



Bug Centered Activities

Connect yourself with nature.



Entomology may be the easiest field in which amateurs can make significant contributions to science. As the most numerous and diverse organisms on the planet, insects abound. All it takes is an insect or two, introduced with questions from teachers, environmental educators, or parents, to ignite a passion for scientific discovery.

Live collecting is useful with young children (and adults), and they should release the insects they collect within a few hours after they have made observations or sketches. Providing the opportunity and a few rudimentary tools for young investigators will help them along in their bug investigations. A net, beginner insect field guides, and time outdoors are the essential ingredients. Older students who develop an interest in entomology can learn to collect and preserve specimens for more detailed study. Some traditional insect collection requirements can be met with insect photographs or the construction of dichotomous keys.

Activity	Cost
Beetle Pinning	\$150.00
Butterfly Catching	\$50.00
Cooking with Bugs	\$200.00
Drawing Class	\$75.00