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Fernbank to Add New Health-Focused, Allergy Friendly Dining Experience this September

ATLANTA, GA (Aug. 13, 2026)— Fernbank Museum of Natural History is excited to announce a new partnership with Bean Sprouts, a nationally recognized café brand known for its fresh, wholesome, and family-friendly menu offerings. Bean Sprouts will replace the Fernbank Café, offering a reimagined dining experience when it opens in early fall 2026.

Founded with a focus on making healthy food fun, Bean Sprouts operates cafés in cultural destinations across the country, including museums, zoos and science centers. As winner of Allertrain’s Best Food Allergy Innovation Award, the company is celebrated for its creativity in creating offerings that appeal to both kids and adults, while emphasizing nutritious ingredients and playful presentation. The Bean Sprouts menu includes a variety of artisan sandwiches, flatbread pizzas, fresh bowls, smoothies, and an organic espresso bar. For younger visitors, the award-winning Imaginibbles® kids’ menu turns mealtime into an adventure with favorites like Spaceadilla (a wholesome chicken and cheese quesadilla) blasting off with veggie flames.

“As part of Fernbank’s two-year transformation across all three floors of the museum, we’re partnering with Bean Sprouts to deliver an exceptional dining experience,” said Fernbank President and CEO, Jennifer Grant Warner. “Because our guests have told us they want delicious, healthy and allergy-friendly menus at a great value, we’re delighted to welcome Bean Sprouts, which is renowned for delivering highly rated dishes with top-notch customer service.”

Bean Sprouts’ approach goes beyond food, incorporating engaging food names, interactive elements, and a welcoming environment designed to complement the hands-on learning happening throughout the museum. Bean Sprouts will offer discounts for staff, volunteers and members, while presenting value-forward pricing with high-quality ingredients. Bean Sprouts will also provide field trip and birthday party catering in addition to after-hours service for “Museum Nights” events.

During the transition, Firefly Catering will offer chef-forward cuisine with food-truck style menu options from Aug. 1, 2026 until early fall when Bean Sprouts opens. Guests can check FernbankMuseum.org or sign up for the museum's e-newsletter to stay informed of the official opening date.

"Bean Sprouts is all about making healthy eating fun," said Kelly Parthen, Co-founder and co-CEO of Bean Sprouts. "There's no better place to spark curiosity than a museum dedicated to exploring the natural world. We believe a café should be part of the museum experience and not just a place to eat. We look forward to serving Fernbank families with fresh, wholesome food that fuels their day of discovery and adventure."

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About Fernbank Museum

Fernbank is one of the most popular and iconic cultural destinations in Atlanta. Known as Atlanta's Science and Nature Experience, Fernbank invites guests to discover a World of Wow through an expansive natural history museum, 4-story giant screen theater, and 75 acres of nature adventures in WildWoods and Fernbank Forest. One of the oldest not-for-profit conservation organizations in the country, Fernbank was founded in 1939 to preserve Fernbank Forest, the largest urban, old growth, Piedmont forest in the United States. The museum and giant screen theater opened as "a school in the woods for nature studies" on Oct. 5, 1992, and is today known for its giant dinosaurs, hands-on STEAM* programming, immersive experiences, and year-round nature exploration.

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