

Entomology

Objective: Through hands on activities and outdoor exploration, members learn about the lifestyles, habitats, diets, anatomy and behavior of insects, arachnids and other invertebrates.

Members must:

- 1) Meet general 4-H exhibitor requirements as outlined in the Exhibitor Guide.
- 2) Participate in club activities at Fair, including setup and take down.
- 3) Be a positive representative of 4-H.

Judged classes are separated by experience level.

- Beginners have 1 year or less experience.
- Juniors have more than 1 year of experience and have not yet completed 8th grade.
- Seniors have more than 1 year of experience and have completed 8th grade.
- Prep exhibits can be critiqued but are eligible for participation ribbons only.

Classes:

1) Pinned Insect Collections:

a. Recommended specimens for each level are:

1. Beginner Collection: 2 -5 specimens; 2 orders
2. Junior Collection: 6 – 10 specimens; 3 orders
3. Senior Collection: 11 or more specimens; 4 orders

b. Collections are assessed on:

1. Correct labels
2. Pinning and mounting
3. Overall neatness and appearance

c. Collections will be displayed at Fair and should have a clear lid.

2) Exhibit without specimens:

- a. Must be educational to fairgoers
- b. Should include photographs or drawings of featured insects
- c. Content must be appropriate for experience level

Exhibits are assessed on:

1. Accuracy of information
2. Educational value
3. Overall neatness and appearance