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Come Hang With Us

Live sloths, scorpion, snakes and other animals come to Arizona Science Center in February

PHOENIX, AZ – January 18, 2022—Sometimes being slow, small, or weak can have its advantages. *Survival of the Slowest*, the newest exhibition at Arizona Science Center, opening February 5 takes its time and proves just that. In the exhibition, you'll meet live animals such as a pair of two-toed sloths, a green iguana, a red-footed tortoise, a four-Toed hedgehog and several other species highlighting the advantages of being slow along with some of the disadvantages of being fast. Explore dozens of habitats teeming with live animals, and discover their counterintuitive adaptations and surprising strategies for survival.

“*Survival of the Slowest* looks at the often overlooked species that are slow, small or lack strength and how they have used these traits to help them survive—and even thrive—in a world where large, strong, and fast animals are often the top of the food chain,” said Dean Briere, The Hazel A. Hare Interim CEO of Arizona Science Center. “Guests will get to see these intriguing animals and take time to consider how they survive and interact with their world.”

Live animal presentations are scheduled throughout the day with wildlife educators and animal care staff on hand to both educate and ‘wow’ the audiences, and also to engage with guests in an interactive hands-on approach to learning about and more importantly, connecting with wildlife.

Featured animals include:

- Giant Hognose Snake
- Linnaeus's Two-toed Sloth
- Pine Snake
- Ball Python
- Royal Python
- Russian Tortoise
- African Spurred Tortoise
- Indonesian Blue-Tongued Skink
- Veiled Chameleon
- Eastern Fox Snake
- Bearded Dragon
- Four-Toed Hedgehog
- Green Basilisk
- Boa Constrictor
- Argentine Horned Frog
- Red-Footed Tortoise
- Madagascar Day Gecko
- Common Box Turtle
- Common Leopard Gecko
- Chaco Golden Knee
- Gray Ratsnake
- Asian Forest Scorpions
- Green Iguana

Survival of the Slowest will be open daily to the public from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a limited engagement through August 7, 2022. Pricing for the exhibition is \$6.95 for Members and \$8.95 for Non-Members. General admission tickets required. Children under 3 are always FREE. Tickets are available to purchase at Arizona Science Center and azscience.org.

All Arizona Science Center Guests, older than 24 months, are required to wear a mask regardless of their vaccination status. This policy will be strictly enforced without exceptions.

Your health and safety are our top priority. To learn more about how to prepare for your visit to Arizona Science Center, [click here](#).

This exhibit was produced by [Little Ray's Nature Centres](#) in partnership with the Canadian Museum of Nature and generously sponsored locally by PetSmart, SRP, and US Bank.

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About Arizona Science Center

The mission of Arizona Science Center is to inspire, educate, and engage curious minds through science. The Center is committed to providing a safe environment that aligns with expert protocols for COVID-19. Leadership actively monitors and evolves policies to ensure a focus on the health and safety of guests and team members. The Center, located at 600 E. Washington Street in downtown Phoenix, features more than 300 hands-on exhibits, live demonstrations, a range of interactive online science content, the state-of-the-art Dorrance Planetarium and the five-story Irene P. Flinn Giant Screen Theater. CREATE at Arizona Science Center®, adjacent to the main building, is the newest addition. This 6,500 square foot community makerspace provides workshops, including 3D printing, laser cutting, woodworking and sewing. The Center offers programs for all ages, including Camp Innovation, Teen programs, Professional Development and Learning for Educators, and adults' night out: Science With A Twist. The Center also offers a broad range of online science learning resources for parents, educators, students and anyone curious about science. For further details, please visit azscience.org.

About Little Ray's Nature Centres

Little Rays Nature Centres was founded in 1995 as a local, family-based, reptile rescue and educational outreach program. Since then it has grown to be largest exotic animal rescue in Canada. Its outreach programs include a comprehensive set of curriculum-based workshops for schools, museum exhibits on a wide range of topics used by museums and science centres across North America, and Canada's largest pet therapy program, among many others. Nationally accredited by the Canadian Association of Accredited Zoos and Aquariums and licensed by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, it is one of the only institutions recognized and allowed by the City of Ottawa to work with prohibited animals.

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