http://heardmuseum.org) for all the details.

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