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For immediate release

NatureFest - Celebrate NYC's greenest borough!

Event Date: Saturday, June 9, 2012

Time: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Location: Willowbrook Park, near the carousel

Admission: FREE (and fun for the whole family!)

(Staten Island, New York – May 2012) In between the graduations, birthday parties, BBQs and other jam packed June activities, take some time with your family to get back to nature at the Staten Island Museum's annual outdoor extravaganza, **NatureFest 2012** on **Saturday, June 9**, from **11am – 3pm** at **Willowbrook Park (near the Carousel)**.

This free, family-friendly event is a fun filled afternoon that boasts a slew of activities to keep kids occupied and engaged while learning about and most importantly, interacting with, nature! Practice your maniacal laugh and physics skills at the **Mad Scientist Experiment Table**, explore the woods and search for your favorite fuzzy friends in our **Nature Scavenger Hunt**, or if you'd prefer a guide on your adventure, join our **Guided Nature Walks**, get a seriously hands on experience with our **Up Close with Staten Island Nature Table** where you can touch and feel animal fur, bones, fossils and more. Lastly, don't miss our fascinating **Bee Keeping demonstration!** Don't be scared, it is an enclosed observation hive, so no one will get stung!

NatureFest, created by the Staten Island Museum is celebrating its 10th year of highlighting Staten Island's natural treasures for nature lovers of all ages, sizes and plumages. In addition to all of the exciting activities, the festival will be flush with information from the Staten Island Zoo, Solar One, Protectors of Pine Oak Woods, Aphis and more!

For more information, contact Seth Wollney at **718.483.7105**, swollney@statenmuseum.org or visit our website at **StatenIslandMuseum.org**.

About the Staten Island Museum

Founded in 1881 and celebrating its 130th year, the Staten Island Museum, New York City's only general interest museum, engages visitors with interdisciplinary exhibitions and educational programs that explore the dynamic connections between natural science, art and history based on its diverse collections. The Museum welcomes about 80,000 adults and school children to a comprehensive array of programs every year. Located two blocks from the Ferry Terminal, visitors can embark on a voyage through time in the Staten Island Ferry exhibit; see rocks glow in the dark in the Hall of Natural Sciences; and experience the lives of Staten Island's first inhabitants. In Building H on the Snug Harbor Campus, visitors can explore the latest exhibitions in the History Center Gallery, or make a research appointment for the History Archives & Library. Staten Island Museum is owned by the City of New York and benefits from public funds provided through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. For current exhibitions, visit StatenIslandMuseum.org

VISITOR INFORMATION

Staten Island Museum (St. George)

75 Stuyvesant Pl., SI, NY 10301

Hours:

Monday - Friday: 11am– 5pm

Saturday: 10am–5pm

Sunday: 12pm-5pm

Universal Accessibility

Recommended Admission

Adults \$3.

Students and Seniors: \$2.

FREE to members and children under 12.

History Center & Archives *New Location*

1000 Richmond Terrace, Snug Harbor Campus,
Building H, Staten Island, NY 10301

Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 10am – 4pm by
appointment only.

Contact Cara Dellatte at 718.483.7122.

History Gallery Hours:

Tuesday – Friday: 1pm – 4pm

Free