



BUG CAMP

Bug Camp is all about learning about bugs. Choose at least 5 activities to read, watch, do, make, write, record, etc. about BUGS! Here is a list of ideas below, but if you have one or more of your own ideas...plan to do those too!

*NOTE: We are using "BUGS" liberally and not defining the differences, but that could make a cool project. What is an insect? What isn't? If it's not an insect, identify what it is.

READ

1. Read books about bugs. You might pick non-fiction to learn about facts or non-fiction where bugs are the main characters. You might even find a book or two that blends both.

You can borrow books from the library, check your home library, buy from the BPC Scholastic book fair, buy from Amazon Smiles, or read Myon books. Here is a list of some bug related books:

[The Very Hungry Caterpillar](#) **Available through Brook Park's virtual Scholastic book fair**

[Diary of a Worm](#) **Available through Brook Park's virtual Scholastic book fair**

[Marty Mcguire Digs Worms!](#) **Available through Brook Park's virtual Scholastic book fair**

[The Backyard Bug Book for Kids: Storybook, Insect Facts, and Activities](#)

[National Geographic Kids Readers: Bugs \(Pre-reader\)](#)

WRITE

2. Pick a bug. Write a story about what it's like to be that bug.

ART/CREATE

3. Create a bug craft

Have beads and pipecleaners/wire? Make a dazzling dragonfly.

<https://iheartcraftythings.com/shimmery-dragonfly-craft-kids.html>

Like to paint? Paint a dragonfly or butterfly. <https://alittlepinchofperfect.com/dragonfly-stick-nature-craft-for-kids/>

Have rocks or glass beads? Paint, use paper, googly eyes, and glue to make "buggles." If you have a little tin, you can store them in there. If you have magnets, glue them to the back and make them into refrigerator magnets. <https://makinglifeblissful.com/2015/04/altoid-tin-reuse-bug-craft-toy.html>

GET OUTSIDE & RECORD

4. Get outside. You can explore around your house from the perspective of a bug. Look in the grass, dirt, under rocks, flowers, in the air...everywhere. How many bugs can you find? Make a journal to draw and name what you find.

5. Play Bug Bingo: <http://workyourmommymagic.blogspot.com/2011/06/outdoor-adventures-bugs-by-erin-uda.html>

MAKE: COOK

6. Cook up something tasty. You can make all kinds of bug-inspired foods. Consider the Backyard Bug Snacks or the Veggie Bugs listed below. Prepare a grocery list of ingredients for your Camp Director (parent/adult). Work together on potential ingredient swaps.

<https://thecraftingchicks.com/back-yard-bug-snacks/>

<https://thedecoratedcookie.com/just-for-kix-how-to-make-simple-veggie-bugs/>

WATCH

7. Feeling brave? Watch a video about Purdue's annual Bug Bowl Cricket Spitting Contest.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EWutXpu09o>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4h9fqxFIsE>

Learn more here: <https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/bugbowl/cricket-spitting-contest/>

RESEARCH & DO

8. Research and identify what bugs people eat around the world. What bugs are poisonous to people? Anything poisonous to pets? Create a 1 page poster about what you learn.

9. Bug Habitats...what do bugs need to survive? Research and create a habitat for bugs* you might catch.

roly pollies, worms, spiders, fireflies, beetles, cicadas

Ant Farms are fun to fill and observe. Consider getting one yourself if your Camp Director approves. You may want to prepare a request noting how much it will cost, where it will live, and how you plan to care for your ant farm.

https://smile.amazon.com/Uncle-Milton-042499000154-Ant-Farm/dp/B0000632R8/ref=sr_1_32?dchild=1&keywords=ant+farm&qid=1590843403&sr=8-32

10. Create a map or chart about different broods of cicadas. Start here to learn about this year's cicadas (13 vs. 17 year ones):

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cicadas/13or17year.html>

GET ACTIVE

Looking for something else, different, or more? Ask your Camp Director (parents) or Counselor (other older youth or adults) to help you search on Pinterest (ex: bug craft, watercolor bug, bug books, etc.). Your Camp Director (i.e parent) would also be able to help you look up other resources, like Teachers Pay Teachers or AmazonSmile, for free or inexpensive resources or books or materials. Reminder: the BPC earns money on all eligible purchases through Amazon Smile.

Have ideas? Want to share? Post on the BPC Facebook page or email askthebpc@gmail.com.