Insects
4-H Entomology

Target Audience: Youth 6-12

Description: Students will explore the amazing world of insects and entomology. Hands-on learning activities teach children about insect body parts, eye sight, and camouflage as well as pollination and butterfly life cycles.

Format: Each of the six activities can be presented in one class period from 45-60 minutes. Extensions can be made throughout the school year to become on-going investigations.

Activity 1: Big Bugs, Small Bugs
Students will create a model insect and identify its major parts.

Activity 2: Crickets Close Up
Students will identify major cricket body parts and describe their function.

Activity 3: Blink, Chirp, Wiggle, Dance
Students will learn about insect mouth types, insect communication styles, and the eyesight of insects.

Activity 4: Dots Before My Eyes
Students will learn how insects use colors for defense and camouflage.

Activity 5: BEE-havior
Students will learn the parts of a flower and how bees influence the pollination of flowers.

Activity 6: Monarch: King or Queen?
The students will learn the life cycle of monarch butterflies and identify the monarch’s major body parts.

Insects: 4-H Entomology curriculum and the activity kit can be borrowed for one month.