



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 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*
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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*

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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*

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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*
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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

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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

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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

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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

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