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
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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 slblevin@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.

Visit hokiebugfest.org for more information