



# Hi-Desert Star

He'll try anything



PHOTOS BY REBECCA UNGER Hi-Desert Star

Justin Casey-Eich helped himself to mom Kim's snack of crispy mealworms at Family Fun Day. "Apples don't fall far from the tree," mom said with a laugh. "I used to eat bugs as a kid."

## 800 pet, play with and even eat bugs

By Rebecca Unger

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YUCCA VALLEY — "Bugs and Butterflies" Family Fun Day was a salute to all things creepy and crawly the Hi-Desert Nature Museum Saturday.

There were bugs to watch, bugs to pet, bugs to eat and bugs to color and craft.

"We have a valiant and talented staff at the museum and the town of Yucca Valley that made this event happen," museum supervisor Lynn Richardson observed with pride. "There were about 800 kids and adults playing games and doing activities that day!"



Lacy Lenninger of Yucca Valley accessorizes her ensemble with hand-crafted antennae and the butterfly bi-focals she won playing bug bingo Saturday at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum.