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'Butterflies!' is theme for May 13 Family Fun Day at Cultural Heritage Center

PIERRE, S.D. -- Over 170 species of butterflies make their home in South Dakota, and the public is invited to come and celebrate these flying creatures by making a clothespin butterfly on Saturday, May 13, from 10-11:30 a.m. CDT at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

"When butterflies and moths start to flitter around, it is a sure sign that warm weather has arrived," said Jay Smith, director of the Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society. "Our Saturday Family Fun Programs have been a big hit. Creating fish, snowflakes and bunnies has been great fun, and making butterflies will be a good time, too. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy making crafts and visiting the museum galleries."

All supplies are provided, but children should be accompanied by an adult. There is no additional fee to participate in the program.

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About the South Dakota State Historical Society

The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Education. The State Historical Society, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.