

General flow of the event :

- First day competitors come in duos or solo teams and then are given the rules and scoring criteria at 11am. Their time to collect samples of any organism micro or macro starts now.
- They meet back in the venue at 6pm that day and they have an hour to check their samples out with the help of volunteers prepare their writeup and present their sample however they want. They will be shown how to operate microscopes and how to handle slides at this time.
- After they leave the judges judge the entrees and give them appropriate points. Strictness of judging will depend on number of contestants.
- We will let then contestants know if they go to the second round.
- In the second round I will give them 2 options to choose, each option will be a different type of organism. Once chosen they will bring their samples the next day at 6-7 and the same process will take place. Judging this time will happen while contestants are there and prizes will be given.

Rules :

- Contestants are not allowed to catch anything significantly poisonous or venomous (list of such organisms will be provided).
- Contestants of garden high and ek pehal will be allowed to start collecting samples 2 days before but all college students will only get the set time from briefing to submission.
- People are expected to follow campus rules and not go to places where its normally not allowed.
- Garbage sites and any lab is strictly prohibited.
- Latex gloves will be provided and it is highly recommended that they are used while collecting samples.
- While you can ask for help to prepare your sample only school children will receive no point deductions for that.
- The main scoring criteria will be what interesting fact you write down about your specimen and whether you can actually show the judges that interesting feature. (for example if you are showing the compound eyes of a fly and your sample had its eyes removed by the capturing method that will fetch you far less points).
- The scoring criteria will only be revealed to contestants on the day of the contest to prevent unfair advantages gained by students living in local areas.
- Entry fee must be paid by all participants except the ek pehal kids.
- A map of campus with critter hotspots will be provided and while it is not mandatory to follow that it is recommended to look it over since it also shows where to not go.

Scoring Criteria :

- Judges will give scores that will not be revealed until after the round is over.
- 1-5 range for how well the sample is mounted.
- 1-5 points for how well the interesting feature of the sample is brought to focus and shown to the judges.
- 1-5 points for the writeup of the interesting feature.
- 1-3 points for general presentation and decorum.

- 1-5 point penalties will be given out for broken rules of collection and unfair means of presentation.