



State Fair Insect collection

Growing an interest in entomology through science discovery

Stalking squash vine Borers, digging for bess beetles - these adventures can lead to creating an insect collection that is eligible for youth to enter in the North Carolina State Fair. Show off your entomology skills by building a collection to enter in the State Fair Insect Collection. You can participate in two different classes; Class 5: General Insect Collection or Class 6: Special Exhibits.

GENERAL INSECT COLLECTION – Class 5: 4-H Entomology

Age Divisions

- Cloverbuds 5-8 years (All youth will receive a ribbon only for entering)
- Junior 9-13 years
- Senior 14-18 years

Rules and Regulations

The entrant should be currently enrolled in the North Carolina 4-H Program. Those planning to exhibit should submit form to State Fair Entry Office by date assigned in premium book. The display boxes can range between 8.5 - 25 inches wide and 6.5 X 19 inches high and have a glass or plexiglass cover. Collections are best displayed when mounted along the horizontal axis. The 4-H Entomology 1 booklet includes useful information for collecting and mounting. The collection must be the work of the exhibitor(s). Winning first place eliminates the insect collection from further competition in this class.

Criteria for Judging

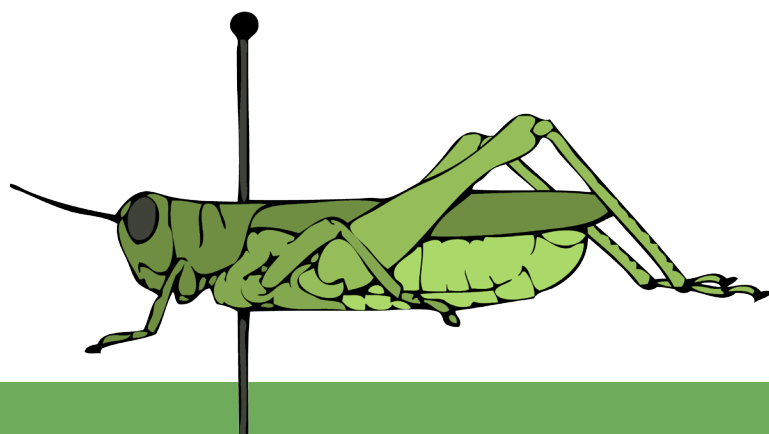
- General appearance and neatness of arrangement.
- Care in preparation of the insects key
- Correct placement and completeness of labels
- Number of orders and specimens of insects correctly identified
- Insects collected by someone other than the 4-H'er are acceptable, if pinned, labeled, and mounted by the 4-H'er. The true collector's name should be on the label. The majority of the insects must be collected by the 4-H'er.

Prizes

- All cloverbuds receive a ribbon only.
- Junior & Senior: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$20, 3rd - \$10, 4th & 5th - \$5

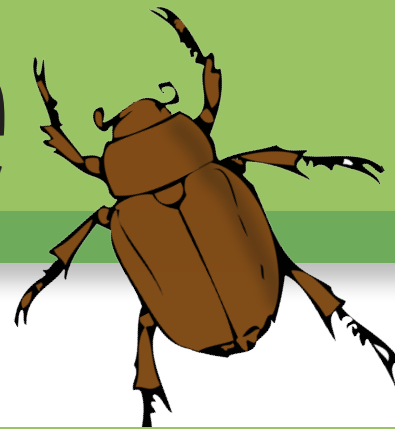


A budding entomologist shows off her specimen of a cicada killer.



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SPECIAL STUDY or EXHIBIT – Class 6: 4-H Entomology

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- Cloverbuds (5-8 years)
- Junior (9-13 years)
- Senior (14-18 years)

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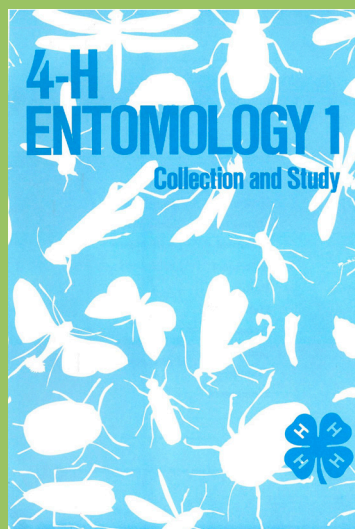
Criteria for Judging

- General appearance and neatness of arrangement
- Care in preparation of the insects
- Scientific, educational, and artistic merit
- Adherence to a central theme or objective

Prizes :

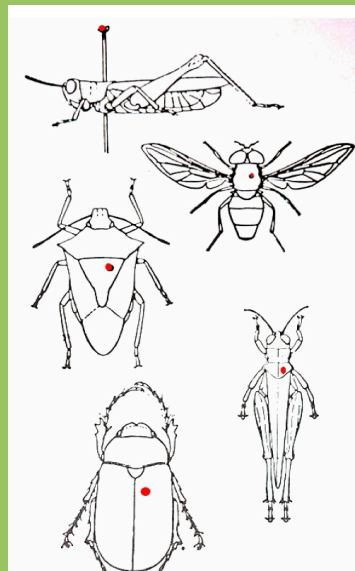
- All cloverbuds will receive an entrant ribbon, only.
- Junior & Senior: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$20, 3rd - \$10, 4th & 5th - \$5

Insect collecting Resources



4-H Entomology 1
This resource details how to collect and identify insects for your collection.

Download it here.



How to Pin and Label Adult Insects

Use this guide as a starting point for learning how to correctly pin and label adult insects in your collection.

Download it here.

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