

4-H INSECT COLLECTION CONTEST

IT'S TIME TO START COLLECTING!



Who & What: Start an insect collection and have it judged at Hokie BugFest! Collections can be submitted individually or as teams.

When & Where: Saturday, October 5th, 2019 at the Virginia Tech Squires Student Center.

Categories

Age groups:

- Junior Collectors (Ages 8-13)
- Senior Collectors (Ages 14-18)

Prizes: Collections will be awarded **First, Second, and Third Place** for each age group. Prizes will be based on the scoring guidelines. The top collection will be awarded **Best in Show** and will receive a grand prize.

Scoring Guidelines

Insect Collection Grading Areas	Possible Points
Minimum of 50 insects	25
Correct identification of insects to order (Diptera, Coleoptera, etc.): use Latin (scientific) names	25
Correct pinning techniques	20
Specimen quality: has most body parts, not smashed or faded	15
Display quality: arrangement of insects, attractive display, viewable case	15
Bonus: judge's discretion based on overall effort level and accuracy; identification of insect importance	10
Total	110

How to Enter: Pre-registration is required. Contact Stephanie Blevins at sblevin@vt.edu or 540-231-6543 for an entry form and guidelines packet. *Entry deadline is September 20th!*

Check-In/Judging: Collections must be submitted between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. the day of the event. Bring your collection to the Museum Room in the Commonwealth Ballroom to check-in. Visit hokiebugfest.org for awards time and location.

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