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**Pressure tactics suspended at Montréal's Nature Museums  
The Biodôme and Insectarium  
Re-opening on Saturday, April 24**

**Montréal, April 21, 2010** – Montréal's Nature Museums are delighted at the news that pressure tactics by the city's blue-collar workers have been suspended, allowing the Biodôme and the Insectarium to re-open to the general public starting this Saturday. Families, school groups and tourists will once again be able to enjoy these Nature Museums, which have been closed temporarily since March 26.

For Charles-Mathieu Brunelle, Director of Montréal's Nature Museums, "The return to normal will allow the Nature Museums to resume their regular programs and to hold certain events that had been at risk because of the labour dispute. For instance, the first symbolic gesture relating to the *Quartier de la vie* by the Nature Museums and 4,200 students from alternative schools in Quebec, on May 21, the Great Gardening Weekend, saluting the expertise of the Botanical Garden's horticulturists and gardeners, from May 28 to 30, and the Fête des enfants de Montréal, on August 14 and 15, when we welcome 35,000 visitors on average."

The re-opening of the Biodôme and the Insectarium will also allow the two institutions to welcome over 55,000 Quebec elementary and secondary school students for educational visits in May and June. And once the summer starts (June to August), nearly 12,000 young people and counsellors from municipal summer camps will be coming to the Nature Museums as a perfect "natural" group outing.

*Note that despite the resumption of regular operations on Saturday, the Biodôme's day camps, including those relating to astronomy, are still cancelled. The Botanical Garden's day camps, including those relating to entomology, will be held, however.*

**Hours**

Biodôme: Daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Insectarium: Tuesday to Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Botanical Garden: Tuesday to Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Planetarium: Depending on showtimes

**General information: [museumsnature.ca](http://museumsnature.ca)**

Montréal's Nature Museums – the Biodôme, Insectarium, Botanical Garden and Planetarium – helping people enjoy nature to the fullest.

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