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In her presentation, “**Tarantulas: SO Awesome!**”, you will learn about the general biology of tarantulas, including their diversity, habitat, predation, and defense strategies. Erika will also highlight species native to Texas and discuss the threats they face.