



## EVENT SCHEDULE

This schedule will keep you up with the buzz about Bama Bug Fest! Don't forget to fly over to [www.bamabugfest.org](http://www.bamabugfest.org) to check out our *Bama Bug Fest Art Contest*, *Bama Bug Fest Virtual Exhibit*, and *Bama Bug Fest Resource Guide*.

TUE,  
JULY 7

### WHAT MAKES A BUG A BUG?

- 10:00 AM ***Bama Bug Fest: On the Web – An Introduction***
- Join us for an introduction to this year's Bama Bug Fest: On the Web. Learn about all of the programs, events, and contests you can take part in throughout the month of July.
- 2:00 PM ***Story Time and Build a Bug Workshop***
- Gather 'round for a story time with the Tuscaloosa Public Library as they read *Some Bugs* by Angela Diterlizzi. After your story step into the Build a Bug Workshop to build your own insect.
- 4:00 PM ***What is a Bug?***
- Ever wondered what makes a bug a bug? Join in the conversation with Dr. John Friel as he discusses all things insects in this Livestream program.
- 7:00 PM ***Daily Wrap Up & Q&A***

Have questions about anything we covered today? This Livestream evening roundtable can give you the chance to ask the experts.

THU, JULY 9

### INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE

- 10:00 AM *Learn to Draw Spider-man with DC Comics' Artist Sarah Leuver*
- Grab a pencil and paper and learn to draw your favorite friendly neighborhood webslinger with DC Comics' artist Sarah Leuver. This art lesson is suitable for all experience levels.
- 2:00 PM *A Comic Book Expert, a Scientist, and Spider-man Walked into a Livestream*
- Ever wondered how Spider-man's abilities stack up to real world spiders? Join "The Comic Strip" in Tuscaloosa, arachnologist Dr. Sebastian Alejandro Echeverri, and Spider-man for a conversation about the intersection between spiders and comics.
- 4:00 PM *Eight Legged Facts about Spiders with John Friel*
- There is a fascinating world of spiders that is just jumping to be known! Join in this Livestream with Dr. John Friel to learn some weird, wacky, and fascinating facts about spiders.
- Spiderly Speaking with Dr. Ruth*
- Join our Dr. Ruth as she covers just about everything you want to know about spider sex and aren't afraid to ask!
- 7:00 PM *Daily Wrap Up & Q&A*
- Have questions about anything we covered today? This Livestream evening roundtable can give you the chance to ask the experts.

SAT, JULY 11

### BUG MEETS WORLD: A Walk in the Woods

- 10:00 AM *Take a Hike: Terrarium Building Lesson and Virtual Hike*
- Build a habitat for insects with *Discovering Alabama's* Pam Sloan and take a hike with us to discover insects to add to your terrarium.
- 2:00 PM *There's a Bug Under a Log on the Trail in the Woods*

Have you ever flipped a log on a hike to see all of the creepy crawlies underneath? Take a hike with us and learn about decomposers with entomologist, Dr. Meaghan Pimsler.

4:00 PM *You Light up my Life: Flashy Fireflies*

Learn about those little “lightning bugs” that are an all too familiar part of our summer landscape with this video from expert entomologists, Dr. John and Kendra Abbott.

7:00 PM *Daily Wrap Up & Q&A*

Have questions about anything we covered today? This Livestream evening roundtable can give you the chance to ask the experts.

TUE, JULY 14

## WATER BUGS

10:00 AM *Goin’ Buggin’: Discovering Aquatic Insects*

Did you know there is a whole ecosystem under the rocks in a stream? Join Allie Sorlie for an aquatic insect adventure!

2:00 PM *A Comic Book Expert, a Scientist, and Actor Justice Leak (Hellgrammite) Walked into a Livestream*

Join actor Justice Leak (Hellgrammite on The CW’s *Supergirl*), comic expert Eric Marcus Workman from Tuscaloosa, and Dr. John Abbott to talk about the intersection between superhero and real-life aquatic insects.

4:00 PM *The Wonderful World of Water Bugs*

Aquatic insects are an incredibly important part of our world. They are a source of food for fish and other animals and help indicate water quality in our streams. Join Dr. Milt Ward, aquatic insect expert, for a fascinating conversation on the wonderful world of water bugs.

7:00 PM *Daily Wrap Up & Q&A*

Have questions about anything we covered today? This Livestream evening roundtable can give you the chance to ask the experts.

THU, JULY 16

## STINGS AND BITING THINGS

- 10:00 AM *Insect Songs and Sounds*  
Join us for a live insect sing-along and craft session for kids.
- 2:00 PM *A Comic Book Expert, a Scientist, and Black Widow Walked into a Livestream*  
Join “The Comic Strip” in Tuscaloosa, arachnologist Dr. Sebastian Alejandro Echeverri, and Black Widow for a conversation about the intersection between Black Widow and real-life black widow spiders.
- 4:00 PM *Stings and Biting Things in Your Backyard*  
Wasps, bees, and ticks, OH MY! Learn about some of the insects that we try to watch out for with Dr. John Friel.
- 7:00 PM *Daily Wrap Up & Q&A*  
Have questions about anything we covered today? This Livestream evening roundtable can give you the chance to ask the experts.

SAT, JULY 18

## MOTHS AND BUTTERFLIES

- 10:00 AM *A Very Hungry Caterpillar Storytime and Life of a Butterfly Craft*  
Gather ‘round for *A Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle read by a fellow kid. After the story join us for a butterfly craft with the Tuscaloosa Public Library. Stop by the Children's Desk at the Main branch of the Tuscaloosa Public Library to pick up a craft pack for this project!
- 2:00 PM *Butterflies are Moths, but Moths aren’t Butterflies*  
It’s a moth! It’s a butterfly! It’s...both? Learn about the differences with Dr. John Friel in this live presentation.
- 4:00 PM *Insect Iconography and Native Americans Storytelling*  
Insects have always been a part of the human experience. Join us as we talk with Moundville experts about how insects are represented in the iconography and storytelling of the area.

7:00 PM *Daily Wrap Up & Q&A*  
Have questions about anything we covered today? This Livestream evening roundtable can give you the chance to ask the experts.

TUE, JULY 21

## POLLINATORS

10:00 AM *Learn to Draw Bumblebee with DC Comics' Artist Sarah Leuver*  
Grab a pencil and paper and learn to draw DC Comics' Bumblebee with DC Comics' artist Sarah Leuver. This art lesson is suitable for all ages

2:00 PM *The Buzz on Pollination with School Yard Roots*  
Gather 'round for a buzzworthy presentation on the importance of pollination from School Yard Roots, a local non-profit dedicated to creating a network of school gardens that will build healthier communities, engage students in learning, and increase access to healthy, sustainably-grown food.

4:00 PM *To Bee or not to Bee...an Apiarist!*  
Ever wondered what it would be like to keep bees? Buzz over to this video for a first-hand experience and interview with a local apiarist (beekeeper).

7:00 PM *Daily Wrap Up & Q&A*  
Have questions about anything we covered today? This Livestream evening roundtable can give you the chance to ask the experts.

THU, JULY 23

## SUMMER SENSES: SIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND SMELLS

10:00 AM *What's that Smell?*  
Did you know that insects communicate with each other using smells? Join Allie Sorlie to learn about how this works and how you can play the Insect Smells game!

2:00 PM *The Hills are Alive with the Sounds of Insects*

You couldn't have summer without the sounds of insects. Join Dr. John Friel for a look at how insects make noise and learn to identify some of the more common insect sounds of summer.

4:00 PM

***Insects after Dark***

Black lighting is a technique for attracting insects at night. Learn how you can create your own black lighting set up in your backyard with this video by Dr. John and Kendra Abbott.

7:00 PM

***Daily Wrap Up & Q&A***

Have questions about anything we covered today? This Livestream evening roundtable can give you the chance to ask the experts.

***Buggy Stand-up***

What do you call a fly with no wings? A walk! Join us for a night of family-friendly insect-themed stand-up comedy directly after the Daily Wrap Up.

SAT, JULY 25

**BUG BENEFITS**

10:00 AM

***Baking Chocolate Chirp Cookies with Kendra Abbott***

Crickets in cookies? Join Kendra Abbott with the Arthropod Apothecary to learn how to make your own chocolate chip cricket cookies in this cooking demonstration.

2:00 PM

***Composting Critters***

Insects are a crucial part of our soil health. Learn about how critters help with composting from Monica Watkins, Director of the UA Arboretum.

4:00 PM

***fashion bugs TO DYE FOR***

Insects in fashion? Yes! Join us for a presentation about how insects are used in the clothes we wear and other surprising every day ways.

7:00 PM

***Daily Wrap Up & Q&A***

Have questions about anything we covered today? This Livestream evening roundtable can give you the chance to ask the experts.