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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**October and November Events at \*Mississippi's "Travel Attraction of the Year"**

**Jackson, Miss.** – The Mississippi Museum of Natural Science is proud to announce the following events:

- **“Slither, Crawl and Fly!” from 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2009.**  
Join Museum staff to learn about creatures such as snakes, spiders and bats that slither, crawl and fly! They’re not as scary as you might think. Touch a snake, examine a bat specimen, observe a spider, and understand the beneficial role they play in the ecosystem.
- **“Protecting Sea Turtles, Ships, and Shores” lecture from Noon – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2009** with Research Biologist Dena Dickerson of the Environmental Laboratory, USACE, Engineer Research and Development Center. Some sea turtles are potentially killed or injured or have their nesting habitat destroyed during dredging operations. Ms. Dickerson will discuss dredging equipment and protocols that have been developed worldwide over the past 25 years to protect threatened or endangered sea turtles.
- **“WILD about GIRL SCOUTS: Girl Scout Leader Workshop” from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2009.** This “Project WILD” program provides background information and activities for Girl Scout leaders to help with Brownie Try-Its, Junior Badges and Interest Patches. Contact Nicole Smith, Naturalist, MMNS at (601)354-7303 before November 13, 2009 to register.

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## Upcoming Events at MMNS, 2

- **“Project WET! Teacher Workshop” on Tuesday, November 24, 2009.** “Project WET” is an interdisciplinary water education program designed for educators of kindergarten through twelfth grade. Call Rebecca Jones at 601-354-7303 for registration information.

\* The Mississippi Museum of Natural Science was named the state’s Travel Attraction of the Year by the Mississippi Tourism Association and Jackson’s Attraction of the Year by the Jackson Convention & Visitors Bureau earlier this year.

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The museum is located at 2148 Riverside Drive in Jackson. Call 601.354.7303 or visit [www.msnaturalscience.org](http://www.msnaturalscience.org) for details. The Museum is part of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. The Mississippi Museum of Natural Science is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

### **Museum Hours**

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

### **Admission**

Adults: \$5  
Children ages 3-18: \$3  
Senior Citizens 60 and over: \$4  
Children under 3: FREE  
Members: FREE  
School Teachers with classes: Call for Group Information

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